



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, June 17, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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**Invocation:****Nia Watson, 1621 W Linden****Re-evaluation****I will no longer act shocked;****No longer disillusioned to what reality is.****Reevaluating my beliefs.****I believe some of them are keeping me blind.****Paralyzing the growth of humanity.****Silence is a death sentence.****Gather safely and speak!****Pledge to the Flag****Roll Call**

**Present:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

**Courtesy of the Floor****Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules**

Camilla Greene, 5265 Rockrose Lane I am putting forth two recommendations to the Allentown City Council regarding the Allentown Police Department's implementation of the eight (8) principles of conduct. 1. Where the verb "require" appears, add the verb; Examples: Require and Practice De-Escalation Require and Practice Warning Before Shooting Rationale: "To require" is a passive action; "to practice; is an active action and an action that can be measured and observed. For far too long there has been the use of passive language that has a minimal level of accountability. If we want different outcomes, we cannot continue to do what we have already done. 2. I recommend a Citizen Review Board for the Allentown Police Department comprised of racially conscious Allentown citizens representing the ethnic and racial groups in Allentown be formed to review, monitor, and censure case by case, incident by incident the interactions of the Allentown police with Allentown citizens. Rationale: Each of us has ongoing internal work to do to rid ourselves of white supremacy and if we are not in white skin identity, we must decolonize our thoughts and actions. Prior experience has proven that if we form Citizen Review Boards to monitor the actions of the police force comprised of people who are steeped in white supremacy or people who are colonized, we do not change the dynamics or the number of Black and Brown people being murdered by the very people paid to protect them. Yamelisa Taveras, The Unidos Foundation, 1329 Hamilton St If the Allentown Police Department refuses to implement the 8 Can't Wait; Policies to ensure preservation of life, how will City Council intervene on behalf of its constituents? What are the steps that City Council is taking to ensure representation and equity in a city that is predominantly People of Color? What safety measures are being implemented across all city public

spaces for the children of inner city to remain active and healthy this summer?

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Andrew Leahy, 2 Meadow Lane, Hunlock Creek, PA, 18621 To the City Council members: Thank you for the opportunity to have the Floor. I appreciate your willingness to accept public statements amid these exceptional circumstances. I am writing to amplify comments delivered at the last City Council meeting on June 7th, which brought before this Council the current national discussion surrounding policing and public trust. In that vein, I want to briefly and sensitively highlight recent incidents of excessive force employed disproportionately on minority members in our own community. While I concede that these incidents may not be reflective of the values of the Allentown Police Department, and that the Department, given last meeting's closing discussion and a recent Morning Call article, is interested in concerted efforts at self-assessment, I nonetheless want to invoke these incidents as testaments to the ongoing need to seek sustainable, proactive, and, perhaps, uncomfortable reforms that prioritize fortifying public trust, especially for the communities of color that are impacted asymmetrically by mistreatment both nationally and in Allentown. I will not identify names since I have not been given permission, but the Council may recall the tasing of a high school student in September 2011, garnering scrutiny toward the city; Taser training and use-of-force policies. In 2014, policing was brought to the forefront of city attention again when an unarmed college student was beaten and tased on his front porch despite compliance, an encounter spurred by his alleged physical similarities to a description from a robbery nearby. Shortly after, in May 2015, a robbery suspect suffered considerable injury to his jaw after an officer kicked him during a stop, despite conspicuous compliance and being, as was later found, unarmed. In September 2018, a man was beaten by officers patrolling a gathering of residents; prosecutions that he resisted arrest and engaged in disorderly conduct were later found to be untenable, and the officers were deemed confrontational after evaluation, with a judge disparaging them for having "escalated a situation without cause. And lastly, as recently as 2019, the Council may recall a civil rights lawsuit filed by a former officer who was fired in 2014, alleging racial harassment on duty and dismissal of his grievances while employed with the force. With the exception of the latter, all of these instances resulted in considerable settlements on the part of the city. Again, I bring up these cases not to defend, cherry-pick, or generalize but, rather, to evince a pattern inseparable from the dynamics we've seen play out most recently in Minneapolis and Atlanta. The evidence that our police department is not immune to abuses of power echoed in the national narrative warrants close inspection of its exemptions, policies, and, most

importantly, how these policies translate to praxis. I also want to express how I have a difficult time reconciling this series of incidents with the \$29,861,971 difference between the current APD budget (\$40,289,036) and the budget for Community and Economic Development (\$10,427,065), as sourced from Allentown's 2020 Final City Budget record. Alongside providing comment on and, perhaps, justification for this gap in funding, I hope the City Council will support measures like those promoted by local Black Lives Matter advocates. We need to improve oversight, transparency, and accountability of the city's police department while seriously investing in struggling communities and access to alternative interventions, like services for mental health, domestic violence, education, and homelessness. I hope the City Council will move forward by prioritizing proactive reallocations, resources, and reforms.

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My name is Michael Hu and my address is 4385 Green Tree Lane (Allentown, PA) Here is my statement for the city council: I believe Allentown requires looking into its budget and allocating money into community sectors (eg: Allentown School Districts, drug counseling, medical involvement, etc.) to divert policing funds into separate areas that directly benefit the community, instead of relying on the police to solve issues that don't require brute force action.

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Nia Watson, Linden Street

Racism is as trans generational as the trauma it creates. Privilege is the illusion. It hibernates in denial until it kills. A life that existed. Which kills a family. That kills a childhood. That destroys a community. It is broadcasted for the world to see like a sport. Then, quickly forgotten about by those that have created it. But it lasts forever in space and time.

