



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Joshua Siegel, and Natalie Santos

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Contract Approvals

[15-5032](#)

R69

Authorization for Contract with Maher Duessel in the amount of \$65,500.00 for 2022, \$68,100.00 for 2023, and \$70,800.00 for 2024; to conduct the City Audit pursuant to the City Charter, competitively, one proposal..

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R69 Request for Council Approval - RFP No. 2022-11- Maher Duessel](#)
[Resolution #30427](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this was done as RFP 2022-11. It was advertised on Public Purchase and accessed by 18 vendors. One response was received. An evaluation committee made of three people evaluated the proposal and it was scored based on the RFP requirements. After all the evaluations were computed, the committee is recommending an award to Maher Duessel. The cost of the total contract is \$204,400. We have successfully done business with this vendor before.

Ms. Cynthia Mota thanked Ms. McNeil and asked if there were any questions from the dais.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that Council approved something for an audit a while back. He asked Mr. O'Neil about it and he stated that it was to keep him out of it. Is this different than what we talked about before when we approved that money. He stated that there was an audit that the city gave money for and he asked Mr. O'Neil why can't we do the audit in-house.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that this is the audit that Council is responsible for doing.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that is what he is asking. What is the difference between that one and this one.

Mr. Seth O'Neill stated that this was one is required by the Charter and as Mr. Hanlon said, it is a function of Council even though the administration provides the information. He stated that he thinks Mr. Zucal is referencing is the internal cost analysis for the General Fund Services and the Fee Study that there was a sense that if the Finance Department or the Departments was to try to figure out their own cost allocation there is a cost that may not have been considered completely neutral. The General Fund Service Charges is something that they are currently and the city has a contractor for that. He thinks that is probably what you are referencing.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he believes that Mr. O'Neill is right about that. He just wanted to make sure that the city was not doing a double audit.

Mr. Seth O'Neill stated no. This one is very specific and annual.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated thank you. That's all.

Ms. Cynthia Mota thanked Mr. Zucal. She asked any other comments from the dais. Any questions from the public.

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

Enactment No: 30427

[15-5033](#)

R70

Authorization for a Contract with Miron Technologies, Inc., in the amount of \$2,459.56. to provide quarterly provision of 5 radiation monitoring badges and one control badge for use by Health Bureau Sanitarians performing lead paint inspections; informal quote below purchasing requirements, one quote is necessary.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R70 Request for Council Approval - Miron Technologies](#)
[Resolution #30428](#)

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this was done as an informal quote. The quote provided by Miron Technologies is below the threshold requirements and only one quote is required. The cost of the contract is \$2,459.56.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the

public.

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

Enactment No: 30428

A motion was made by Cynthia Mota, seconded by Candida Affa, to Suspend The Rules, introduce and vote on R74.

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

[15-5050](#)

R74

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services Faces International, LLC, in the amount of \$3,900.00 for the development marketing assets to support advertising on Juneteenth Allentown 2022. This is an informal quote and is below purchasing requirements, therefore only one (1) quote is necessary.

Attachments: [R74 - Faces- Juneteenth](#)
[Resolution #30429](#)

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

Enactment No: 30429

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there was someone from the administration.

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that this was done as an informal quote. The quote provided by Faces International LLC is below the purchasing threshold and only one quote is required. The cost of the contract is \$3,900 and we have successfully done business with this vendor before.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated yes.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that he wants to add and it will answer any questions. He apologized for the need to ask Council to Suspend the Rules to consider this one. It is a timing issue. If we had gone through the normal channels we would have not had enough time to appropriately mark the Juneteenth Event. He apologized for the need to ask Council to Suspend the Rules. In the case of this, there is internal debate and this is the same firm that we used in 2021 for marketing the Juneteenth Event. There was some internal debate of whether this contract needed to come before Council, but ultimately we decided to play it safe and say let's have Council vote on it as a Professional Services Contract.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that here is the issue that he has, Council approved as Ms. McNeil said before prior contracts with this company to do certain work. We are now giving them \$3,900 to do extra work which was not ever included in the original contract with them. He would think that is a violation of some sort. He is not the Controller, but would think that if this had been included in the original contract that we give money for example: any future contracts that the city would need performed. This would include that, except for the amount of money. That has not been done here.

