



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

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

Courtesy of the Floor

Please observe the Rules of Council when given privilege of the floor. A copy of the Council Rules can be found on the council agenda on the website.

If you would like to speak, we are asking that you fill out a card – they are on the back table provide them to the clerk before speaking. Include your name and address.

When speakers have the privilege of the floor, personal insults, attacks, name calling or other behavior that is inconsistent with the purpose of conducting official business will not be tolerated.

Courtesy of the Floor is meant to provide public comments on items that are not on the agenda. Public comment during consideration of ordinances, resolutions and motions are limited by topic – your comments must be relevant to the subject matter of the proposed legislation. Public comments are taken before council votes on legislation.

You are given the privilege of the floor to provide public comment, it is not a question and answer session. State your position clearly and concisely for our consideration. If you speak on behalf of yourself, you have three minutes and if you are speaking on behalf of a group that has several members present, you will be given five minutes in place of everyone coming to the podium.

Please address the Council President not individual councilpersons or city staff. Refrain from insulting or defaming staff, officials, and the public; refrain from using offensive language, cursing, and making noises while other people are speaking.

Please be aware that comments and/or behavior in violation of these rules will result in a forfeiture of all remaining time and you will be asked to return to your seat.

Mr. Quinn Allen, Allentown, stated good evening once again. He stated that he had someone come up to him a week or two ago about an issue with the APA. He stated that he saw some pictures to where there was one car and stated no, there were two different cars in the same exact area, parked very similarly, but one person got ticketed and the other one didn't. He stated that has got to stop and of course, he sees some videos where there are people doing overnight patrolling and he thought that they put a stop to that last year which was actually addressed at the mayor's debate and stated thank you. He stated that he would like to know everything that is going on with the APA and the public because things are not adding up. He stated that he is going to be taking a deeper look into the APA to see

what the policies are as far as the payments of these tickets as well. He stated if you are violating the 8th Amendment, he is going to come back and will have a nice little chat and stated thank you.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Allen.

Ms. Marilyn Mercado, 116 Church Street, Apartment 4, Catasauqua, stated that she works at the Lehigh County Government Employment Center in Allentown. She is working right now in Harrisburg. She stated that she wants to give a brief explanation on how unemployment works. She is listening to people saying unemployment was a different way and she is a little disgusting. She stated that she works for the Employment Service Center for 23 years and is still working there. She stated that she knows the system very well. She just wants to make sure that it is understood. It is a complicated system. She stated that if anybody has any questions, she is here to answer questions. She stated that the system is built for anybody that is unemployed of no fault of their own. They can get unemployment benefits right away. If there is any separation other than no fault of their own, they need to investigate. She stated by investigating means they need to contact the employer, they need to contact the claimant and conduct that investigation and provide due process to the claimant and to the employer and make a bias determination to the complaint and to the employer. If either party is not satisfied with the determination made, they have the right to appeal. She stated that is how unemployment works. They do not listen to the employer and the employer does not tell them how to rule. She stated nobody tells them what to do. They rule under the unemployment law. She stated either PA or federal law. She stated that if it is a natural disaster claim. She stated those are the Rules. She stated what she is hearing is kind of just very unsatisfying because they work very hard to get those claims processed. She stated that if anybody wants to contact them, there are plenty of ways. She stated that right now with the new system, they added besides the calling the regular number, they added chat, they added email, and they also have legislative requests. She stated that if anybody is not satisfied because they can't get through the system, they can go to the legislator and send a legislative request and it will be processed. She stated like she said she is just a little disgusted listening to people say that. She stated that it is easy to say this is what Unemployment is doing because they are not satisfied with the outcome. She stated don't point the finger at us.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Mercado and stated go ahead Mr. Zucal.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked Ms. Mercado you make a bias decision.

Ms. Marilyn Mercado stated yes, we do. It is a bias decision.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated bias or unbiased.

Ms. Marilyn Mercado stated that she is sorry. It is a fair decision with due process.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated ok, alright.

Ms. Marilyn Mercado stated she is sorry, sorry.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he knows someone is going through that and that is why he is asking that question.

Ms. Marilyn Mercado stated that she is sorry, ok.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated hold on.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that is ok.

Ms. Marilyn Mercado stated sorry she walked away.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that is ok. He stated that she was looking at him the whole time and asked is there something.

Ms. Marilyn Mercado stated no, no, no.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that you are ok. You are off the hook.