There are many systems in our country (in the world) that operate with this corruption. Intricately interwoven and protected. There can be no trust in the system that is supposed to keep me safe if it's the same system that can kill me Or look at me through color vision And limit me. You don't have to be a person of color to consider what it would be like to live with this reality. In fact, it could be the catalyst to create something new. If you think about it, most likely you will speak about it. Ask yourself the questions that make you uncomfortable. As uncomfortable as it is to know you can be killed because you are alive.

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Sharon A. Fraser, Human Relation Commissioner We are requesting City Council support and accept the HRC resolution 8Cantwait as the standard for the Police Department of the City of Allentown to implement as part of their policing practice. These 8 practices are shown to be effective where they are implemented in decreasing the killing of black and brown citizens of this country. Secondly with the wake of the unnecessary killing of George Floyd these standards are being adopted and implemented in cities and towns all over the United States. Allentown, being the third-largest city in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with a large population of its citizenry being of Black and Latina heritage should support a policy that provides a safer environment that allows its citizen to not be afraid to call the Police out of fear of being killed. City Council I am asking you to be on the right side of history by adopting this resolution that will start to rebalance and shape how citizens of Allentown are treated. There is more to be done including retraining and accountability. This would be an effective first step. I have attached the resolution and included the 8 Can't Wait website link FYI.

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Julian Kern 252 E. Walnut St. Apt. 2RR Allentown, PA "For the past couple months, residents have set off fireworks all over the city every night and it's worse on weekends. Local police have said it is impossible to appropriately enforce something that is sold at countless stores. Residents shoot them off close to homes and vehicles. Sometimes they even shoot them off towards vehicles and homes. The debris from the fireworks end up hitting homes and land in our yards. There are some nights that people can't sleep because of the constant explosions from the fireworks. People try to close their windows and turn on air conditioning to muffle some of the sound. In June of 2019, McKinley Elementary School in Allentown was started on fire from fireworks landing on the roof of the school. The law says you have to be 150 feet from any occupied structure to set them off. Even though the law says you have to be 150 feet from any occupied structure to set them off and that's next to impossible in Allentown, it has not stopped residents from setting them off in neighborhoods throughout the city. Municipal fire officials say they worry about the increased calls for fire or injury because of the use of fireworks. Currently the violation of current firework laws is punishable by a fine of up to \$100. Not only are fireworks a quality of life concern and a fire risk, they are also terrifying and overwhelming for pets;and possibly hazardous. Also individuals with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), explosions and noisy displays can raise anxiety levels and bring back traumatic memories of gunfire, bomb detonations and terrifying conditions. I am petitioning Pennsylvania state officials to strengthen the firework laws and give local police departments the ability to confiscate fireworks used illegally to prevent injuries and fires

as well as increase the quality of life for residents and their pets. I am asking city council to look into anything that could be done on the local level to address these concerns."

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Kenneth P. Heffentrager, Seidersville Rd., Bethlehem (Temporary) Good evening, the issue of the Juvenile Community Service Program has been brought to you several times. Last year, and the last two City Council meetings, with emails being sent to all members of Council as well as the Mayor. My question is, When will anyone reply to Julian Kern or even start talking about this. It becomes very frustrating when it seems like this issue is being ignored.

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June 16, 2020

City Council

Request for Presentation at the Courtesy of the Floor

Council Meeting to be Held June 17, 2020

Dear Council Members:

The following is the text of a letter that the West Park Civic Association has submitted to our State Representatives, Senator Pat Browne and Representative Michael Schlossberg. While we recognize that it is the State of Pennsylvania that passed the law permitting the consumer purchase of aerial fireworks, we also would like to request that the city take action to limit this unlawful activity given that the detonation of fireworks in city public spaces and 150 from any residential building is illegal. There are also clearly violations of the time that fireworks are being set off. We feel it is incumbent on the city to attempt to address the issues being caused by the indiscriminant use of fireworks. We would respectfully request that the city undertake actions to educate the public of the laws and also work with owners of buildings with parking lots that are frequently being used as the staging area. We would also request more frequent patrol of areas where repeated complaints by residents are originating. In addition we would like the city to explore the use of cameras in areas of known offenses, whether privately or publicly funded. For example, if night after night there are fireworks being set off in a parking lot, can a camera be installed and can that camera be used to prosecute offenders? We feel that the city must explore alternative remedies rather than simply saying if they do not catch

someone lighting the fuse there is nothing that can be done. Finally, we also would like to request that a study be undertaken as to the potential damage that these very strong fireworks could be causing to the underground infrastructure in the city. As you are well aware our gas and water pipes are quite old and have been subject to breakage in several areas. There is a public safety concern that damage could be caused that, while not immediate, could pose a significant public safety issue.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of West Park Civic Association Board

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Letter sent to Senator Pat Browne and Representative Mike Schlossberg  
We, the undersigned board members of the West Park Civic Association, are writing to express our concern with respect to changes in laws regarding the purchase of fireworks in the state. Since the end of 2017, when the state law changed allowing residents to buy and use the full line of fireworks that

comply with federal requirements for consumers, we have experienced a significant deterioration in the quality of life in our neighborhood.

While this change may have created an opportunity to increase tax revenue to 12 percent levied on purchases, the impact of the broadened use of fireworks by city residents has had a significant negative impact on residents of our West Park neighborhood. We would also note that other residents in the city, including Center City, West End, and other areas are experiencing significant issues this summer. What used to be weekend noise, is now becoming a nightly occurrence, starting before dusk and continuing past midnight; contrary to ordinance regulations.

