



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

The meeting will be live streamed. The link to the meeting can be found on the city website with the agenda and legislation at <https://www.allentownpa.gov>. Council will receive comments on the legislation prior to the meeting and will consider all comments from city residents. Comments can be registered using the ecomment provision on each agenda. These comments are public and will appear on the agenda and website. All comments must include your name and address, including your city, and they can also be emailed to Michael.Hanlon@AllentownPa.gov by 2:00 PM on the date of the meeting. Comments received from city residents by that deadline will be forwarded to the Mayor and Council members prior to the meeting and will also be noted at the appropriate period of the meeting. These timely received comments will also be posted on the City's webpage as a supporting document to the meeting. Any comments received on the meeting day, after the 2:00 pm deadline, will be forwarded to the Mayor and Council as soon as practicable.

Invocation

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

[15-3782](#) Comments
Relate to R108
Supports the Development and Implementation of a Shared Micro-Mobility Program

Attachments: [Comments](#)

Approval of Minutes:

[15-3774](#) July 29, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [July 29, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks that this Minutes be approved. The

motion carried by the following vote:

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

Old Business**Purchasing follow-up on the PMA contracts**

Ms. Frances Fruhwirth read the statement from the Solicitor in to the record. The PMA Contracts are the contracts the Councilman Zucal had inquired about earlier in the year that the Solicitor's office looked into it. Their understanding is that the RFP for these items is near complete and ready to go. The Solicitor's office written recommendation in July was that Council issues a Resolution and say that these go to competitive process. From the Solicitor's perspective, the discussion that ensued at the July 15th meeting made that Resolution unnecessary. The administration agreed to move forward with an RFP for these items that the PMA Contract. Once the RFP process is complete and the parties identified as the proposed contract recipient, Council would be required to review and approve the award of the contract. The approval will be by Resolution. Under normal processes, the Solicitor's office does not believe Council is required to issue a Resolution prior to the RFP issuing. The Solicitor's office does not believe the Resolution is needed here as noted above because the discussion of what had happened at the July 15th meeting. Council is able to adopt a Resolution should it choose to do so. It would be to choose to do the Resolution should 1. acknowledge that the administration chose to proceed through this RFP. and 2. Council agrees with that decision. Next is the substance of Mr. Kloiber's statement.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if that was on the Resolution where the Solicitor's office will review everything prior to coming to Council.

Ms. Frances Fruhwirth stated yes.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there are any other comments.

Communications: NONE

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**Public Hearing and Special Meeting, September 30**

City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Bill 20, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow the existing pocket neighborhood development option in the R-MP Zoning District and to revise the zoning map to apply the R-MP District to land east of South St Elmo Street and generally south of West Fairview Street on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 6:00 PM, followed by a Special Meeting at 7:00 PM to vote on the proposal.

Public Hearing, October 21

Council will hold a Public Hearing on Bill 32, a petition to rezone various tracts of land in and around the Front Street - 51-97, 113, 115 and 210-221 North Front Street from B5 - Urban Commercial to B/LI Business Light Industrial on October 21 at 6:30 PM. The proposal will be on the agenda of the council meeting that follows.

Public Hearing for a Liquor License Transfer, October 7

Transfer of a license from Whitehall to Jay Ambe Food Mart, 3026 Moravian Avenue

Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Guridy, Mota

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next scheduled meeting is for September 23rd.

CEDC: Chair Guridy, Gerlach, Affa

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

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

The committee met this evening, the next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Gerlach, Siegel

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

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Hendricks, Zucal

The committee met this evening, the next meeting is scheduled for October 7.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Siegel

The committee met this evening, there are a few bills that will be voted on or brought forward at Council's regular meeting tonight. The next meeting has not been scheduled.

Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair Hendricks,

Guridy, Gerlach

The committee is in the process of setting up a meeting with the county on resources relating to social programs; in preparation on the meeting we have asked the Controller to examine city expenditures relating to spending programs; a meeting will also be scheduled to look at the charter questions relating to Controller responsibilities.

Administration

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that there is a new face on the 5th Floor in the administration's office. Her name is Latoya Mitchell. She is an assistant to himself and Mr. McMahon. She started September 8. She is a 2002 Allen graduate so they stayed within their boundaries and she is off to a great start.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that they can officially welcome her aboard.

