



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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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

Mr. Aziz Wehbey, Irving Street, stated that he represents many members of the Syrian Community. He thanked Mr. Guridy and the members of the City Council. The Syrian American community is one of the finest communities that play a big role in making the city of Allentown so great throughout the years. The city of Allentown represented by the Mayor honors the ethnic communities who live in the city by raising their Motherland flag out of respect, tradition for their heritage and effort and making it so special and unique. For the past 15 years, the members of the Syrian community was concerned of why other communities were being recognized and the Syrian

community was not. We all know our great nation the US made us great under the law and equal rights. We feel sorry that we have to ask. Mayor O'Connell gave us a promise in his speech on April 17, 2017 in front of many community members and with the presence of many members of Council: Mr. Zucal, Mr. Hendricks and Mr. MacLean. He promised to raise the flag. He feels that his people were lied to and asking Mayor O'Connell to make the right decision. He asked if Mayor O'Connell going to recognize the Syrian Community on April 17th or not. If he is not, is it part of discrimination by the Mayor's office. The flag represents the people and the community and the country regardless of the political situation. They would like the mayor to be fair and honor Syrians. He stated that they are people of peace and not people of terrorism.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he Council will take it into consideration.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that Council has two comments that they noted. One is from a May Demarco, 2135 W. Tilghman Street, raising the same issue. You should have a Flag Raising and not to raise the flag is discriminatory. Another email late in the day from Julian Kern and he lives at 252 E Walnut Street concern is he would like the mayor to address residents reserving parking spots with furniture and trash cans. He reached out to the Mayor's office and they told him it is the Parking Authority's responsibility and they supposed to do it. He wants Council to address it stating that it makes no sense. What is the Parking Authority to do, ticket furniture and trash cans? He is concerned about that issue.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked Mayor O'Connell if wanted to address Mr. Kern's situation.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that it will be addressed. They started street cleaning this week. District to district to district, it will be taken care of. The snow is gone and people are being selfish to put that there to reserve their spot. He stated that he talked to Mr. Messenger this morning.

Approval of Minutes:

[15-4123](#) October 21, 2020 Mayor Budget Presentation Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [October 21, 2020 Mayor Budget Presentation Meeting Minutes](#)

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

[15-4121](#) December 21, 2020 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [December 21, 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

[15-4116](#) December 21, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [December 21, 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

Communications

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that Council had an Executive Session and Pursuant to 708a Section 5 of the Sunshine Law, City Council conducted an Executive Session with the Solicitor at 5:30 PM to review and discuss agency business which if conducted in public would lead to disclosure or information of confidentiality protected by law including matters related to the initiation of contact or an investigation.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**March 17**

Public Hearing – 6:30 on Bill 4 Amending the Zoning Map and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Allentown by (i) rezoning certain parcels to B-5 Urban Commercial District, (ii) providing for a new Urban Transition Multi-Family Development use within the B-5 Urban Commercial District and the B-2 Central Business District and providing a definition of, and regulations relating to, such use, (iii) permitting Adaptive Reuse in the B-5 Urban Commercial District by Special Exception, (iv) increasing the height limitation for Hotels and Motels in the B-5 Urban Commercial District, (v) modifying parking requirements for Urban Transition Multi-Family Development, and (vi) providing for a repealer clause, a severability clause, and an effective date.

6:00 PM Committee of the Whole – Presentation of the Homeless Strategic Plan

Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Hendricks, Mota

The committee met on February 24; the next meeting is scheduled for March 10th at 5:30.

CEDC: Chair, Gerlach, Guridy, Affa

The committee met on the 24th and forwarded some items on tonight's agenda; the next meeting is scheduled for March 10 at 6:15 to discuss items being introduced this evening and receive an update on the Allentown State Hospital Reuse Feasibility Study. There will be an additional meeting on March 24 for the purpose of taking testimony from various stakeholders relating to the homeless population.

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

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

Parks and Recreation: Chair Hendricks, Gerlach, Siegel

The committee met this evening; there are no future meetings scheduled.

Public Safety: Chair Mota, Hendricks, Zucal

The committee has not met since the last meeting, there are not future meetings scheduled.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Siegel

The committee met this evening; there are no future meetings scheduled.

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

The committee met this evening; there are no future meetings scheduled.

Controllers Report

Administration Report

APPOINTMENTS:

[15-4090](#)

Dr. Ann Bieber, Allentown Neighborhood Improvement Zone Development Authority (ANIZDA), 01/02/2022 (Fulfilling unexpired term of David Mickenberg)

Attachments: [Dr. Ann Bieber, Allentown Neighborhood Improvement Zone Development Authority \(ANIZDA\)](#)

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any questions about Ms. Bieber.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that Dr. Bieber is the president of Lehigh County Carbon Community College (LCCC). We have a campus right downtown. We have a lot of Allen and Dieruff kids taking courses while in high school. It is a perfect appointment to fill the term of David Mickenberg. She would bring a lot of experience and richness back to Allentown as far as helping our families and our kids.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mayor O'Connell and stated that it is a very important appointment and the relationship that they have with LCCC and the Allentown School District is phenomenal.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any comments from her colleagues.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated not directly related to Ms. Bieber. She is an extraordinary qualified applicant. The city does have a close relationship with LCCC. He asked Mayor O'Connell if she was his pick or suggested by another.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated suggested by Pat Browne and concurred by me and Representative Schweyer.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if there was an update on the conversation they had a month ago about who the bylaws and if they are in conjunction of the Charter.