A significant burden has been placed on our police force to respond to calls from residents. In discussing this issue with our local police and city officials, we understand that prior to the change in the law, police when responding to noise complaints would seize aerial fireworks. But the law now permits powerful fireworks (such as bottle rockets and Roman candles), so there is little police can do.<sup>1</sup> The law allows residents to purchase aerial fireworks. Before, Pennsylvania residents were only permitted to purchase ground-based fireworks (such as sparklers or fountains). Now residents can legally possess very powerful aerial fireworks.

By ordinance Allentown bans fireworks between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Fireworks also are banned on city property like parks, streets and sidewalks. In addition, consumers; may not intentionally ignite or discharge consumer fireworks within 150 feet of an occupied residential structure; whether the occupants are present or not. But if police are called and officers do not witness someone lighting a fuse, there is not sufficient evidence to file charges now that possession of the fireworks is now legal. We fail to see how the net impact of the tax increase is positive after taking into account the cost of the increased calls and responses that police have to make. We would encourage you to undertake an analysis of net economic impact of this law by compiling data from



communities throughout the state regarding the increase in calls to first responders as a result of the increased use of fireworks. We would respectfully ask that you assess the impact of this use on the health of the state's residents including, in particular, on veterans and other residents suffering from PTSD.<sup>2,3</sup> We would also ask that you consider, how, in the face of COVID19, the impact has increased even more as residents are trying to shelter in place and respect the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for limiting exposure to the virus.

1 Pennsylvania's new fireworks law frustrates firefighters, police, residents alike, Morning Call, July 1, 2019

2 Please see the work of <https://www.militarywithptsd.org/> among other organizations that are trying to raise awareness of the negative impact of fireworks on veterans suffering from PTSD, including distributing lawn signs to help raise awareness.

3 Coping with PTSD During Fireworks Season””, Michigan Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, July, 1, 2019

We would also note that the city of Allentown is very likely to experience negative economic impacts as the current environment is sure to impede any effort by the city and state to improve development in the city. How can we recommend the city to any potential resident given the current quality of life in the city caused by the change in law and the inability of local police to take action against offenders?

Again we would stress that this is not the fault of the local police but rather a consequence of the actions of the state lawmakers by changing the law which effectively ties the hands of our local law enforcement.

As we head into the summer season in the face of COVID-19, it appears that the fireworks issue is even more of a problem than it was last summer. It is not the only cause but at least one contributing factor may be that public fireworks displays are being canceled. At least one of the companies that supplies fireworks for public events is already “bragging” that their retail business is saving them with sales up significantly.

We are concerned that the issue of uncontrolled fireworks being set off in a densely populated area is only going to become an increasing problem in our city. It is likely to cause harm to the local residents, their pets, and the on-going efforts to revitalize the city. We strongly encourage the state to reconsider

the law allowing residents to buy these dangerous and loud fireworks for the good of all residents of the state.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that on Monday morning he and Yamelisa spoke about this and he had some reservations. Since then they spoke again this morning concerning the Juneteenth Freedom Day on June 19th at 2:00 PM outside city hall. He stated that he looks forward to have the opportunity to have the Flag Raising with the leadership of the City of Allentown following all the regular protocols ceremonies that we do for any Flag Raising whether it will be the Irish Flag Raising, the Polish or the Greek Flag Raising Ceremony. This ceremony will be for Allentown residents lead by the leadership in the community. He is waiting for a response from Yamelisa and the leadership.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that a number of his colleagues met with the Chief. One of the underlining issues is the 8 Can't Wait and a number of his colleagues and he have met with the Chief. This policy has been in effect with the Allentown Police Department for a number of years. This is

nothing new. They do abide by that. Within the next few weeks or so the Use of Force Policy maybe reviewed and released by the city. That will be up to the may or by a review by the city's Solicitor's office. He stated that the other thing was about the city's tasers. The Police Department's current taser policy has been held up to scrutiny and in fact held as a model from many police departments in the area and is used as a template to develop their own program. It is extremely involved in the training and the use of and keeping the strict records.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that you are absolutely right. The Police Department has been updating their policies for several months now. They have been proactive on that. We have been very fortunate and had not had any major issues here and throughout this protest and marches. They are working on it for those that are sending letters and thinking that nothing is going on in City Council. Many of them have been involved in talking with the Police Department, Council and the administration as well. He talked about the Juneteenth Resolution and the issue of fireworks. There are been several people that have called and it is an issue in Allentown.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that Council has a Resolution that they are signing tonight to place on the record asking the state legislature to repeal that. He stated that he did receive a response from State Representative Michael Schlossberg who agreed and he stated that there is a moving of foot to do just that and will support it. He stated that he hopes Representative Schlossberg would seek the support of Senator Pat Browne and also State Representative Peter Schweyer.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that one of the issues that people are talking about is if people are calling about a particular area, parking lot or property we can ask the Police Department to drive around and see if they can catch somebody. We do have strict laws about fireworks in Allentown. He talked about the Juvenile Resolution with Mr. Heffentrager and Julian Kern. He stated that he has been talking to both of them via Facebook and messaging. We are going to be working on that. At the last meet we talked about it at length. We stated that we will try to put it in next year's budget.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it really disturbs him that he has to say this. He stated that he lived in this city since 1987. He spent 25 years on this Police Department and is now a member of City Council. His neighborhood like every other neighborhood in this city is a problem with quality of life issues: double parking and now, fireworks. Night after night and last night at a quarter of three in the morning he hid in his garage and a gentleman from down the street who doesn't live there was coming between the houses on Vassar Street and lighting off fireworks. He stated that the second time he