City Controller

Mr. Jeff Glazier thanked Mr. Hendricks. He stated that there are two items tonight. In Granicus there is a Second Quarter Pension Report. While the Pension Fund took it on the chin as the market collapsed by the end of March and April, they have pretty much recovered in the second quarter and pretty much by the end of August was showing increases over that period of time. The market remains volatile when things are up and down weekly. They are hoping that the returns by the end of the year remain strong. He also has an Accounts Payable Weekly Check Review Report. This is for the month of August 2020. This covers the period 8/1 to 8/28. This report was released on the 8th of September. During the period, they looked at 255 checks for a \$5.8 million. They did two manual checks for \$12,000 and six wires for \$256,000. They had a couple of findings. They had a wire that they had to reject. There were a number of reasons it was rejected. Number 1. the money wasn't there. Council addressed this with the Risk Transfer they did at the last meeting. Now, the money is there for it. They had some other issues. The wrong vendor number was in Eden. The invoice was listed twice under the vendor number in the unpaid tab in Eden. It was listed to be paid as a wire when in fact these people get paid by check. The Transfer that Council approved becomes effective in a couple of days. This will be taken care of. There were a number of invoices where the incorrect expense account was used. The Department was advised and journal entries were made to correct it. One of these were done on a Purchase Order. Purchase Orders are approved for a finite amount of money, but this Purchase Order had more money than it was approved for and charged on it. He will be following up with Purchasing to determine exactly how that happened. They had five invoices where five of the checks for invoices were not attached in Eden. The Department were advised. The invoices were attached and they were able to complete their reviews and they had 22 invoices that were late. When they say late, that means more than 60 days from the date of the invoice. The Departments were advised and they responded with the

reasons that they were paid late. In many instances, the invoices have the order date on them and it takes a little while before the goods to come in.

[15-3772](#) Controller: Pension Cash Flows

Attachments: [2Q 2020 Pension Cash Flows](#)

APPOINTMENTS: NONE

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-3732](#) Bill 55
Providing for the vacation of South Aubrey Street from the North line of East Mosser Street to its South terminus in the Fourteenth Ward of the City of Allentown:

Attachments: [Bill 55 South Aubrey Street from the North line of East Mosser Street to its South S Aubrey Street Vacation Report](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding South Aubrey Street from East Mosser Street Toward South \(revision on applicant\)](#)
[S. Aubrey Street from Unopened E. Mosser Street to Its South Terminus - Staff Report](#)
[Letter from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding Street Vacation - South Aubrey Street from East Mosser Street](#)
[526 S. Aubrey Street from East Mosser Street Toward South Street Vacation REVISED](#)
[Portion of South Aubrey Street from East Mosser Street Toward South](#)
[Memo from Mayor Ray O'Connell regarding 526 S. Aubrey Street Street Vacation \(Report of the Property Review Committee\)](#)
[Ordinance #15636](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there are any questions.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that was brought before the Public Works Committee tonight and brought to the full Council favorably.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions from the public.

A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks that this Ordinance be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: 15636

[15-3749](#) Bill 58
Amending Article 507 (Traffic control Maps) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Allentown. The request is from the Administration. The Administration is authorized to establish and evaluate traffic regulations for

a temporary period not to exceed 90 days. This legislation makes the temporary changes permanent.

Attachments: [Bill 58 Traffic Control Maps](#)

[Traffic Regulation 8-20-20](#)

[Ordinance #15637](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was in Public Works and basically for those who had not joined them for the Public Works Committee. The city puts up stop signs and other signs and are required to update these city code ordinance section and that is really what this is all about. It was sent favorably to Council.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Zucal and asked if there were any questions from Council or the public.

A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks that this Ordinance be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: 15637

[15-3750](#)

Bill 59

Amending the 2020 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Two (\$30,862) Dollars from UGI to the City of Allentown for the installation of handicap ramps and for milling and paving of streets under the City's Utility Paving Program.

Attachments: [Bill 59 UGI CONTRIBUTION](#)

[Ordinance #15638](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this is basically another supplemental portion that is being provided by UGI to the city.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other questions or comments from Council or the public.