Mr. Seth O'Neil stated that he does not believe this is an instance where they are doing incrementalism where they are trying to do it in stages to get below the threshold. This is two completely separate events.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that is his concern that it is two separate events.

Mr. Seth O'Neil stated that they are two separate events in two separate years. An annual celebration.

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated correct. These are two separate complete different contracts.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she really likes to hear from the Solicitor. She asked Mr. Smith if he had anything to say about that.

Mr. Charles Smith stated that he would first like to hear what the Controller has to say. He understands that they are qualifying it and saying that it is a separate event and it would not have been anticipated under the prior agreement.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that he does not necessarily review the contracts, he does review the payments and take a look at what we are paying them for. Typically, this has been hired for specific events. Last year, they may have done work on one or two different events and probably contracted separately for each of those. New year, new event, new contract. In his opinion this is fine. It is not incrementalism. He thinks the administration, except for the timing issue is doing what they need to do properly.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there was any other question from the dais.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if they get any of that federal, state money or whatever it is from Juneteenth. Did we apply for that and did we get any? Is there federal money coming down.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated not that he knows of. In the 2022 budget that

Council approved we had an item for Juneteenth. That is not supported by federal grants in any way.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she was reading something somewhere. She knows Bethlehem does their event and there is a committee. Are we on that committee?

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that we normally detail this in greater detail in the future Council during the Mayor's Report. This is as part of the Juneteenth Celebration, we are doing a flag raising on June 12th. There is an event happening at ArtsQuest on June 18th and we will hold a larger event in the city of Allentown on June 19th at Cedar Beach. That is done with the Juneteenth Foundation. It is a regional organization that is celebrating Juneteenth. They may have applied for federal funding. He is not sure if they were successful.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if Faces will be just doing the marking for Allentown, not everyone.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated correct. The marketing includes the preparation of a flyer for the event itself. Another flyer for the sports events that are taking place. They will be doing banner advertisements for our social media use and then they will be producing a 30 second video to promote the event itself. Those materials will be provided to the City of Allentown and we will be responsible for the distribution and messaging.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated cool. They did an awesome job last time. They will do another awesome job.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that is what she was about to say. The city has worked with them before and they really do a great job. They are from the city of Allentown. They have their business here and the reality is they have done a lot of work for the city of Allentown. When they do the job, they always perform very well.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that they pointed out in the past when the contracted out with the MBEs and DBEs and WMBEs and Face International and MBEs based in the city of Allentown. For us, particularly working with an Allentown business is a huge win.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any other questions from the dais or the public.

Enactment No: 30429

Minutes of Previous Meeting

[15-5023](#) February 16, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [February 16, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

[15-5030](#) April 20, 2022 Special Meeting to Act on CED Director Appointment Minutes

Attachments: [April 20, 2022 Special Meeting to Act on CED Director Appointment Minutes](#)

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

[15-5031](#) April 20, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [April 20, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

Communications

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that Council has two notifications. One notification is from Council President Mota that pursuant to the Ethics Code this is a notification that she met with Mr. Alan Jennings who was requesting ARPA Funds regarding housing. He received a notification from Ms. Gerlach and she stated that she is disclosing that on 5/2/2022 at 1:00 PM, she met with Alan Jennings to discuss housing needs in Allentown. This led to a conversation about ARPA Funds. Also present, was Council President Mota. We met in Michael Hanlon's office.

[15-5069](#) Email disclosures from Council President Cynthia Mota and Councilperson Ce Ce Gerlach regarding meeting with Alan Jennings on ARPA Funds.