was going to light them off, he caught him. He made plans to contact the resident's landlord and advise them of what their tenants are doing at a quarter to three in the morning. On May 24, at five after 9:00 PM his wife gets up a 4:00 in the morning to go to work. If there is anything that pees him off more then her not being able to get a good night sleep. He called the Communication Center for loud explosions that were a couple blocks down. While he was on the phone, he stepped out on his porch and a gentleman again, who does not live there on 16th Street, lit fireworks, rolling candles whatever you want to call them multiple fireworks at the same time. Cars were driving around them. They were near kids. The fireworks lasted about a minute and 32 seconds because he filmed them and had to under disguise because when you film at night you get the light from the camera. A Police Officer was driving down as the fireworks were going off, got out of his car and at that time they ended. This is what he wrote on his report: Report of fireworks. Arrived on scene and the fireworks were over. The area was checked. Resume patrol. They were not over. As a matter of fact when the police officer left, he started them again. They have to be enforced for the city to correct the problem. That is the only way it is going to get corrected. You can have all the laws you want. They have to be enforced. He lied on his report. That is the recognition that he gets for serving this city and stated he is sorry to the citizens of Allentown he doesn't expect for them to get much better. There is no excuse for it. He stated that he was contacted by the Chief's office stating that he would get a call from a Captain about the arrest. Well, there is not going to be an arrest because the officer never took his pad out and got the individual's name. So it is not going to be any arrests. He stated that he is still waiting for the phone call.

Brad Piatt, 707 N. Muhlenberg Street

The state law bans the use of fireworks within 150 feet of a structure. Not many places in city that have no structures for over 300 feet. The state law supports a ban in city.

Bradley Piatt, 707 N Muhlenberg St, Allentown, PA 18104

Council,

Requesting action to eliminate the rampant use of fireworks in the city. There are very few if any places that the fire code would allow the use of fireworks and most of the larger fireworks are louder than the noise ordinance would allow.

Yet most nights we hear fireworks until early morning.

Our police need more funding and better ordinances with penalties to rid

the city of this nuisance. Since current codes would not allow the use of fireworks in the city why are fireworks not banned in the city?

Thank you for the consideration.

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Lubna Lundy, 1131 West Turner Street Allentown PA, 18101,  
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I purchased a home in the Allentown Historic district almost 2 years ago. I absolutely loved the charm and history of the house. Unfortunately, the surrounding neighborhood continues to get worse and my family (my husband and infant daughter) are seriously considering just selling the place for some peace. 1. Cars speed up and down the streets all day long (no speed bumps anywhere). There are so many kids on the block that I am shocked speed bumps aren't installed. 2. Fireworks go off EVERY SINGLE NIGHT into the wee hours of the morning. For months this has occurred. I understand we are close to July 4th and have been quarantined for months but the excessive fireworks every night are not only a nuisance for parents with infant children (like me) that they don't want to wake up every night or dogs terrified by the sounds but they are also a safety hazard. This needs to STOP. 3. On more than 3 occasions people have dumped furniture and all types of trash in front of our home without penalty. Most of the time it sat in front for days before being picked up. I don't want to just complain but be part of the change so anything you can suggest to facilitate better community relations is appreciated. At the same time, I would like to know how city council is addressing the issues I outlined above.

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Daniel Wang: I hope you are well. I'm writing to express my support for police reform in our city. I am a long time resident of Allentown, born and raised here. I heard numerous anecdotes about our local police which concern me, particularly the 2017 incident where an officer attacked a man unprovoked and it was caught on a security camera. I am looking forward to seeing what action the Allentown city council takes on this issue. I've heard about the proposal by Joshua Siegel to implement various reforms, and I hope to see these (and more) happen! I understand that some of these are already happening, but I believe the city council should do as much as they can, within their power, to make sure all of these happen. Thank you so much for your service during these trying times, and I wish you the best.

Ms. Ce-Ce Gerlach addressed community members that wrote in or maybe are watching and thinking about the 8 Can't Wait Resolution and the statement that we have the policies that already in line with those. What would really people at ease and give folks some reassurances when the policies are publicly released and then aligned to the 8 Can't Wait so that people can see for themselves and make any further recommendations. It is also important that we don't limit ourselves to the 8 Can't Wait that they as a city explore other police departments and the reforms that they have taken in addition to 8 Can't Wait to see what might or might not work here. She stated that she would not want members of the public to think that we would never pass a resolution just because we already got those things in place because we already got them. It would more so be a Resolution in support of what we have and acknowledging that we have it for future Chiefs. When Chief Granitz retires one day that he or she will also know that this city wants those policies to be kept.

Great morning Mr. Hanlon,

I am requesting to speak during the section of Courtesy of the Floor during the City Council Meeting today. Attached is a copy of the topic I would like to speak on. Please advise if you need anything further from me.