Ms. Marilyn Mercado stated that she gets stage fright. She stated that she just focus on something like the flag or something. That is what it is.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Mercado for advising them of that. It is good to know what you do and what you offer out there and now, a lot more people know it.

Ms. Marilyn Mercado stated that she didn't pick on him.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Mercado. He asked if there is anybody else, Mr. Hanlon.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated it looks like Hollis Williams.

Mr. Hollis Williams, 2854 Arcadia Avenue, stated that most knows him as Honcho and is the founder of a local company called Elevation Demo right here in Allentown. he stated that he is here today not just for himself, but on

behalf of many small business owners in the city who works hard to operate with integrity and who depends on the city to operate with integrity too. He stated that the problem August 27, 2024, he submitted a complete application for a business license. He stated that his license was not approved until the following year of February 10, 2025. He stated the reason, backlog that he was told at the time. He stated during this delay, he was not legally allowed to operate. He waited patiently. He stated that he followed the Rules, but the city still chose to charge him interest on the Business Privilege Tax as if he was approved and operating at the time. He stated that is not just a clerical error, it is financial damaging. It is ethically unfair and it sets dangerous precedents. He stated that you cannot delay a licensed, hold someone back from earning a living and then penalize them for not earning it. He stated that is unjust enrichment and it hurts entrepreneurs, especially those trying to build honest community focused business. He stated why the unjust, the situation raises serious concerns about fair treatment due process administration accountability. He was prevented from legally operating, yet penalized financially for a period when he had no city approval to generate revenue. The city delayed directly contribute to his ability to conduct business while interest charges were incurring on tax time to active operations. He stated that this feels like an act of unjust enrichment by the city and disregards to local taxpayers Bill of Rights which guarantees fair notice and pure rights.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated our Finance Director is here tonight and asked has he spoke to anybody in their office. In the tax office.

Mr. Hollis Williams stated that he was here today.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated if she could please respond.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated oh, yes.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that she stated she spent part of the afternoon trying to figure out what was going on for Mr. Williams. She commended Mr. Williams for coming here. He has never had to come before Council before. She stated that he shouldn't had to come to Council tonight. A small group of Business Privilege License Applications apparently got stuck in an Intergov glitch that weren't seen. She stated when they were not seen, they kind of hung in a variance there. The glitch has been identified. The glitch has been remedied, the process is moving. He was one of those Business Privilege Licenses that was stuck. She stated that if you look in the system and you see kind of what happens with the system electronically, what she believes happened to him and she is still investigating is that his Business Privilege and stated well, first of all when the staff recognized that he was stuck, they took the fee that he paid in

2024 and gave him a 2025 license and applied that fee and said now, you are good to go and you can operate your business.

Mr. Hollis Williams stated excuse me, stating he did not find that out until today.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated right, he didn't find that out until today.

Mr. Hollis Williams stated that he was charged a billed, again twice.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that the second part of it is that his Business Privilege Tax Bill was sent out which is based on your income of the year before. She stated that he didn't fill out the Zoning Survey for the Business License or the Business Privilege Form. She stated of course, he got the auto generated you are going to get a seven percent fee because you didn't pay your Business Privilege. She stated that is an automatic computer generated to a business. She stated to make a long story short, although he denied doing any business, the system flag building permits that he pulled which implied that he did business in the city.

Mr. Hollis Williams stated that it was never complete.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that it was never complete, but it was still a job that you pulled a permit and that flagged the system to say work was done in the city. She stated that what she would like to do is sit down with Mr. Williams, hopefully tomorrow or at his convenience. He stated that his tax return receipts would show the Finance Department that he did no business in the city and those fees will all go away and they will issue him as he wants in writing a huge apology for the fact that he was stuck in the system. She stated that unfortunately, it feels awful because you have the Finance Department, the Zoning Department, the Business Development and Tax. She stated everybody is contacting you because the system is saying you have an open file. She stated that they learned a lot about this computer glitch. It has been solved. The other people stuck in the system have been handled in the same way, but many of them did business in the city without a business license and do have to pay business privilege tax. She stated that is left to be seen by the tax return. She stated that it took a while to figure out all of that out and he was here today. She stated that they staff was all working on this and gave her the Report right before the meeting.

Mr. Hollis Williams asked can he say one more thing about his business. He stated that they are about building young men and restoring second chances and giving back. He stated that if anybody that follows him on Facebook would know that.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that he does, he does.