Attachments: [Meeting with Alan Jennings Disclosure from Council President Cynthia Mota](#)
[Disclosure Email from Councilperson Ce Ce Gerlach](#)

Old Business: None

REPORTS**Mayor's Report (3 minutes)**

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that he wanted to mention the events that have taken place in the city of Allentown. He wants to focus on some of the highlights that the city did. He stated that Mr. Hendricks attended the Ribbon Cutting at the Public Safety Building. He stated that the city is very excited for the public to be welcomed in an environment. He was very happy to see Chief Roca testify for a House of Representatives Committee meeting on dirt bikes providing good information for across the state that will seek legislative solutions that will better for our streets to be safe. Additionally, he wants to mention the Chief Roca received an award at the Leonard Buck Banquet. There is still an opportunity for any City Council member or any member of the public to attend the Citizens Police Academy. It begins on May 24. He strongly encouraged them and stated that it is an excellent opportunity to know what the Allentown Police Department does. He recognized the Allentown Fire Department for the Sound the Alarm event that they conducted on Saturday. Working with the American Red Cross and the City of Allentown with a great group of volunteers installing 112 smoke detectors in homes between 4th Street and 8th Street and north of Tilghman. Those were in 62 different homes. Hopefully, it will lead to saving lives. He spotlighted the ground breaking that we held on April 22nd for the Da Vinci Science Center which is a significant investment. Governor Tom Wolf and a huge number of dignitaries. This will have a tremendous impact on the kids here in Allentown. He recognized the department of Public Works for the Earth Day celebration on April 23rd in the Art Park. An awesome opportunity for the department of Recycling and Solid Waste to communicate with our Allentown residents about the importance of recycling. He recognized a handful of community groups that cleaned up in places like Dieruff High School, Hanover Avenue, and recognized Chris Brown in Old Allentown for the hundreds of trees he has planted in the past few years in the city of Allentown. In addition to the Department of Public Works, he wants Council to know that they have conducted preliminary interviews with candidates for the permanent position of Director of Public Works. We hope in short order have a candidate for City Council for confirmation. It is a tough decision with the candidates, but will have them in front of City Council in short order. He recognized the Parks Department Tyler Fatzinger and Rick Holtzman for the Arbor Day Celebration at the Wire Mill on April 29th. It was a fantastic event. He wanted to go back to Public Works for a second. He congratulated the Public Works Department, the Police Department and the Fire Department for doing a very good job of getting the streets shutdown for the St. Luke's half marathon on Sunday, April 24th. He thanked the Polish American Citizens Society for helping the city raise the flag in recognition of Constitution Day in Poland of May 3rd. He reminded Council, that the city will be raising the flag of the Delaware Nation to celebrate the Lenape people in the Lehigh Valley. They will begin the Summer Concert Series with over 30 concerts scheduled. The first one will be in West Park on May 14th at 7:00 PM.

Ms. Candida Affa asked about the applications for Public Works, will Council be able to look over the applications.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that they conducted the interviews. He does not know what the prior practice has been. The administration will select a candidate and be presented to City Council.

Ms. Candida Affa stated didn't we have access to their resumes.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that when they bring forth the candidate, they will detail it in a memo the summary version of their resume with the salary when the administration ask them to confirm the candidate.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if it will be the resumes of that candidate or all the candidates.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated just the candidate that we will be bringing forward.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any other questions from the dais. She thanked Mayor Tuerk.

Controller's Report (3 minutes)

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that there are a bunch of Audit Reports listed on the Agenda. He commented on the most recent one that they released which is the review of the Stop/Loss compensation for the city's Stop/Loss Insurance. He stated that the city is self insured for medical insurance. The city pays dollar one for medical and prescriptions. What institutions do that are self insured is determine what amount of loss they can withstand and the go out and buy insurance for anything above that and the city's case we have about a \$250,000 limit and then we go after reinsurance on the amount above that. It allows us to budget with some confidence and about what our expenses would be and we know if we have an employee or an employees family member who is sick, really sick, we know that they will be taken care of and those bills will be paid. At some point, the Controller's office decided to take a look at these contracts and the compensation that our insurance consultant which is BSI was earning for them. BSI was hired under a contract at the end of 2017. They are a part of that proposal. They gave us a technical proposal and a cost proposal and the cost proposal listed how they were to be compensated. The major item is that they would be paid a commission of nine percent on the Stop/Loss Insurance. This is not an uncommon arrangement in the industry. Some groups will just go with a flat fee. Some would go hourly. BSI's was nine percent. Not unusual. We had a Stop/Loss Insurer called Sun Life for a number of years, they endured some of the years of the worse experience the city had and it