Many thanks,

Janet Morillo, Chair of Human Relations Commission

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that 8 Can't Wait Campaign and a misunderstanding as to what the campaign ask for and entails. It is not necessary a insinuation that a Police Department has to change. If those eight policies are present, but what the 8 Can't Wait Campaign is specifically about is a comprehensive systemic review of every Police Department Use of Force policies to make sure those 8 Can't Wait protocols are in fact present. He is quite happy to report after the meeting today that many of are already present. Many of those were present years before the campaign came into existence which is a reflection of the progressive proactive nature of our local police department and the leadership that presided over it over the last several years. He does stand in support with his colleagues that a Resolution is not an indication that we do not have those policies present, but merely an indication that as a city we support that policy and wish for them to remain around regardless of leadership. That continuity and continuation of policy is important and as he calls for and many of them have spoken about making that policy public. It is an important act of transparency that residents of the city if you are listening from home recognize that your voice just made a difference. It recognizes that the protests and the rallies have now effected change. They are going to make that policy public. It is going to allow you to see

with full faith and confidence that we have made and those eight protocols are present. We shall not rest in our laurels because we should continue to advance and maintain the spirit and nature of what our department already embraced which is constantly improving and building our policy. He stated that he thinks that it is a good culture to have in the future. We should

[15-3652](#) Courtesy of the Floor Comments:

**Attachments:** [WPCA - Fireworks](#)  
[Courtesy of the Floor](#)

### Approval of Minutes:

[15-3637](#) May 20, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [May 20, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

[15-3638](#) June 3, 2020 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [June 3, 2020 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes](#)

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

[15-3644](#) June 3, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [June 3, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

### Old Business

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that in reference to the meeting two weeks ago with regards to Resolutions #69 - PMR and #70 - Extension of the Insurance Contract for City Vehicle Accidents. He did a little research and it is nice to see Ms. Fruhwirth and she would agree with him that there are certain contracts in the city that have opportunities or extensions to them. One in particular that he is familiar with because he helped write is the city's Towing Contract. It is a two year contract with an exception to extend it one of year with the agreement of the city Finance Department and the Towing Company. With the PMR Contract, it is his understanding it is not one of them, neither is the Risk Management City Vehicle Accident Contract one of them. Another part of that violation is that we used a Change Order to extend those contracts. A Change Order is strictly for a Contract that is currently in process. A Change Order cannot be used to extend a contract when there is no stipulation for that Contract to be extended. He would

leave that up to the Legal Department, but stated that needs to be revisited before we get the FBI back here. History has a way of repeating itself.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that there is a way to rescind Resolutions if they were made and Council approved them based on a notion that it was legally done and the contract itself had some type of stipulation that they could be extended within the contract because it was already written in the contract. If it wasn't then Council should be able to rescind those Resolutions.

Ms. Fran Fruhwirth stated that she would be happy to look into that.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that is what they will do. They will look into that and if there was something done improperly then they have to look in correcting it.

**Communications: NONE**



**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:****Committee of the Whole:**

Council will have a committee of the whole meeting probably at an outside venue to review the police department's policy on force once we open up.

**Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Guridy, Mota**

The committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for July 22.

**CEDC: Chair Guridy, Gerlach, Affa**

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled.

**Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Gerlach, Mota, Zucal**

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

**Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Gerlach, Siegel**

The committee has not met since the last Council meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

**Public Safety: Chair Affa, Hendricks, Zucal**

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is not scheduled.

**Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Siegel**

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; no future meetings scheduled.

**Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair Hendricks, Guridy, Gerlach**

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; no future meetings are scheduled.

**Administration**

NONE

**City Controller**

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that he will not report on any specific audits today. His department continues to work their regular audits on payables and wires and are forwarded to the City Clerk and to Council. It will be placed on Granicus. They also have audits in process regarding the contracts process and Wellness money. His office has also been involved with the administration as they grapple with trying to

forecast revenue and trying to determine what cuts needs to be made. The role he is taking is not to make decisions, but look at the assumptions that the administration is making and challenge them in a way that a Controller or an Auditor would do to make them better.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated just so that he is clear on the one email that came out about the money from the casinos. We are not getting what we thought we were going to get.

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated that is correct. The original estimate showed the revenue down \$150,000. After a little bit of prodding, they looked at what the calculations were. What we are getting is what was committed which is the Host Fee which is about \$2 million. The rest of that revenue is generated from gaming and they were shutdown for a little bit more than two months. The administration to its credit did its research and determined a more realistic revenue picture going forward. The news wasn't good, but commended them for grabbing it and recognizing it.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that in Mr. Glazier's estimate how much less will the city get.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that the adjusted forecast has them getting roughly \$2.8 million. The difference of course is \$1,032,000.

Mr. Jeff Glazier stated by the same token sometimes the revenue estimates go up. This just happens to be a down one.

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that in the next couple Council meetings there will be a lot of appointments. Ms. Gerlach is actively working real hard to fill that Homeless Commission. We have to get that up and rolling because November will be here before we know it. She is getting some real solid people in there. The city will be filling slots in the Human Relations Commission.

#### **ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On): None**

#### **RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):**

[15-3639](#)

R73

Recognizes Juneteenth Freedom Day as a Day of Remembrance

**Sponsors:** Gerlach, Affa, Guridy, Hendricks, Mota, Mr. Siegel, Mr. Zucal and Administration

**Attachments:** [R73 Juneteenth Resolution](#)

[Resolution #29996](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that in addition to there being a Flag Raising.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he is in communication with the Leadership. If they say yes, there will be a Flag Raising Ceremony on Friday, June 19th. He stated that Council does Resolutions, he does Proclamations.