Mr. Julio Guridy suggested that they talk about that later. They are in the middle of approving someone else. Let's not mix the two things.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated she should continue.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she plans on voting for Ms. Bieber.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that he is drafting a Resolution that pertains specifically to appointments.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if this is just for appointments that they are voting on here. We should continue.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she would never ask the question again.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that you can ask the question.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that if it is out of order, she will not. Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is kind of out of order.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that Ms. Gerlach asked a question based on the nature of her appointment.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that it is relevant.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she wanted to hear Ms. Gerlach's question. She stated that she will vote for Ms. Bieber because the reality is that the city has a close relationship with LCCC. She knows her and worked with her on a School Board and doing a great job with our children. She will be a great asset to the board.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that Mr. Siegel had a question.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated he does not. No one is making a comment in relations to her qualifications. She is completely qualified. The City has a close relationship with LCCC. He plans to vote for her. We are just seeking further clarification for a pertinent question as it comes to the appointment of ANIZDA. She was well in her right to ask that question.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that Ms. Gerlach should be heard out.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if they can have a vote on this appointment please.

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

Enactment No: 30151

[15-4120](#)

Bill Harvey, Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB)

Attachments: [Bill Harvey, Historical Architectural Review Board \(HARB\)](#)

Mr. Bill Harvey asked if there were any questions from her colleagues on this or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30152

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-4048](#)

Bill 6

Amending the Environmental Advisory Council by updating the Purpose, Establishment, Chairman, Power and Duties and Annual Report.

Sponsors: Administration and Mr. Siegel

Attachments: [Bill 6 Environmental Advisory Council Amendment](#)

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that it was tabled pending some wordsmanship. They have somebody onboard that wants to give the Annual Report for the Advisory Council.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that they will say the accomplishments and the goals. Muhlenberg College intern Hannah believes because Council tabled it that she did not need to give the presentation. She is going to present that part once Council presents the Bill again at the next Parks and Recreation Committee. He stated that Tinku was asking specifically when she was going to comment on the AEC.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if she would be able to comment tonight.

Ms. Arundhati Khanwalkar stated that she is the Chair of the Allentown EAC. She wanted to give a brief report on the EAC accomplishments and goals. They were able to accomplish a fair amount. They did a lot of work with deepening and broadening work with the educational institutions. She is grateful to various departments for making their experience valuable. She talked about the Greenhouse Gases and the inventory being developed under a DEP funded program. They are really looking forward to working with the city. They wrestle with raising awareness and engagement on a variety of environmental fronts. They did a study of the dog waste bio-digester. It has been an interesting project. They did a very good and fun invasion plant removal. It is a big part of value with the internship. There is a sustainable community certification that is important for the City of Allentown to participate in this. We are not successful because we don't have the certification in place. She is working with Irene Woodward. She asked City Council to assist them. They obtained City Council approval on the micromobility programs they talked about last year. She thanked Mr. Craig Messinger and his staff. They are going to put in ANIZDA funding. They put input in the Community Ambassador Program.

She stated that they look forward to 2021. They want City Council input on their goals and if they are well aligned. She thanked Mr. Joshua Siegel on City Council's viewpoint. She went over the goals for 2021. They have an EAC member with a strong waste management background. They are finding ways to reduce food waste. They are going to do research on micromobility and building on Climate Action Inventory. Hannah is doing a review of Climate Action that the city is already engaged in. Irene Woodward agreed to be the primary point of contact as they proceed. She stated that she expects Mr. Messinger will be there for his input. The Awareness and Engagement is a significant concern that they continue to have. Many items on the list all relate to trying to find ways to enhance public awareness and engagement. She requested City Council to provide a small budget of \$1,000 for community outreach and engagement. The zero budget that they current has make them hand-strong.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Ms. Khanwalkar and asked if there were any questions. He stated that the \$1,000 is appropriate to ask for the budget.

This Bill was tabled.

[15-4064](#) 2020 EAC Accomplishments, Goals and GHG Inventory

Attachments: [2020 Allentown EAC Accomplishments](#)
[Allentown EAC Proposed 2021 Goals](#)
[FINAL Allentown GHG Inventory 2020](#)

[15-3881](#) Bill 86
Providing for the vacation of Mulberry Street from the centerline of North Railroad Street to the unopened alley known as Limestone Street in the Sixth Ward of the City of Allentown:

Attachments: [Bill 86 Mulberry Street - Street Vacation](#)
[Mulberry Street Vacation Report](#)
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Mulberry St from N. Railroad St to N. Limestone Street](#)
[Mulberry St from N Railroad St to N Limstrone St ACPC Approval Letter](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was recommended favorably to Council.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments 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: 15677

[15-4053](#) Bill 7

Amending the 2021 Capital Fund Budget by transferring Two Hundred Forty-Six Thousand One Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and Sixty-One Cents (\$246,171.61) from Capital Project 1227 – Automatic Meter Reading and Capital Project 1743 – Mechanical Renovations Wastewater Plant to Capital Project 1805 – Emergency Water Repairs to correct a negative balance in this account.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 7 Capital Project Transfer](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was recommended favorable.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further questions. He asked Mr. Zucal does he need the administration to talk about it.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was addressed.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked any comments from the public.