was felt that to re-up with them would have been exceptionally expensive. BSI went out and did some data analytics and felt that we were going to have some good years ahead us and they went out and did a great job for the city looking to get us the best deal. Their compensation is in their contract. When the Stop/Loss insurance went through the channels, it was for the premium only. At some point it was realized and that contract was amended. What caught the Controller's office interest was instead of amending it for a nine percent commission, it was amended for a \$17 per enrollee flat fee. They went back and looked at all the bills for 2021 and weighed them and found it was a \$42,000 difference not in our favor. They looked at the 2022 contract that now has \$19 per enrollee and found out year to date (January through March) about \$12,000. The city met with BSI and it is fair to say that they have a disagreement with them. The contract we have, is the contract we have and it needs to be honored.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that the Solicitor's office is performing an audit based on the evidence that was presented to us by BSI in our meeting. He disagrees quite a bit with what the City Controller just offered there. There is some fault on behalf of the previous administrations that we have to work to resolve. He had a conversation with the Solicitor a little earlier related to the original contract itself. There are some problems with the original contract. He would not agree that the city amended or the previous administrations amended that contract. The way that Stop/Loss insurance is purchased by our consultant resulted in a separate agreement that sets apart from our contract. That may have been presented to Council and Council approved those Contracts.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that the BSI Contract went to Council. The individual Contracts Insurance does not go to Council because the thinking being since they are not city solicitations, they don't need to come to Council.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that they constituted an amendment of the original Consultant's contract.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated that Mayor Tuerk is correct. BSI contract has never been amended. It was the Stop/Loss Contract that needed to be amended, but the amendment went way too far and impinged on the authority of the BSI Contract.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated needless to say the administration working in collaboration with the Solicitor's office is performing a review. We did send a letter to BSI based on the analysis that was performed by our Finance Department and upon further information provided by BSI. We are looking at a review. One thing that should be pointed out and expand on Controller Glazier offered is that BSI and the work that

they have done has saved this city a significant amount of money.in that 2022 Stop/Loss Contract.

Public Hearing: City Council will hold a Public Hearing on the re-zoning of property at S. 6th ST. and W. CUMBERLAND ST on May 18th at 6:15 PM.

Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Hendricks, Santos
The Committee met on April 27th at 5:30 PM and forwarded items for this evening.
The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 25th.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Gerlach, Siegel, Mota
The Committee met on April 27th; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Santos, Hendricks, Siegel
The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Affa, Gerlach, Santos
The Committee met this evening; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

Public Safety: Chair Hendricks, Zucal, Affa
The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for May 18th at 5:30 PM.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Hendricks
The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for May 18th at 6 PM.

Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair Mota, Zucal, Gerlach
The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; we are going to schedule a meeting to review the changes to council's rules.

[15-5051](#) Controller Reports

Attachments: [Medical Opt Out](#)
[BSI](#)
[Bank Rec Feb 26 to April 1](#)
[GCard Attachment](#)
[Gift Cards and Prizes Review](#)
[PCard Review Feb](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):[15-4976](#)

Bill 17

Providing for the vacation of Summit Street from the centerline of 31st Street SW to its Eastern Terminus in the Twelfth Ward of the City of Allentown:

Attachments: [Bill 17 Summit Street](#)

[Summit Staff Report](#)[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Summit Street from 31st Street to Termination Point at Brass Rail](#)[Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding Street Vacation - Summit Street from 31st Street o Termination Point at Brass Rail](#)[Summit Street from the centerline of 31st Street SW Labels](#)[Ordinance #15804](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was in the Public Works Committee Meeting and it was sent favorably 3 - 0 to City Council.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

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

Enactment No: 15804

[15-5002](#)

Bill 23

Amending the 2022 General Fund by transferring Sixty-Nine Thousand Fifty-Seven (\$69,057.00) Dollars from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund to the Capital Fund for the demolition of Irving Pool.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 23 PO Rollover Correction - IRVING POOL](#)

[Ordinance #15805](#)

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that it was forwarded out of the Budget and Finance Committee with a 3 - 0 vote.