Mr. Hollis Williams stated that he is active in this community. He donates to certain charities and does certain things.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that is totally on you, but he is certain that they are going to get it resolved and it will be resolved in your favor.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that she promises that she will personally work with Mr. Williams to resolve it. She stated that he has her card and her cell.

Mr. Hollis Williams stated thank you.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked is there anyone else.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that is all he has.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok, and stated that they will move on to Contract approvals.

Contract Approvals:The general idea for approving contracts is that the council acknowledges that proper procurement procedures were followed pursuant to the city code. Ask the Clerk to read the resolution. After staff explains the process, ask for comments from the dais and the public before a vote.

[15-7756](#)

R66

Authorization for Contract with Michael Baker International, Inc. in the amount of \$161,037.03 to conduct a study to provide a condition assessment and analysis of all signalized intersections as it relates to the existing traffic signal features and overhead sign structure poles currently maintained by the City. Three (3) proposals were received; however, two (2) proposals were rejected. Contract shall be for one (1) year with two (2) additional one (1) year renewal terms beyond the contract expiration period.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R66 - Michael Baker](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that she does and thanked him. She stated that this was done as RFP #2025-12 Signalized Intersection Assessment. She stated that it was advertised on Public Purchase on April 7, 2025. It was a public bid opening on May 5, 2025. The city received three proposals. Two of the proposals were rejected because they included cost in their Technical Proposal. An evaluation team consisting of five members

conducted both Technical and Cost Evaluations. They were evaluated based on their IBE preference qualifications, research plans, timeline requirements and costs. She stated after evaluating the proposal, the Evaluation Committee did not feel that Orals Presentations were necessary and they are recommending an award to Michael Baker.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated thank you very much. He asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or any comments from the public.

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

Enactment No: 31060

[15-7757](#)

R67

Authorization for Contract with Construction Master Services, LLC. in the amount of \$332,925.00 to secure a Contractor to construct/reconstruct curbs, sidewalks, and drive aprons deemed as hazardous by the City, remove and dispose of sidewalk and/or concrete curb, located within the City limits, along with incidental work as may be authorized and required by the Contract Administrator. Two (2) bids were received. Contract shall commence upon full execution and shall cease three (3) months thereafter. This contract can be extended for two (2) additional one (1) month terms beyond the contract expiration period.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R67 - Construction Masters Services, LLC.](#)

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that it was done as Bid #2025-20 Miscellaneous Curb and Sidewalk Replacement. She stated that it was advertised on Public Purchase on April 22, 2025. It was a public bid opening on May 20th. The city received two bids and department is recommending awards to the lowest bidder.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Baraket and asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

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

Enactment No: 31061

[15-7758](#)

R68

Authorization for Contract with Baseline Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$292,825.00 to secure a Contractor to construct/reconstruct ADA Ramps in accordance with the Americans with Disability Act and remove and dispose of sidewalk and/or concrete curb, located within the City limits,

along with incidental work as may be authorized and required by the Contract Administrator. Three (3) bids were received. Contract shall commence upon full execution and shall cease on December 15, 2025. This contract will not have any extensions as the funding runs out at the end of 2025.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R68 - Baseline Contracting Inc.](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated thank you.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that this was done as Bid #2025-19 CDBG ADA Pedestrian Ramps. It was advertised on Public Purchase on April 22, 2025. There was a public bid opening on May 20, 2025. The city received three bids and recommending awards to the lowest bidder.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Baraket. He asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he just has one quick question. Why are we using two different construction companies. Why can't the first construction company do both of these? He stated that it has to do with curb and sidewalk repair and replacement and asked is he right, Mr Shahda.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated yes. What was done was a separate bid and they specialize in different things so the contracts for curb and sidewalks.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that they can bid on both if they wanted to deny both, they can do that.

Mr. Ed Zucal thanked Ms. Baraket.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Baraket and asked anybody else. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

Enactment No: 31062

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

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

Enactment No: 31062

Minutes of Previous Meeting

[15-7765](#)

May 21, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

Sponsors: System

Attachments: [May 21, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

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

Communications: If you parked in the city lot next to City Hall, please see the City Clerk for a voucher.

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Old Business: NONE

REPORTS

Public Hearing - A Public Hearing is scheduled for June 18th at 6 PM on Bill 16.

RE: Bill No. 16 - 2025 Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance (Community Center)

Bill 16 - An Ordinance amending Section 660-6 to remove the limitation on the preparation and provision of meals meant for only senior citizens within the community center definition.