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

Enactment No: 15678

[15-4055](#)

Bill 8

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Nine Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and Sixty-Three Cents (\$995,479.63) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the lead abatement program and removes state funds from the 2020 Lead Grant that is not being accepted because the two grants cannot serve the same zip code area. This grant is on a reimbursable basis.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 8 Federal Lead Grant](#)

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that it was in her committee and forwarded favorably to Council.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the dais or from the public.

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

Enactment No: 15679

[15-4056](#)

Bill 9

Lead Grant Reorganization in CEDC - Amending the 2021 General Fund budget by reorganizing the Community Housing Development Program

within the Department of Community Development by deleting the Financial Specialist Position at a paygrade 13(M), pay budgeted at \$58,806 and creates one Education and Outreach Specialist 16(M) at a salary of Sixty Thousand Four Hundred Eleven (\$60,411) Dollars; and creates one Program Coordinator position at a paygrade 9(M) with an annual salary of Forty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Two (\$48,472) Dollars.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 9 Lead Grant Reorg](#)
[Lead Education Outreach Specialist](#)
[Lead Program Coordinator](#)

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that it was forwarded favorably to Council.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

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

Enactment No: 15680

[15-4060](#)

Bill 10

An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of funds received by the City of Allentown on behalf of the Da Vinci Science Center from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of Five Million Six Hundred Five Thousand (\$5,605,000) Dollars.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 10 Da Vinci Loan](#)

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that this Bill was forwarded favorably to Council.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the dais or the public.

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

Enactment No: 15681

[15-4084](#)

Bill 12

Amending the 2021 General Fund and the 2021 Liquid Fuels Fund budgets by transferring from the unappropriated balance to the Other Contract Services Account in both funds to cover the unexpected cost of hiring contractors to assist with snow removal.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 12 Snow Removal Contractor](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was sent to full Council favorably.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the dais or the public.

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

Enactment No: 15682

[15-4091](#)

Bill 14

Amending the 2021 General Fund budget by transferring from the unappropriated balance to the Temporary Wage and Equipment Accounts in the Lights In The Parkway Program within the Department of Community and Economic Development One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000) Dollars from the revenue received from the 2020 Season of Lights In The Parkway.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 14 Lights in the Parkway Transfer](#)
[MEMO TO COUNCIL ON LITP BILL 14](#)

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that the committee voted favorably to Council. She stated that Council does have a memo and she does not know if they are talking about that.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked who sent the memo.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated the Controller's memo about Lights in the Parkway.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that he just wanted to bring up a number of points that Council needs to consider to approve this request or not. A. It is for a lot of money. Lights in the Parkway is a General Fund program. It expenditures are made from the General Fund and revenues credited to the General Fund. Contrary to the inferences that were made, the Lights in the Parkway should benefit from the additional revenue it generated the last year. The General Fund does not operate in that way. An Enterprise Fund might operate that way. If the Golf Course has a great year, then they have money to reinvest in their program. There is no programmatic ownership of General Fund revenue. The funds go into one pot, the General Fund and are allocated through the annual budget process. The city's financial outlook is delicate at best. The budget that they passed has a deficit of over \$1 million. We are drawing on the Fund Balance. It should be an additional \$1.9 million shortfall on various accounts. He stated that he is confident on his predictions. Council wishes to practice Priority Based Budgeting and have that discussion and moving Council and the city in that direction. Making an Adhoc nonemergency allocation like this is contrary

to the deliberate thoughtfulness that a priority based budgeting process will require. Part of what they do is try to allocate scarce resources to unlimited needs. The last part has to do with financial information regarding Programs. The best data is from 2019. In 2020, he extrapolated a little bit. Expenses and overtime for 2019 was \$113,000. In that is the hard costs that the city spends. it includes the overtime for Parks people. In 2020, it jumped to \$152,000 and the difference is due to the increase to SEIU wages for overtime. The city contracted with Eventbrite and we had a lot more cars. Our Eventbrite bill went up significantly. About \$40,000 more than it was a year before. He went over Parks labor. The bargaining unit got a three percent increase. That is not a hard cost. The revenue in 2019, between paid admissions and sponsorship it was \$211,000. This year, it was \$352,000. It has really been in the last two years that Council and the Mayor appropriated money for new lighting displays. Looking at the budget, they can free up additional \$12,000 in the 2021 budget to put into displays without increasing their allocation. They requested \$50,000 to make up for the decline in volunteers. He readily conceded that he only spoken to Lucinda Wright. If you look at the memo, the first column in the number of volunteer groups and the other columns is the nights the group worked. It is not time sensitive. He suggested that CED looks for other types of groups. Look for the Promised Neighborhood people. There are plenty of people there that wants to get involved. Also the Allentown School District Foundation. The stipend has been about \$300 a night forever. If you want to entice more groups, you might want to consider that. He stated that he is not suggesting what to do in making allocations like this.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked about the profit of \$94,000 in 2020 based on the revenue.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that included the soft cost, the opportunity costs.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if he is saying if we use that we still need \$150,000 to sustain that program.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that in the near term they like to take advantage of a discount.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that city programs are not profit making enterprises. Considering the programs, none are funded particularly well. How do we single this one out for a General Fund appropriation. If it his understanding if you gave the full amount they will spend it and do their best. In the can do nature of the departments that they expect from everyone, it is a separate issue whether additional funds should be appropriated.