Ms. Cynthia Mota thanked Mr. Siegel and asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

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

Enactment No: 15805

[15-5003](#)

Bill 24

Amending the 2022 General Fund budget to add one (1) Pension and

Financial Analyst position at a Paygrade 12N at an annual salary of Sixty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$64,733) and eliminate the Finance Operations Manager effective August 5, 2022 at an annual salary of Ninety-One Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Six (\$91,466) Dollars.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 24 Position](#)

[Job Description](#)

[Ordinance #15806](#)

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated that this was also forwarded favorably out of Budget and Finance with a vote of 3 - 0. This is to help with the internal administrative pensions to help make that process smoother for our retirees as they transition from workforce to retirement. He stated that Ms. Baraket will happy to answer any questions that Council may have.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

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

Enactment No: 15806

[15-5017](#)

Bill 26

Amending the 2022 Capital Projects Fund and the 2022 Trexler Fund to provide for a transfer of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars from the Trexler Fund Capital Contribution Account to Capital Project 2202 – WPA Structure Renovations to continue onto Phase 3 repair of the WPA wall in the Little Lehigh Parkway.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 26 Trexler Capital Transfer](#)

[Ordinance #15807](#)

Ms. Candida Affa stated that this was sent to the full Council by a 3 - 0 vote this evening.

Ms. Cynthia Mota thanked Ms. Affa and asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

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

Enactment No: 15807

[15-5019](#)

Bill 27

Amending the 2022 Stormwater Fund by transferring Three Million (\$

3,000,000) Dollars from the unappropriated balance of the ARPA Fund to the Capital Fund for Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 27 Stormwater Infrastructure](#)

[Ordinance #15808](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this was in the Public Works Committee and Mr. O'Neill stated that we have the money with no problem. It was voted on 3 - 0 favorably.

Ms. Cynthia Mota thanked Mr. Zucal and asked if there any questions from the dais or the public.

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

Enactment No: 15808

CONSENT AGENDA: NONE

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-5024](#)

R71

Certificates of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts:
1553 W. Turner Street, 347 N. 9th Street, 210 N. Howard Street, 619 Gordon Street, 334 N. 9th Street, 1444 Linden Street and 323 N. 9th Street.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R71 Resolution for COAs](#)

[Final Reviews May 4 - 7 Projects](#)

[Resolution #30430](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30430

[15-5034](#)

R72

Authorizes Submission of an Application for funding from
The Congresswoman Susan Wild Community Funding Project
In the amount of Nine Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty (\$992,960) Dollars for Lehigh and Union Streets Intersection Enhancement.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R72 LEHIGH & UNION INTERSECTION ENHANCEMENT GRANT](#)[Resolution #30431](#)

[Letter to Congresswoman Susan Wild on Resolutions #30431 Lehigh and Union Streets Intersection Enhancement and #30432 the Rehabilitation of Bogert's Covered Bridge](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota thanked Mr. Hanlon and asked if there were any questions from the dais.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked what do those enhancements include.

Mayor Matt Tuerk asked if Mark Shahda is on the line.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that this work consist of some intersection upgrades at the intersection of Lehigh and Union. The scope of the work will basically consist of some road widening at the intersection along with some new sidewalks, some new crosswalks and new traffic signals at that location.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Shahda.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the public.