A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks that this Ordinance be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: 15638

[15-3754](#)

Bill 61

Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental

appropriation of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Three (\$112,523) Dollars from the United States Department of Justice through the Emergency Supplemental Funding program known as the CARES Act to the City of Allentown for COVID-19 related purchases.

Attachments: [Bill 61 Police COVID JAG Grant](#)
[Ordinance #15639](#)

Ms. Candida Affa stated that brought to the committee and brought to Council favorably.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from Council or the public.

A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks that this Ordinance be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

No: 2 - Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 15639

[15-3759](#)

Bill 63

Amending the 2020 General Fund budget to accommodate the reorganization of positions to allow the Department of Information Technology to operate more efficiently.

Attachments: [Bill 63 IT Reorg](#)
[Systems Administrator I-III](#)
[Ordinance #15640](#)

Ms. CeCe Gerlach stated that it was in her committee. This was moved forward to the regular Council meeting with a 2 -1 approval. Since they are looking at some changes in titles. The elimination of a System Engineer and converting that to a System Administrator and the retitling of the Network Administrator and the System Analyst.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that as he recalls there was no cost associated with this.

Ms. CeCe Gerlach stated that she believes that there was a \$5,000 increase.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other questions or comments from Council or the public.

A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks that this Ordinance be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: 15640

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-3744](#)

R107

Approval of Transfer for Parks: \$19,133.16 for Lease Payment for Toro Equipment. Funds were appropriated for Training & Development but due to COVID most trainings were cancelled this year.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R107 Parks Transfer](#)

[Parks Transfer doc](#)

[Resolution #30045](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions from his colleagues.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked where is this money going back to. He stated that he is assuming they did not use it. Is it going back to the General Fund?

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that they did not use it. He stated that he would think that it is going back to the General Fund.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other questions or comments from Council or the public.

A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: 30045

[15-3771](#)

R108

Supports the Development and Implementation of a Shared Micro-Mobility Program

Sponsors: Administration, Mr. Siegel and Gerlach

Attachments: [R108 Micromobility](#)

[Resolution #30046](#)

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that he would like Mr. McMahon, the sponsor of this Bill to talk about this.

Mr. Joseph McMahon stated that R108 is the Environmental Advisory Council put this together. All it does is encourages people and sets up a

system. Your Resolution is just saying that this is beneficial to the City of Allentown and its citizens. That is why it is before you. The EAC is the one that put the Resolution together. He reached out to the Lehigh Valley Coalition for an appropriate transportation. You will see their support letter in here as well and Councilman Siegel is also a part of this. He encouraged Council to vote affirmatively.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that obviously he serves as the Council's liaison on the Environmental Advisory Council. This is a Resolution that he is proud to support. Obviously, as the city moves forward and the walk mobility in the Lehigh Valley and bike sharing and things like that and that important part of making sure that people have alternative means of transportation. This is a good way to expand access to the economy. Not everyone has an automobile and make sure people have bikes to get around. It is good for the environment and good for people's health and well being. There are a number of residual benefits that stem from it. We have the most bike and walkable space of any city in the Lehigh Valley. It makes us more economically competitive. It is a win/win all around. He stated like Mr. McMahon said this is just a Resolution encouraging the action. It is not expending resources. It is just encouraging development of the plan.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Siegel and asked if there were any comments and concerns.

Ms. Candida Affa asked is this the same program that the Parking Authority was kicking around several years ago.

Mr. Joseph McMahon stated that they were going to put rental bikes out that you can pick up a bike here and drop it off. That is one part of micro mobility. That is one aspect. One of the professors you will see in the writing he believes that she also made comments here. She is going to work with Muhlenberg College students in order to look at where these things are possible. He and Public Works met with Rick back in January before the Covid. They had some really high level ideas. He stated that his approach is start with something simple that works.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that if this is what this is. You pick up a bike here and go to Muhlenberg College and drop it off there.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that is one facet of it. There are different types: trails - Auburn Cross Trails that is part of the city's long-term strategic plan that would basically network all the trails in the city in one centralized location. That is another aspect of micro mobility.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that this is not just for transportation. Is this for recreation too. She asked where will these bike be? Will they be on racks in the city?