Mayor Ray O'Connell asked Mr. Lightner to respond and stated that they disagree with many things that were said.

Mr. Leonard Lightner thanked Mr. Glazier for helping them be better. The budgetary issues, he was not inferring. He was stating facts. Lights in the Parkway is a benefit to the city and the citizens of the community. This is the 25 year going into Lights in the Parkway. Our Lights have been in existence for 20 years. We are asking for a reinvestment back into a non revenue generating program. It is a benefit to the citizens. We had a great year. There has been a lot of changes. Dates opened, closed and operating. He stated that they are asking for \$100,000 to go back into the lights and improve the lights displays. That \$100,000 will tie us over for five years. We can come back to you when we invest and look at in the next three years we will not ask for money for light displays. There will be some maintenance that is required. When we talked about Lights in the Parkway financial situation, as Mr. Glazier said the Parks labor is paid regardless. We still have a profit on \$164,000 if you want to look at it at that standpoint. The volunteer groups, Mr. Glazier showed six, we had eight. We were open for 24 days. We have asked volunteer groups and asked Promised Neighborhood and they decline. Out of the eight volunteer groups that we had, the three nights we closed because weather. The other nights that we did not have volunteers was because of whatever reason: it was cold, it was raining, the weather was bad or they had Covid and they could not show up. We had other volunteer support for the community that was a backup group. We had a fraternity group as a backup. They tried to use Guardian Life Insurance as a back up. These other groups were listed as backups because the main groups had already volunteered and taken those night. He stated that they do reach out and if there are other ways, he is glad to hear other ways to help us find us volunteers. If people want to help us find volunteers, we will take volunteers from the Controller's group as well. We discussed increasing the stipend. He will increase the cost of admission. He did get calls from City Council stating that the cost was a little bit high for people in our community that might not be able to afford that. He asked again for them to invest one time instead of coming back next year, and the next year and the next year. We will benefit from it in the future. They tried to do an Enterprise Fund, but they cannot open an Enterprise Fund because legally it is not a fee or tax.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any other questions.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that like Mr. Lightner said, he had extension discussions with Mr. Holtzman. He acknowledged that this program and every other city program is under invested in. What process the Council and Mayor engage in to appropriate funds for programs. Parks and Recreation used to have a Therapeutic Program. We don't have that