Ms. Ce-Ce Gerlach thanked everyone for supporting the Resolution. She was watching videos on YouTube and realized a day in Allentown honoring Juneteenth. It is no shame in admitting that you don't know what it is because it is not taught in school. Basically, in 1863 the Emancipation Proclamation was issued, but that didn't free all the slaves. The slaves in Texas were still slaves. The message did not quite get down there. It took two years for the message to get down there. That is when Juneteenth came about as honoring that important day. Now, unfortunately, due to Jim Crow laws folks were not able to celebrate in public spaces because Jim Crow did not allow them to celebrate in public spaces. We have wonderful celebrations in City Hall, that would not have happened. It would not have happened in the town square. How we are going to possibly have the flag raised here that did not happen. Usually, they would gather by the riverside in their neighborhoods and have a celebration, have speakers and a lot of it was spiritual. There were some years where the lynchings and murdering of black folks were so bad that in some communities they were not able to really celebrate. As time kind of change and evolve in places like Tulsa was set up where there was Black Wall Street until it was burned to the ground and thousands of people were murdered that people were eventually able to start celebrating again when communities were able to form and people were able to get that sense of freedom back. This is a time in which passing a Resolution like this is even more meaningful as we challenge the structural and institutional racism that exists in this country and acknowledging the Fourth of July, not everyone was free. It is important that we honor and acknowledge that. The Fourth of July, while it is wonderful, didn't mean freedom for a good number of people who were alive at that time. She thanked the administration for sponsoring this and her fellow colleagues.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Gerlach for the explaining and said he is sure there are many people who were not aware of it.

Ms. Ce-Ce Gerlach suggested Council Google it. There are three minutes videos, 44 second videos and that goes along with as you continue to learn more, Google the Tulsa Massacre. She stated that she was not taught this stuff in school.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he read of it. It was horrific.

Ms. Candida Affa stated it is amazing what American History doesn't

teach.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that this is the beginning of a lot of great celebrations. She thanked the Mayor for considering it. It is going to be great. At the Flag Raising she will be one of the first persons to be there. Her and Ce-Ce.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that if not a celebration, an acknowledgement of it. Some things are too horrific to celebrate.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that the significance of Juneteenth symbolizes the long slow process that progress really is and the battle and sacrifice that is required to get there. To think when they passed the Emancipation Proclamation initially in 1863 and the fact that it took a good two years to get that message to get liberty and progress to spread all the way to Texas and even beyond that. The Emancipation Proclamation only freed the slaves under the notion that they were still war property. That was ultimately the justification for the Emancipation Proclamation. It wasn't until the 13th Amendment of course is when we abolished the institution of slavery in the United States. It is just fascinating to think in perspective. It is emblematic of how hard and how hard fought progress is, but the fact is that it should signify to people that oppose progress that it is coming no matter what and it signifies how much this country can achieve when it is willing to put its body and its blood on the line to fight for the true cause and true ideals. It ultimately embraces this Resolution and declaring Juneteenth a holiday here in Allentown is a vindication of the fact as a city we are committed to continuing that long path to progress and justice for all because in this nation there were many who shared the bounty of progress that this country offers, but just how there were slaves in Texas who did not know they were free and were entitled to liberty and freedom there are many that are locked out of progress. It is our job as leaders to make sure that we bring the progress for all no matter how hard or no matter how difficult. No matter the struggle, no matter the strife everybody is entitled to that.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated duly noted.

Mayor Ray O'Connell thanked everyone for speaking. He stated that Mr. Guridy has been on Council for 20 years and he was on Council for eight and Mayor two years. He does not remember Council or the administration ever doing anything on June 19th. It just goes to show them that it is a different day and a different time in America. It is a different day and a different time in Allentown. They have to adjust accordingly. It is time.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated as they have. He stated that the city has been very fortunate.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated never a Resolution on June 19th.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it is like Black History Month or Hispanic History Month. We never had it. She stated that she sees progress. People make fun of her saying that she sees the hope and the good with everything, but there is hope. Things will get better. We are one nation. Sometimes things have to get worse, before they get better.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 29996

[15-3645](#)

R74

Approval of Transfers for the Health Bureau: \$20,000 to fund temporary contact tracers for COVID-19 disease investigation and \$12,000 in the Health to fund the consultant for the program to reduce opioid use.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [R74 Transfer for covid contact tracers and opioid consultant](#)

[To Fund Temporary Contact Tracers for COVID-19 Disease](#)

[Investigation Signed Copy](#)

[To Fund An Expert Consultant for the Public Health and Safety](#)

[Project to Reduce Opioid Use Signed Copy](#)

[Resolution #29997](#)

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that if they think back they had an agreement to bring Scott Grim on as a contractor. Due to insurance complications and other snags, it was determined that the best way to expedite the grant funding was to bring him on as a temporary employee, plus the money that was approved on the line of Contract Services is being moved to the temporary wage line item. That explains the \$12,000. The \$20,000 is money coming to the city from the Pennsylvania Department Health. It is a pass through from the federal government. It too, is a formality to create positions of temporary part-time Contact Tracers. They are still experiencing significant number of contact. They have had in the last month roughly 105 cases of newly diagnosed COVID cases and continue to get contacts. They have about 300 individuals right now that fit into the bill still being monitored for contact and the current staffing allows them to meet the need for speaking English. They need additional help with Spanish speakers. All of these Contact Tracers will speak Spanish. The state instituted a registration program through the Serve PA platform that is an online registration platform that the city has used for years for the Allentown Volunteer Medical Reserve Corp. and they were recruited through Serve PA individuals who are bilingual who has experience in Contact Tracing or who has served as translators for the city in their Contact Investigations and gave preference to Allentown city residents that

were within that group and have extended intent to look at five of them if the transfer is approved to come onboard. They will not work, unless our demand exceeds our capacity. They will work a maximum of 20 hours per week if that caseload increases. The beginning of their work will be the training on the Contact Tracing platform called Sara Alert and the script they use for Contact Tracing and they will assist us as needed.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked Ms. Kistler if she wants to address the Consultant for the reduction in Opioid use.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that was the first thing that she explained. That was with Scott Grim and that was the position that was to be in Contract Services and moved to Temporary Wages.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he has a question on the grant. He asked Ms. Kistler if they had to match the pass through grant.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated no match whatsoever.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if Ms. Kistler can explain to Council what is Contact Tracing. She stated that she knows what that is, but what does that look like. What is it that they have to do?