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that it serves a recreational purpose as well. It is not just you transporting yourself. It is also a recreational aspect. That is generally what a bike share program is. It is strategically placed racks where there is high foot traffic where you want people to choose an alternative means. It might be one downtown and Muhlenberg College might be a great example. There might be some on the east side to allow people to sort of get around. You would as you see in other cities where you pay with cash or a credit card and deposit the bike elsewhere. He encouraged people to recognize that it is just one component to micro mobility. Building and continuing to expand our trail network is another aspect. He stated that he sure they have seen the corridor along the Whitehall Waterfront area. That is a huge part of micro mobility. That is a major economic corridor. It is one of the poorest Census tract along the Lehigh Valley. When they think of micro mobility, it is really smart and sensible land use, and development of the trail networks and also encouraging people to find alternative means of transportation. It could be walking, bike, Segway's or electrical scooters. There are many varieties of things. It is not just the bike share which is the most popular one and don't blame her for thinking. That is what he thinks of when he thinks about micro mobility. That is the blue bikes in Manhattan. It is a lot more robust than that.

Mr. Joseph McMahon stated and in the completion of the trail system from downtown all the way up through the west end to Trexler Park has been a personal goal of his. Now, that the city has required all the property on Lehigh and Martin Luther King as well as going up to Cedar Creek. You can eventually put the trail all the way up Trexler Park.

Ms. CeCe Gerlach stated that as they hopefully do begin to move toward bike sharing and other forms of micro mobility. She stated that she looked at other cities that already have this and what she has found it is a gap between the users that most users don't necessary reflect the demographics in Allentown. We are a majority/minority city. Most of the users usually well educated, white, wealthy folks. As they continue to explore this and figure out how to implement this. It is going to be crucial that they determine how they outreach or whomever outreaches to our communities so that folks are actually using it so that it is not another thing where we build it and hope that they come and they do not come. She stated that she knows that this is just a Resolution that says that Council is in favor of this. That needs to be part of the conversation and hopefully some of the students at Muhlenberg and whoever else will be consulted will

be from the communities in which these racks will be put in.

Mr. Joseph McMahon stated two of the groups that he reached out to in addition to the EAC working on this was the Lehigh Valley Coalition for Public Transportation, but also Bike Works and the Executive Director Kim Schaefer. She wants to be involved. People are on the chats and on the emails. Education is starting to come up as a big item.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that a lot of these programs offer credits or grants and income caps so if you are below a certain income you can use the bike at certain times. Bike Works is an example. They often have bike giveaways. There is an opportunity as part of a broader strategic aspect. You are creating the trails. You are creating the infrastructure. Then we find ways to capacitate people to take advantage of it. At one end, it is a revenue source for people that are a little bit more affluent income capable that may take advantage of it and we find ways as a city to make sure individuals with social-economic standing still have the economic benefits of it. Now, they can ride their bikes to a job that may pay more or a place in the city that has more opportunity or in another municipality. Those are some of the unique advantages. He had the opportunity to walk the trails in Lehigh Valley. Whitehall is not connected to Allentown in certain parts and that will create in some ways an unprecedented opportunity to interconnect all our communities. He stressed that the trails or where the Waterfront is, that corridor both the road and the trail is the poorest Census Tract in the Lehigh Valley. The development there, at least with the transportation aspect is huge and part of that mobility, that walk-roll Lehigh Valley. The idea obviously in mind is that you can physically on foot, bike and get anywhere in the Lehigh Valley at any point in time and that is a long-term goal and one that he certainly shares. It is a very valid concern.

Mr. Joseph McMahon stated that the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission plan is encouraging more transportation like that within the valley. The city can tap some expertise that is related to someone in the room who designs bike trails. Mr. Glazier's son is an expert in this area.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked everyone for their comments. He also signed on to this. He realizes the necessity and the benefit of biking. He stated that he does bike every other day. It is one of the best things to keep in shape for physical activity and much less pollution in the air. He stated that he fully supports this.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that being a chairperson of Parks and Recreation she would like to support. She really would love to see this happening. One of the most important things is educating the community regarding it. There are a lot of benefits to it. Perhaps getting a better job. Being able to