anymore because we could not afford to do it. What are our priorities and how do we spend our money? It is really a matter of how you appropriate your money and what your priorities are. He stated that he knows there are some timing issues. There could be further discussions and explorations.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that what Mr. Lightner presented last time, he talked about taking advantage of discounts on lighting equipment. If we have to appropriate some funding every year, are we losing that chance the following year.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that the manufacturers will often offer a discount on the off-season to encourage business. He stated that you are on the right path. The additional \$100,000 is not before you can be weighed with every departmental request. It is a process issue.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she agrees with Mr. Glazier to be a good steward. She lives on the Southside, during the Covid they could not do much with their children. Having Lights in the Parkway was a savior to them. It was not a great Christmas because of Covid. Having Lights in the Parkway was a scapegoat and a way to go and enjoy with your family. She asked Council to have an open mind. There was a flyer with dates that Lights in the Parkway was open and it closed earlier. She counted 50 cars for Lights in the Parkway to open. This was the only recreation you could do during Covid.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that is exactly her point. She did vote in favor of this. This was something to do this year. This was the highest amount. She would love to be optimistic. The only reason they reached the amount is because of Covid and something that the family could do together. She has to agree with the Controller. They gave \$30,000 in 2019 and 2020 they had given \$32,000. She stated that \$150,000 is a lot of money to put into lights. At this time, with our budget and how bad the economy is and how hard they have to work to maintain other programs. This may not be the year. She believes in Lights in the Parkway. We are so strapped for money. She is not in favor of it now. After listening to the Controller, who she respects she is not in favor of it now. She is not saying they can't work something out.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if they could take out the \$50,000 from temporary wages and just do the equipment.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they can do anything.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she would be in agreement with that.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she thinks it is the opposite. She thinks it is \$100,00 for the lights and \$50,000 for the temporary wages.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that is what she said.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there was any discussions on the Motion.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks acknowledged Mr. Glazier's work he put into this. He would support the amendment. Just like recreation, Lights in the Parkway do cost us, but it is a cost of being able to live in the city and have many recreational activities. He is hopefully to getting back to some semblance of normalcy. He agrees that this makes sense. They can revisit in the Fall.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he was going to have a different amendment financially, but he agrees with Mr. Hendricks. If they do the \$100,000 now, they can adjust it in next year's budget.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it sounds like Mr. Lightner stated that if Council does the \$150,000, they don't have to do anything in the next three years.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked what guarantee is that.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated just to clarify, if you invest the \$100,000 upfront in addition to the \$35,000 that is already budgeted, they would spend what they need to spend within that budget this year. That means in 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and maybe 2026 in the 72 Account there should be nothing appropriated because they met their equipment needs. They will continue to need in the 54 and 69 Accounts to buy new string of lights and replacement LEDs.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked how much is that about.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that he did mention LED lights.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that he did not break that out, but he can if she wants. In 54 Account will be replacement bulbs and other replacement equipment. In 2019, they spend \$14,000. This year, they spend \$8,500. In 68 which is supplies, whether it be the individual lights or string of lights or hot chocolate for volunteers or whatever they need to spend in 2019, they spent a little bit over \$80,000 and this year they spent \$18,000. Those accounts vary and that's money that has been continually been appropriated to operate the event. He suggested that Council suggest that the Solicitor issue an Opinion as to whether Lights in the Parkway can be an Enterprise Fund in the future.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that he appreciates the amendment. He wants Council to understand when they asked for additional funding for staffing. They were out there. He was out there with his family of Christmas Eve last year because no volunteers did not show up. He stated that they will continue to do their best to provide that service top the clients and our citizens. Ms. Mota said there were 50 cars lined up for this event. If volunteers don't show, we will shut Lights in the Parkway down. We will have no more nights when his staff is out there or they are calling their husbands, their wives or their kids to come out and make sure we have a successful event. We in CED, Public Works and APD were out there. You do not look at us as professionals and what we say is not valid or true. We crunch these numbers and done everything we can to provide the best service possible to our citizens. He thanked them for the amendment for \$100,000 for the equipment and they will not come to them the next three years for equipment.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mr. Lightner. The effort to get more volunteers should not stop just because of this.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he mentioned that they can revisit it in the Fall. He appreciates they volunteering out there. No one is finding fault with you or your staff. They do think they are professionals. Don't take this as criticism, but the suggestion is giving them \$100,000 for now and can revisit it. The money does not need to be there today. It has been a difficult year. He thanked Mr. Lightner and his staff.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that he appreciates that.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she agrees with Mr. Hendricks. The weather did not help. They were there in the cold and in the rain. It was the only thing that her family had to enjoy together.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they all agree with Mr. Hendricks.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that he believes Mr. Hendricks are right. In a lot of instances, these are investments in the quality of life. There are a number of thing that they fund in the city that don't have a revenue oriented mentality and even accept that we might take a slight loss on because they improve the quality of life in the city. Beyond that they are a tremendous attraction. It is a long-term investment. Ms. Affa was right, we had an abnormally good year due to Covid. Take that money upfront and invest in capital in infrastructure so we don't have to make those investments in the future when attendance in fact may slide. As we do begin to look at our

priorities as a city, we do need to put a great more emphasis on quality of life oriented issues that revolve around what are the things that we offer as a city that attracts people in the city and outside the city. Volunteerism is dying in America. No one volunteers anymore. That is a long-term trend.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he thinks that people still volunteer. He stated that he volunteers for a lot of things.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that Council has to commit a time next year and be there to help along with the Mayor.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they should have a Council night and volunteer.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that you can have all the volunteers in the world, but if they don't show someone has to do it. He went three times, and they were out in the rain. Lucinda, Leonard and families in all. Volunteerism is gone. You need to spend money to make money. He wishes Mr. Glazier and Mr. Lightner would have had this conversation week ago or two weeks ago. Take a five year old, 10 year old or three year old granddaughter through there. Seeing the smiles in their eyes or on their face because Santa Claus is there. Ms. Mota is right. We have to do what we can to help the families enjoy the little things we had this past year. No playground program, no kickball, no basketball, no feeding programs, and no festivals. Ms. Gerlach's amendment is an excellent amendment. We will look at the \$50,000 down the road.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they are all saying the same thing about the amendment.

Ms. Candida Affa asked for clarification. She understands the volunteers and paying for it. She asked \$50,000 is for volunteers and the \$100,000 is for the lights. What about our pools this year? The \$100,000 is in our General Fund. What are we going to do if we can't open up a pool this year? This is our General Fund. She thinks the Lights and the Parkway is great. The volunteers should be compensated. She would rather see the money going to the volunteers.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that they don't show.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that if you have a poor display, people won't show up.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that we don't have a poor display.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that there is a timeline in order to get a discount.

We are paying people that can come up at a future meeting. If the time comes, and every effort has been made to recruit reliable folks to no avail, we can re-explore to pay folks.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that if they need to revisit in the Fall, they can do that.

Mr. Matthew Kloiber stated that he wants to make sure that everyone is clear what the vote is going to happen. The Motion is to remove the temporary wages of \$50,000 from the existing Resolution and changing the total amount to \$100,000.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the public.

A motion was made by Ce-Ce Gerlach, seconded by Cynthia Mota, that this Bill be amended to only include the Equipment for \$100,000 and eliminate the Temporary Wages of \$50,000.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

No: 1 - Candida Affa

Enactment No: 15683

Mr. Julian Kern stated in regards to the volunteers for the Lights, the need for the volunteers would be good for the Juvenile Community Service Program that he has been advocating for the city.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that Mr. Kern talked about that many times. He believes it is a good idea. Talk to Juvenile Probation for volunteer hours. He asked if there were any further comments.