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

Enactment No: 30431

[15-5035](#)**R73**

Authorizes Submission of an Application for funding from
The Congresswoman Susan Wild Community Funding Project
In the amount of Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000) Dollars for
The Rehabilitation of Bogert's Covered Bridge

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R73 BOGERTS BRIDGE GRANT](#)[Resolution #30432](#)

[Letter to Congresswoman Susan Wild on Resolutions #30431 Lehigh and Union Streets Intersection Enhancement and #30432 the Rehabilitation of Bogert's Covered Bridge](#)

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30432

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (To be referred to Committee with public comment prior to referral)[15-5029](#)

Bill 28

Providing for the vacation of Pine Street to the centerline of North Front Street to its East Terminus: Petitioner: Lehigh River Development Corp. II, LLC

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 28 Pine Street - Street Vacation](#)

[Pine Street Vacation Report](#)[Staff Report - Pine Street vacation](#)[ACPC Action - Pine Street](#)[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Pine Street from N. Front Street to the East](#)[Pine Street Labels](#)

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-5036](#)

Bill 29

Amending the Codified Ordinances, Part Two, General Legislation/Fees; Article Seven, Billing for Emergency Medical Services; Section 270-53 (B) Ambulance Service, by increasing the Special Event stand-by per hour fee (includes 2 Paramedics and 1 ambulance) from \$100 to \$160; and establishing a Special Event stand-by (per hour) for 1 Paramedic and 1 ambulance) at \$96 to recoup the cost of the services provided. .

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 29 EMS Standby Fees](#)

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

[15-5037](#)

Bill 30

Amending the 2022 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Thirty Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars and Eighty-Nine Cents (\$30,292.89) as a transfer of funds from Capital Project 1228 – Paper Recycling Transfer Facility to the Recycling and Solid Waste Fund, closing the Paper Recycling Transfer Facility Capital Project and re-purposing the funds by placing them in accounts to cover costs for crack sealing, seal coating, line painting and paving at the Drop Off Center and Yard Waste Site; to provide additional costs (\$8,000 price increase) for the conveyor on the cardboard baler being purchased this year and to provide for the purchase of rolling carts for the drop off center to alleviate lifting and

making it safer for the employees.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 30 Capital Project](#)

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

[15-5045](#)

Bill 31 Refer to Budget and Finance

Amending the 2022 ARPA Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of One Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$1,500,000) Dollars to Coca Cola Park for COVID-19 Safety Improvements.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 31 ARPA - COCA COLA PARK](#)

Mayor Matt Tuerk asked for Bill 31 to be withdrawn from the Agenda. Through consultation with the cabinet, they felt it was more appropriate to get an ARPA Project like this be submitted after they get the application process for all of the projects. The administration will be referring this project after they had an opportunity to appropriately promote the available finances.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she thinks it would be a great idea. Everyone should have a chance to come forward. She asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

Bill 31 was withdrawn.

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

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that Johnny turned 17 and wanted to drive his dad's car so his dad said well, you need to bring your grades up a little bit, read the Bible, and get your hair cut. About a month goes by, Johnny said dad my grades came up. Yeah, they did. He stated that he has been reading the Bible. His dad said yes, you did, but you still haven't gotten your hair cut. His son said well, in the Bible Moses had long hair, Sampson had long hair and even Jesus had long hair. His father said yeah, they walked everywhere too.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that Mr. Zucal did bring up grades. He stated that he wanted to encourage everyone that recently he attended the Partnership

Summit held by the Allentown School District in collaboration with the Allentown Chamber of Commerce which Dr. Stanford released an Entry Plan Report that includes a four point plan for improving outcomes at the Allentown School District. These are available from the school district in print or on the school district's website. He encouraged Council to read and understand this Report and think about how you can support the Allentown School District. It is the linchpin for the this entire region. If this Allentown School District is not doing well, not only does the city of Allentown not do well, but the entire region suffers. Finding ways to support the needs of the School District and changing the culture of the district, ensuring positive outcomes for our students, improving governance at the district to improving the financial performance at the district. Find out where you can help them.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated well said Mr. Mayor. Thank you so much.

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