use different kinds of transportation other than the car. It would be great for the environment. At the same time, the health aspect of things. She thinks it is benefits throughout.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is an excellent idea. They have been working on this for many, many years already, including acquiring some of the properties where the trails are going to be. He stated that the connectability of the municipalities including South Whitehall and Whitehall. We are already connected Bethlehem through the trail. He thinks it is excellent and some of the other components including the bicycles and the scooters is something that works really well for many municipalities across the country. It is an excellent idea, not only for the people that are working, but also the youth and people that come over and visit Allentown. It is a win/win situation and he fully supports it. They have been working on some of this, including painting some of the streets, like Linden Street with bicycles so that people can allow some of the car and truck drivers and bicyclers to ride their bikes into the streets. It is an excellent idea and he would love to move forward quickly.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he is very familiar with the shared lanes. He and Mr. Zucal with the Police Department were very involved with the shared bike lanes they had throughout the city. It is a win/win and certainly something to look forward to implementing in the near future. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

Ms. Tinku Khanwalkar, 208 North Marshall Street, Allentown. As chair of the Allentown EAC, I want to thank the City Administration and Councilman Siegel for sponsoring our proposed resolution on Micromobility. Helping the City to move forward on Micromobility has been (and remains) an important goal for the Allentown EAC. Developing and implementing bike-sharing and other similar micromobility programs can significantly benefit Allentown. Aside from the environmental benefit of reduced vehicular emissions, and the public health benefit of a more active lifestyle, micromobility programs help to boost local economies by providing significant income opportunities, including full-time jobs at no taxpayer cost. And by increasing foot traffic in commercial districts, they encourage commuters to shop at local businesses instead of online. They also provide a simple and less expensive way to travel, as commuters don't have to worry about finding or paying for parking for their vehicle and can easily go from point A to point B. These systems fill a vital last-mile transportation gap and help people more easily access existing public transit options. As noted in Allentown's Vision 2030 Comprehensive Plan, Allentown already has the largest walkable and bike-able area in the Lehigh Valley. With modest improvements to our infrastructure, creative partnerships with micro-transit vendors, and proper education of the public on safe behaviors

for both motorists and micro-transit users, we could take advantage of these important opportunities in a safe and effective manner. The Allentown EAC is planning to work with an intern at Muhlenberg College and with the City's Planning and Zoning Department to develop recommendations on next steps for the City to move forward on this important effort.

Ms. Kalyna Procyk, Sustainability Coordinator and adjunct professor at Muhlenberg College. Muhlenberg College endorses the efforts of the City of Allentown to bring micro-mobility to the City. Muhlenberg College sees biking and walking as the key to the City's transportation future, and key to ensuring a good student and staff experience at the College. Walking and biking are sustainable transportation solutions that can address economic growth, environmental and social equity needs in the wider community. We believe that a shared micro-mobility service providing bicycles, electric bicycles (e-bikes), and scooters support the City's Vision 2030 Comprehensive plan goals and Muhlenberg's strategic initiatives. We voice continued support for this local and/or regional option. Muhlenberg College launched a 3rd party bike-share program with the Allentown Parking Authority in October 2018. This program was open to all. Student feedback was very positive. Having a low-cost, flexible, enjoyable way of getting around is seen as an attractive part of a residential living experience. Students reported using bicycles for the first time in this area. Students also reported commuting to internships and jobs via bike-share. Data indicates that multiple users were biking to attend religious services and to commute downtown. The bike share encouraged staff and students to get out into the community and take advantage of the city of Allentown. The program also encouraged students and staff to be healthy and active. It further provided them with an opportunity to reduce their individual carbon footprints instead of using emissions-heavy cars. The bicycles provide flexibility and convenience in commuting. Unfortunately due to the pandemic, the 3rd party provider is no longer able to continue providing this service. However, Muhlenberg plans to continue to look for a micromobility solution on campus and beyond. Other cities and regions have realized financial benefits through profit sharing in micromobility services. For this reason, it is highly likely that these emerging technologies will be introduced in our area. We support moving quickly to ensure that any expansion can be coordinated and can address equity, safety, and efficiency. As such, we respectfully request that the Allentown City Council adopt the Micromobility Resolution.