Approved As Amended

Yes: 6 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

No: 1 - Candida Affa

Enactment No: 15683

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-4059](#)

R25

Approves the Submission of an application to obtain a HUD 108 Loan for The Da Vinci Science Center in the amount of \$5,605,000

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R25 Da Vinci Loan Application](#)
[Resolution #30153](#)

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that this was recommended for approval tonight and forwarded favorably.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from his colleagues of the public.

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

Enactment No: 30153

[15-4066](#)

R26

Amends Council Rules relating to Electing a President, voting on appointments, and deleting a provision relating to budgetary meetings given the fact that the budget is introduced earlier.

Sponsors: Guridy, Affa and Mota

Attachments: [R26 Rules Changes](#)
[Resolution #30154](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it was in his committee and they recommended it favorably to full Council. Any comments from the dais or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30154

[15-4101](#)

R28

Approves the Submission of a PA DCED grant application for Emergency Sheltering.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R28 Rapid Rehousing Grant](#)
[Resolution #30155](#)

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that Maria Quigney will discuss.

Ms. Maria Quigney stated that they are applying for the state for an extra \$100,000 for Emergency Solutions Grant. It will help cover rapid rehousing funds through the Conference of Churches and some various other nonprofit agencies to keep people from losing their apartments or houses.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any other comments from the dais.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if it is prevention money. Isn't that for folks that have been evicted and don't have a stable place. They go to the

Conference of Churches and they give them a security deposit and first months rent and they find an apartment to live in or is this prevention money.

Ms. Maria Quigney stated that they can use the money for both. It is part of the Covid Care Act. They have a choice on how they can use it. The city's plan is to use it for prevention.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the dais or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30155

[15-4102](#)

R29
Hiring of 2 Patrolman

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R29 Hiring 2 Police Officers](#)
[Resolution #30156](#)

Chief Glenn Granitz asked if Council wants a little background on the candidates.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked to tell a little bit about the candidates.

Chief Glenn Granitz stated that he is very excited about both of these candidates and other in the pipeline. He thanked Clarissa and Mel in the HR department. They helped them quite a lot. Ms. Bauman is a graduate of Alvernia University in Reading PA. She graduated with honor and was working with the Pottsville Police Department and has a number of certifications. Mr. Mora is a 42 year old resident of the Southside of Allentown and naturalized from the Dominican Republic. He has degrees in the areas of Psychology and Nursing. He is fluent in Spanish. Prior to working here, he was a Police Office at Moravian College. He was the first Police officer to win Moravian's Personal Touch Award which they have to an outstanding employee that deals with students very well.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that the city is facing at the end of the year by a possibility of 40 - 60 officers retiring.

Chief Glenn Granitz stated that is definitely in the wheelhouse.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it is important to hire Police Officers, especially officers with these credentials. Hopefully, we won't lose these police officers, but there is a reality that we may. It may be difficult replacing officers going forward.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that the Chief has been advising us for a while now. He is super happy that they are working on recruiting people.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she stated that for years she requesting that they are hired from our city and female. Diversity is extremely important.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she would like to echo Ms. Mota's comments in terms of the importance of diversity. It is great to see that one of the persons have a background in nursing. There are many of us that wants to see a wider arrange for background. We award points for military service. We are thankful thankful for their service, but having folks like the gentleman from Allentown with a background in nursing that requires a whole different mindset than the military and that is helpful. We need that. She stated that she is thankful that he will be joining the force. She says that because of her question. She is voting no against these officers. Her question is why do we need two officers right now.

Chief Glenn Granitz stated that he would like to answer from several fronts. We are within our budgeted complement. We come before Council for the individual hires because that is the Civil Service Rule that applies to them and the Fire Department where City Council has to approve it, just like the military points are a Civil Service Rule. This is a Civil Service Rule that Police and Fire have to come in front of you and that is why it is here. In some other cases, it may be additional people where during the Budget process he ask to move a Captain to a Sergeant and he explains why. If you are asking about an overall why do we have x amount of Police Officers. He thinks it is a very fair question. He gave during the 70 page Budget Presentation that he gave to Council last Monday or Tuesday in October where it was posted online. Where he provided several staffing studies. In fairness a lot of Police Department worked in a per capita Staffing Study. Over the last few years, the Department of Justice and the International Association of Chiefs of Police, they switched over to a workforce and performance based model. It was a big part of the Novak Report that was on the bequest of City Council. That was based on 2018 data. If you are looking a certain benchmarks that the IACP which he is a member of and considered a guiding force in law enforcement. You are looking at one third of the time 30 percent of proactive time where you want your officers to be available. if you look at the Novak Report, we hit that back in 2018. He gave 2019 breakdown numbers here. When they move to the Cedar Crest Study, that is something he wants to study more. He

reminded everyone in the Budget Presentation that they have less Police officers than they did 10 or more years ago.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that they just lost about six or eight officers due to recent retirements.

Chief Glenn Granitz stated that they had a vacancy factor at the beginning of this year that they are trying to correct from a year before. The vacancy factor was pretty significant.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked what is our complement.