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated to Ms. Kistler that Ms. Mota asked if you could explain how that works.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that when they get a reported case of a positive Allentown city resident for COVID, the staff reaches out to an individual and does a complete interview asking for the contacts for two days before the individual became symptomatic all the way straight to the test. At that point, each of those contacts the city notes their name, their address, their email address and their telephone number. At that point, those contacts each needs to be contacted if they live outside the household and they get entered into a platform if they are willing called Sara Alert. Sara Alert is a bilingual platform provided to the city by the state which she must admit not ideal and not operating the way they would like it to. They are contemplating ditching this system for one like it that actually works. However, right now they are utilizing Sara Alert and the idea is that each person that is agreeable gets entered into Sara Alert and Sara Alert will text them or email them which ever one they prefer everyday with a short series of questions: Have you developed systems? Are you still well? Do you have any questions? Are you complying with your quarantine or isolation? She stated that it is a patient monitoring platform. If they are not willing to give the health department their information for Sara Alert or they don't have email or a phone number that can be entered into Sara Alert

then the health department monitors them through other means. In other words if they have a friend's cell that they can call and speak to everyday to make sure they are still well. That they are still staying home. Do they have any unmet needs? How are they doing? After their prescribed amount of time, they will be relieved from the system because their isolation or the quarantine has expired. If in the process they indicate that they acquired a symptom, then the health department contacts them, arrange for testing and try to determine whether or not they become a case and then the health department does all their contacts. An individual can have one contact or they can have 40 contacts if they work in a crowded workplace. All of those exposed people have to go into their homes and refrain from going near anyone for the prescribed 12 days if they are an out of household contact or if they are an in-household contact, 12 days after the last day the index case is in the household. It could be as long as 21 to 24 days. It is extremely labor intensive and very complicated because each individual case is different.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if it matters if they don't have insurance. The Health Department will still give this service.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that there is no concern right now about insurance because the COVID testing is free. They do not need to produce medical insurance at this point unless they seek a test on their own in one of the retail pharmacies that offers it. Some of the retail pharmacies outside the city are offering just routine COVID screening, then you need to pay for that test, but if you go through the hospitals' networks or you have developed a symptom the health department can get you a test for free.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other questions from his colleagues or the public.

**Yes:** 6 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

**Abstain:** 1 - Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 29997

[15-3646](#)

R75

Approves Submission for Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) state grant in the amount of One Hundred Eighty Thousand One Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars (\$188,127) to support installation of pedestrian school lights and MLK and 4th

**Attachments:** [R75 ARLE 2020 Grant](#)  
[Resolution #29998](#)

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that the project is for a school and pedestrian safety project. It is in the location of Building 21 and the Arts Academy. It

also includes a rapid flasher down by the intersection and some safety improvements by the Parkettes building. Public Works did finish the paving project there. Unfortunately, along with that people seems to drive a little bit faster. That is a priority of Public Works to get some extra flashers and safety equipment up there for anything from the Parkettes up to Building 21 to the Arts Academy.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Messinger and stated that he drove by last evening.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if this should include Roberto Clemente.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that this is the area where the Parkettes crosswalk and the flashers into will be two of them getting one eastbound and one westbound getting close to the intersection of Lehigh Street. There will actually be one school also on Lehigh Street between Martin Luther King Street and Union and there are also two that will be put on Union. One as you are coming down Seventh you make the left-hand turn and you will follow to Lehigh. You will have one there and also one on Union and as you head west coming across Sixth Street.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it is not just MLK and Fourth.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated no. The whole stretch pretty much going up MLK then Lehigh and also on Union.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she is glad this is happening, especially around the Arts Academy. She stated that we have babies there and it was very scary when she would see cars just flying and the kids trying to cross the street so that they can go to school. She is really glad it is happening because they are waiting for an accident.

Mr. Craig Messinger gave an update of the traffic light. The permit is just about approved for the new traffic lights that will also be at Union and Lehigh and also at Union and Sixth. that will also be getting done too so it could be a fully functioning intersection and it will be a lot shorter crosswalks and area to improve on safety for the kids and pedestrians in that area too.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated great news. Thank you.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked about the new lights have a back plate to them which makes the visibility much greater. You don't have the sunlight hitting you and contrasting with it. He would assume that they will all have it going forward.