Mr. Scott Slingerland, representing CAT-Coalition for Appropriate Transportation. I support Resolution R108-2020 (Shared Micro-Mobility Program) with three comments: 1. Resolution should include a City-led initiative to inform users of micromobility devices as to their rights and

duties on streets and sidewalks, such as the following: Whereas, people utilizing micromobility devices should be informed and educated as to their rights and responsibilities to follow traffic laws and to exercise care as drivers on public streets. 2. At present time, electric scooters (e-scooters) are illegal to drive on streets or sidewalks in Pennsylvania. This is why we haven't seen large scale scooter share in other PA cities such as Philadelphia or Pittsburgh. There is current legislation in process in Harrisburg (HB631 and SB542) to legalize e-scooters, but is not likely to pass within the next year. Here's the House Bill:

https://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/billInfo/bill_history.cfm?syear=2019&sind=0&body=H&type=B&bn=631

3. Shared bicycles and e-scooters have great potential for improving air quality, reducing traffic congestion, reducing the need for more parking lots and garages, and can be especially economical for communities who have limited financial means. I believe that all of these benefits can only reach fruition when the drivers of bicycles and other vehicles know that following traffic laws can make their trips more enjoyable and may save their lives. Lastly, motorists should chill out and look out for people along the way - including pedestrians. People getting where they need to go with the least impact on others and the environment should be highly honored citizens. I support Resolution R108 for recognizing this.

A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: 30046

[15-3773](#)

R109

Amendment to Resolution #29779, a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 428-440 N 6th Street specifying the nature of the fence and securing of the area.

Attachments: [R109 Certificate Amendment](#)
[Final Review Amend COA for Funeral Home](#)
[Resolution #30047](#)

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

A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: 30047

[15-3778](#)

R110

Certificates of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts: 1619 W Turner Street; 443 N 9th Street; 1142 W Linden Street; 248 N 9th Street; 817 W Gordon Street.

Attachments: [R110 HARB Approvals](#)
[HARB Cases](#)
[Resolution #30048](#)

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

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

A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: 30048

[15-3779](#)

R111

Authorizes Submission of an Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development for Eight Hundred One Thousand Dollars (\$801,000) for the Mack Boulevard Lighting Project.

Attachments: [R111 Grant App Mack Lighting](#)
[Resolution #30049](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if anybody from the administration wants to speak on this since it is a larger amount.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that this is for a multi-module DCED grant. The infrastructure that the city has on Mack Boulevard and the lighting is in dire need of replacement. They have been piecing it together and have been replacing a police here and there. They have a lot of issues with it. This is a good grant to go out for. It is a good way of receiving the grant that is necessary to replace all that lighting from Emmaus Avenue down to the underpass there. It would be a total of 47 light fixtures, foundations, new conduit and everything necessary to have a good lighting system for the next 30 to 40 years. This is a good way to apply for it and a good avenue to get funding for this project.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Messinger and stated that as much as does not want to say it, he remembers walking up and down Mack Boulevard when it was a dirt road.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated no street lights. He stated that he remembers Seventh Street being the same way which is now MacArthur Road. Two

ways.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or public. It is a lot of money and certainly a worthwhile project.

A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: 30049

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

[15-3770](#)

Bill 64

Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Fifty Thousand One Hundred Forty-Nine (\$150,149) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness and Response to the City of Allentown for COVID-19 related expenses.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 64 Health Covid Grant](#)
[Ordinance #15643](#)

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15643

[15-3781](#)

Bill 65 Refer to Public Safety

An Ordinance establishing a Citizens Public Safety Advisory Board, defining the role and function of the board, the composition and appointment of the board and other provisions.

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

Attachments: [Bill 65 Public Safety Advisory Board](#)

Mr. Patrick Palmer asked a question of why Lancaster was able to release footage and Allentown was not able to in regards to video cameras. That was a question that someone was going to pose to the Solicitor's office for the meeting.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he believes that the use of body cameras is on their list among others.

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION (Can be voted on or Referred to Committee):

[15-3780](#) R112 CEDC, Recommended Favorably, HARB Secretary to work with applicant
Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 1444 W. Linden Street

Attachments: [R112 Denial - 1444 W Linden St](#)
[Final Review 1444 W Linden Denied](#)
[Resolution #30056](#)

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that it is being referred.

Enactment No: 30056

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE

ADJOURNED: 7:44 PM