Chief Glenn Granitz stated that they are budgeted for 222 and has a grant for one more year that the DOJ just worked out that will give us a basis for our Community Outreach Unit and they want to expand in Community Policing. Today, with the hiring of these officers will put us a 218 and will drop to 217 because we will have a retirement next week.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked the Chief for provided clear information on the questions. He asked any further comments from the dais.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that Mr. Hanlon was gracious enough to provide a comprehensive analysis of what a single officer is a year which is a \$64,000 starting salary and in three or four years it goes to \$84,000 - \$86,000. There is \$38,000 for pension and benefits that has to be taken into consideration. The unit cost will be \$138,000 per year. That would mean for these two individuals, we are talking about \$276,000 a year. We just had a 50 minutes discussion on the investment of Lights in the Parkway. There is a \$126,000 differential of \$150,000 that we just nitpicked about Lights in the Parkway and the cost of additional these two additional officers. We just asked what about the pools, what about the parks, what about parks and recreation. When we talk about reimagining public safety these are the frank discussions we need to have. It is time to talk about the opportunity costs in terms of investments like this. We always wonder and Promised Neighborhood relies on grant funding which always fluctuates. They may get it. They may not. This is not an indictment nor criticism. He never questioned the service or the patriotism or the love of anybody that wants to serve as a uniformed police officer.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they are asking questions. They are not rubber stamping anything. He has been here for 20 years and he does not think they have said no to a police officer.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that he would validate his point.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he is not saying that his point isn't valid. He is saying what the fact is. Mr. Mora has a degree in Psychology. Chief Glenn Granitz stated that is correct. He has a major and minor in Psychology and in Business Management. He has nursing and IT background too.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further comments from the dais or the public.

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

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

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

Enactment No: 30156

[15-4118](#)

R30

Recommends Lehigh County Administration, Courts and DA pursue policies to reduce the risk of COVID contagion in the county prison including placing Non-Violent Offenders under house arrest, limit future incarcerations, and following all CDC guidelines.

Sponsors: Gerlach, Mota and Mr. Siegel

Attachments: [R30 - County Prison Covid Recommendations](#)
[Resolution #30157](#)

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that it is coming up again so that everyone on Council can have the opportunity to cast their vote.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she is glad it is coming up. She was the one that could not vote. She was really sick from the Covid vaccine. She stated that she is in support of this.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that at the last meeting before they voted on this, they had inquired as to whether or not a meeting was setup with the administration, County Executive, and the County Corrections facility. Has anything transpired.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that there was no formalized meeting with Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he had a conversation with Mr. Brace in regards to this Resolution. He spoke to Ms. Gerlach and advised him that the Resolution will not change their minds. They cannot force the court to do anything like this. The judges and District Attorney are the ones that

make the decisions.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she is pointing that in the Resolution it recommends that the Lehigh County Administration, Courts, and District Attorney. She stated that they had a lengthy and wonderful conversation. The Resolution is addressed to more than the County Commissioners.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that she is right. That is what he talked to Mr. Brace about. He asked if there were any further comments.

Ms. Jessica Ortiz stated that for those who voted no, they are just asking if you know it is just a Resolution. We know that it is not an executive order or demand. If there is a process that we get arrested, you go to jail, you serve your time and you are released. They hope for a rehabilitation or a reform and they come back out. How is it fair that they are treated like dogs or slaves. This is the reality that is happening to the inmates. Now, another inmate has died in the last few days. No one has reached out. We are coming together as a city. Until we come one as an Allentonian community, we are never going to get anywhere. We have to show all walks of life that what they do, death is not their sentence.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Ms. Ortiz and asked if there were any other comments from the public.

Mr. Justin Parker stated that he just wants to make a comment on R30. He knows that it is just a Resolution. He would stress how important and the Resolution is asking the county to take some measures, steps and actions. He sat here and listened to Council debate about \$150,000 for lights and reinvestment in Lights in the Parkway. He talked about reinvestment in people. He hopes Council will vote yes. We are talking about nonviolent offenders.

Mr. Jay Jucks (sp) stated that he read an article. He was recently locked up in Lehigh County. He heard someone say that they can't tell the judges. He had a court date for December 13 and when his court case came, they changed it to March. Before he could get out, he had to hire an attorney and his attorney and his attorney put him all the way back until December. They are keeping people in there. He doesn't understand why they are keeping people longer.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked him for his comments and stated that it will be taken into consideration.

Mr. Pas Simpson, serve on the Zero Youth Violence Program Director, stated that as they are sitting here and debating. There are lives being lost

and it is one life too many. There is a way to prevent other lives lost for a chance for Covid being spread amongst the inmates. If there is a way to protect the community. Isn't City Council responsibility to do something.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mr. Simpson. He asked if there were any other comments. Think about your family or your friends. They could be in there.

Ms. Cynthia Mota urged Council to please reconsider and vote yes. We are dealing with people's lives and they are in inhumane conditions. She stated that she knows this is a Resolution, but at the same time it is a statement.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she is going to vote yes, but she hopes people realize that this is going to go nowhere. She sympathize with this, but it will be up to the county and judges.

