

ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 29 - 2026

APRIL 1, 2026

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2026 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Five Million Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$5,050,000.00) to fund the approved Public Works capital projects as part of the 2026 Capital borrowing.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That the City Council authorizes an increase to the 2026 Capital Fund in the amount of Five Million Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$5,050,000.00) as follows:

Bridge Repairs (1803)

001-03-1803-1426-50046	Contract/Services Fee	\$ 250,000.00
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Salt Shed Replacement (2051)

001-03-2051-1426-50046	Contract/Services Fee	\$ 800,000.00
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City Owned Building Repair (2041)

001-03-2041-1426-50046	Contract/Services Fee	\$ 1,000,000.00
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001-03-2041-1426-50042	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 3,000,000.00
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SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance takes effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Legislative Template

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

Public Works

- Summary and facts of the bill.

As part of the approved capital projects for Public Works, the ordinance is required to appropriate the funding for the following projects:

- 1) Canal Park Bridge: The funding being appropriated is to complete the redesign of the Canal Park Bridge due to its poor condition with serious structural deficiencies that make it unsafe for continued use. It currently has a narrow width, load restrictions, and deteriorating components that no longer meet current safety or traffic standards. Replacing the bridge is necessary to ensure public safety, maintain access to Canal Park, and support long-term infrastructure reliability.
 - 2) Replacement of the Salt Shed: The funding being appropriated is to replace the existing salt shed at the Bureau of Streets that is currently in a state of disrepair and requires a full redesign and reconstruction. Additionally, we are doubling the capacity to allow for a larger stockpile of salt.
 - 3) Roof replacements: The funding being appropriated is to replace the roof at Central Fire Station and Bridgeworks. Both roofs are past the end of their life and actively leaking, causing significant internal damage. Additionally, per our Risk and Safety Manager, the insurance company is unwilling to insure the roof at bridgeworks because of its current condition and active leaks coming into the building.
 - 4) HVAC Upgrades/VAV Project: The funding being appropriated is essential for City Hall to heat and cool the building properly. This project goes hand in hand with the air handler project and boiler project that have been completed. This part of the system heats/cools and provides proper dehumidification for the building which is considered a health and safety issue if not operating properly. With this project, we will be able to regulate the temperature on each floor of city hall more efficiently.
- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

The total cost of this project is as follows:

- 1) Canal Park Bridge: \$250,000 (For the design), anticipated cost of reconstruction in 2028 is \$4,500,000.
- 2) Salt Shed Replacement: \$800,000
- 3) Roof Replacements: \$1,000,000
- 4) HVAC/VAV Project: \$3,000,000