Mr. Craig Messinger stated that yes, they will.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked when will this take place.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that the traffic signals already have the funding. They are just waiting for the final permit. They actually have the design. The city will be going out for bids for construction this year.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked does that mean that one will be able to go east on Union Street if you turn left on Union from Seventh Street.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that it will be a fully function intersection. They did go through that four to five months ago.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated right across the old Racquetball Center.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated yes. That island will be taken out. This way when you come up Lehigh you will be able to make a left which now you can't. It will be actually fully functioning depending on which way they want to go. The city has a lot of issues with too much traffic on Sixth Street because that is the only way that basically they can come up now. On Sixth Street, there is a lot of traffic that would love to make the left-hand turn. This way they can basically go to Eight Street and/or to Tenth with the different parking decks that they have there. It is going to be a big change to that intersection. It will also incorporate in shorter crosswalks, better lighting and it will be a controlled intersection other than what it is right now.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if Union Street is two way. If you are coming down east on Union Street from Seventh Street, you don't have to go down to Lehigh. You can go across.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that is what is being requested from the permits. They are working on the finalization of it. Once he gets the permit, he would like to bring it to a Council meeting or a Public Works Committee so that way they can see the final design approval. The city had the funding for it for a few years already, but the problem is getting the permit from PennDot.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other questions from his colleagues or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 29998

[15-3640](#)

R76

Cancels the July 1, 2020 Council Meeting

**Attachments:** [R76 Cancels July 1st Council Meeting](#)[Resolution #29999](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this is something that is done traditionally in conjunction with the July 4th Holiday as many people are on vacation. He asked if there were any questions, comments or concerns from his colleagues or the public.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 29999

[15-3648](#)

R77

Certificates of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts:  
302 N. 9th Street**Attachments:** [R77 HARB - 302 N 9th](#)[302 N 9th St Jun 1 2020 HARB Final](#)[Resolution #30000](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there is someone who will address this for the administration.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that this is a Certificate of Appropriateness allowing the placement of a window sign decal on this property 302 N. 9th Street. The owner is starting a new business. It is a Home Care Agency. The sign they are putting up is just the telephone number and the web address.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions, concerns, or comments from his colleagues or the public.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if Council will vote on it today.

**Yes:** 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30000

## **ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (To be referred to Committee with public comment prior to referral)**

[15-3630](#)

Bill 33 Refer to Public Works

Providing for the vacation of East Ford Street from the centerline of South Carlisle Street to the centerline of South Brown Street in the Fourteenth Ward of the City of Allentown:

**Attachments:** [Bill 33 E. Ford Street - Street Vacation](#)  
[E Ford Street Report](#)  
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding E. Ford Street to Brown Street and E. 4th Street - Street Vacation](#)  
[E. Ford Street to Brown Street and E. 4th Street - Street Vacation Documents](#)  
[E. Ford Street from S. Carlisle Street to S. Brown Street Labels](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-3631](#)

Bill 34 Refer to Public Works  
Providing for the vacation of South Ann Street from the centerline of Constitution Drive to its North terminus in the Sixteenth Ward of the City of Allentown:

**Attachments:** [Bill 34 South Ann Street](#)  
[South Ann Street from the centerline of Constitution Drive Staff Report](#)  
[Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding Portion of South Ann Street from Constitution Drive - Street Vacation](#)  
[Letter from Irene Woodward regarding Allentown City Planning Commission Approval of Vacation of Portion of S Ann Street from Constitution Drive](#)  
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Portion of South Ann Street from Constitution Drive to North Terminus - Street Vacation Petition](#)  
[S Ann Street Labels](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-3632](#)

Bill 35 Refer to Public Works  
Providing for the vacation of South Albert Street from the centerline of East Wyoming Street to its North terminus in the Sixteenth Ward of the City of Allentown:

**Attachments:** [Bill 35 South Albert Street](#)  
[Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding South Albert Street from East Wyoming Street to North Terminus - Street Vacation](#)  
[S Albert Street - Street Vacation Staff Report](#)  
[South Albert Street from the centerline of East Wyoming Street Report](#)  
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding South Albert Street from East Wyoming Street to North Terminus - Street Vacation Request Petition](#)  
[South Albert Street from the centerline of East Wyoming Street Labels](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments.

## REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-3641](#)

Bill 36

Amending the 2020 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) as a result of a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation from their Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) grant for the Jordan Creek Greenway Trail.

**Attachments:** [Bill 36 Jordan Creek Greenway Trail PennDOT](#)  
[TASA Award Letter Jordan Creek Greenway Trail](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments.

## REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15616

[15-3642](#)

Bill 37 Refer to Public Works

Amending Part Nine, Streets, Utilities, and Public Services Code, Title One, Street and Sidewalk Areas, of the Codified Ordinances of Allentown, Pennsylvania, by adding a new Article entitled "Small Cell Antenna".

**Attachments:** [Bill 37 914 Wireless Communication Facility](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments.

## REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-3643](#)

Bill 38 Refer to Budget and Finance

Amending the City of Allentown Public Health Code by adding Article 1172, Paid Sick Days Act, to improve the public health by requiring certain business to allocate sick time to employees.

**Attachments:** [Bill 38 Sick Leave Policy](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments.

## REFERRED TO BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

[15-3647](#)

Bill 39

Amending the Administrative Code, Article 181, the Human Relations Commission by editing the following sections: Purpose, Definitions, Unlawful Employment Practices, Unlawful Housing Practices, Unlawful Public Accommodations, Human Relations Commission, Procedure, Enforcement, Judicial Review and Penalty.

**Attachments:** [Bill 39 Allentown Human Relations Commission](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments.

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15617

**RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION (Can be voted on or Referred to Committee):  
None**

[15-3649](#)

R78

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 405 N. 9th Street

Attachments: [R78 HARB DENIAL - 405 N 9th](#)  
[405 N 9th St Jun 1 2020 HARB Final](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments.

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 30015

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE**

**ADJOURNED: 8:33 PM**