Yes: 5 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Julio Guridy, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

No: 2 - Daryl Hendricks, and Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 30157

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

[15-4103](#) Bill 15 CEDC, forwarded favorably
Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$23,910) from Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) to hire a professional historic preservation consultant to prepare a complete revision of the City's design guidelines for the Historic Districts.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 15 PHMC GRANT - HARB](#)
[PHMC GRANT AWARD LETTER](#)

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comment on this Bill.

Enactment No: 15686

[15-4104](#) Bill 16 CEDC, forwarded favorably
Amending Part One, Administrative Code, Title Eleven, Authorities Boards and Commissions, Article 173, Vacant Property Review Committee.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 16 Blighted Property Review Board Committee Revision](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments regarding this Bill.

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15687

[15-4117](#)

Bill 17 CEDC, forwarded favorably
Amending the 2021 General Fund and Stormwater Fund budgets creating
a position in CED/Special Events for a Marketing and Special Events
Coordinator, add a new position of Visual Production Technician and
revising the Clerk 3 position in Planning and Zoning to an Assistant.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 17 DCED REORG](#)

[Assistant Planner 2021](#)

[Marketing and Special Events Coordinator](#)

[VISUAL PRODUCTION TECHNICIAN 2021](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais.

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 15687

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

[15-4075](#)

R31 Budget and Finance, forwarded favorably - with the proposed
amendment that needs to be made this evening, changing the \$16,000 in
item 3 to \$14,360 which is a result of review of the numbers.

Transfer Approvals: \$26,984.91 in Lights in the Parkway to Correct Year
End Negative Balances; \$21,937.30 in Recreation to Move Funds to the
Proper Expenditure Account; \$16,000 in Accounting & Financial
Management to Accommodate CAFR requirement for GASB and OPEB
Reports; \$9,000 in Accounting & Financial Management to Accommodate
for Processing of Bank Fees for the Paying Agent for Servicing The
Sinking Funds and AO Note.

Attachments: [R31 Lights in the Parkway Negative Balances and Recreation Expenditure Account Transfer Approvals](#)
[Correct Year End Negative Balances - Lights In The Parkway Temporary Wages](#)
[Concession Stand Equipment](#)
[To Accommodate CAFR Requirement for GASB and OPEB Reports](#)
[To Accommodate for Processing of Bank Fees for the Paying Agent for Servicing The Sinking Funds and AO Note Resolution #30162](#)

REFERRED TO BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 30162

[15-4124](#)

R32

Budget and Finance, forwarded favorably with the caveat that line 4 be changed to \$7,992.74

Transfer Approval to correct negative balances:: \$776,153.97 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance – Funds Remained Unspent at the end of 2020; \$389,910.27 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance – Funds Remained Unspent at the end of 2020; \$82,292.57 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance - Funds Remained Unspent at the end of 2020; \$22,352.74 in Finance Correct Negative Balance – Funds Remained Unspent at the end of 2020; \$12,271.57 74 in Finance Correct Negative Balance – Funds Remained Unspent at the end of 2020.

Attachments: [R32 Year End Transfer Approvals](#)
[\\$82,292.57 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance – Funds Remained Unspent at the end of 2020](#)
[\\$22,352.74 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance – Funds Remained Unspent at the end of 2020](#)
[\\$389,910.27 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance – Funds Remained Unspent at the end of 2020](#)
[\\$776,153.97 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance – Funds Remained Unspent at the end of 2020](#)
[\\$12,271.57 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance – Funds Remained Unspent at the end of 2020](#)

REFERRED TO BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 30163

[15-4127](#)

R33

Budget and Finance, forwarded favorably

Transfer Approvals: \$44,539.11 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance – Funds Remained Unspent at the end of 2020; \$12,566.47 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance – Funds Remained Unspent at the end of 2020.

Attachments: [R33 Year End Transfer Approvals](#)

[\\$44,539.11 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance – Funds
Remained Unspent at the end of 2020](#)
[\\$12,566.47 in Finance to Correct Negative Balance – Funds
Remained Unspent at the end of 2020](#)
[Resolution #30164](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments.

REFERRED TO BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Enactment No: 30164

NEW BUSINESS: NONE**GOOD AND WELFARE**

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that Mr. Hanlon will be celebrating 32 years of service to the City of Allentown this Saturday, March 6, 2021. He stated that he will be celebrating 43 years and stated that Mike is catching up to him. Mike is and continues to be an exceptional employee and his service to the citizens of our city and most especially to himself and his fellow members of Council. He commended him for his dedication and hard work.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated it is well said and seconded it 100 percent. He stated that he and Mike have been together for 20 years. We talked a lot. He has always been a helping person throughout these 20 years. He deserves a lot more money than he is making. On behalf of all of us. The people in the streets, they all know him. He is always gracious and he never seen him lose if temper.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that she does not know she would do without him. She thanked him for his guidance and amazing knowledge of this city.

Ms. Cynthia Mota thanked Mike for his leadership and everything that you do for all of us. She stated that she considers him a wealth of knowledge. If you want to know something and the right information, go to Mike. He is like our encyclopedia and our Google.

ADJOURNED: 9:18 PM