Budget and Finance: Chair Napoli, Santos, Gerlach

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

Community and Economic Development, Chair Mota, Hendricks, Napoli

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for June 11th at 6 PM to discuss the two resolutions - HARB denials being introduced this evening, Bill 47, a request from Cedar Crest College to Rezone 2851-2865 College Drive from Low Density Residential (R-L) to Institutional-Governmental (I-G) and to receive an update on the departments Business Development strategies.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Santos, Napoli, Hendricks

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting. There are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Gerlach, Santos, Affa

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

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Zucal, Mota

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting. There are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Gerlach, Affa

The Committee met this evening; the next meeting is scheduled for June 18th at 5:45 PM to consider the two bills being introduced this evening.

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

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; no meetings are currently scheduled.

Controller's Report

The Controller has submitted reports on bank reconciliation for the month end date: 02/28/202 and a review of Fellowship contracts.

Mr. Jeffrey Glazier stated thank you, Mr. President. He stated no Report this evening, but very briefly as everyone knows they are switching over to the Munis System and making adjustments to that in the Controller's office. He stated that they have been reviewing the checks every week, but they have not done P-Cards since the 15th of March. He stated well, this week they started reviewing P-Cards, the first group will be from the 16th of March until the end of March and then they will get back into their monthly routine. He really wants to say that this is a different process than Eden and he and Jacqui greatly appreciate the help and support they have gotten from Purchasing and from Finance and from Treasury to answering our questions. Sometimes the same question multiple times and it will be phrased in different ways and they know they are going to come down the learning curve on this so keep your eyes open for the P-Card Reports. He stated that once again, they certainly appreciate the support they gotten from Finance, Treasury and Purchasing. Thank you.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated thank you, sir.

The mayor has not submitted anything for the agenda.

[15-7785](#) Controller's Reports

Attachments: [Bank Reconciliation](#)
[Fellowship Contracts.pdf](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-7711](#) Bill 46
AN ORDINANCE: Repealing and Replacing Chapter 27 DISCRIMINATION AND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION with updated provisions expanding protected classes and prohibitions and establishing various other regulations.

Sponsors: Affa, Gerlach, Hendricks, Mota, Napoli, Santos and Mr. Zucal

Attachments: [Bill 46 HRC.docx](#)
[Lehigh County DHR.pdf](#)
[City DHR Provisionsn.docx](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok, Ms. Gerlach.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she would like to make an amendment to the ordinance which includes four house cleaning changes and asked Mr. Hanlon is that something you will read or something.

Mr. Michael Hanlon asked do you want me to read them.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated sure. She is not sure if everyone read them since it was the last minute addition.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that they are included in your Agenda packet and it is House Cleaning Changes: 406, Public Hearing 3, be amended to read as follows; 3. At the public hearing, the case in support of the complaint shall be presented by the Commission if the complaint has been filed by the Commission, or by the Complainant or their attorney, if they are represented. Both the Complainant and the Respondent may appear at the hearing with or without counsel and testify. In addition, both the Complainant and the Respondent may introduce the testimony of witnesses and may submit documentary evidence. The Commission and the parties shall not be bound by the strict rules of evidence at the hearing. The testimony shall be taken under oath and shall be recorded. Human Relations Commission, D and L, change to read as follows:

1. The Commission is hereby vested with the authority to administer and enforce the City of Allentown Human Relations Ordinance and shall be given sufficient administrative and legal support from the City to carry out its powers and duties.

2. Should the City of Allentown be designated as a respondent in a complaint of discrimination, the Commission may retain outside legal counsel to handle such complaint in its entirety on behalf of the Commission. Outside legal counsel shall be required to agree to all the City's standard terms and conditions, including insurance requirements. Notice of the engagement shall be provided to the Board of Commissioners in writing.

There are two sections that appear to be holdovers of the County ordinance and inapplicable to the City. I don't see any reason they need to remain.

Conflict of Laws - Remove 4 and A - county holdovers.

Where a provision of this Ordinance is found to be in conflict with a provision of any other ordinance of the County, or any regulation issued under the authority of such ordinance, the provisions which establish the higher standard for the protection of health, safety and welfare shall prevail. The Commission, acting with the advice of legal counsel, shall make a determination on all ordinance conflicts related to this Ordinance.

4. The City of Allentown Administrative Code is hereby amended to add the following new sections 704 and 705: HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION A. The Allentown Human Relations Commission was established pursuant to 43 P.S. §962.1 of the Pennsylvania Human

Relations Act, by Ordinance No. 2024 - , and may be referred to as the "City of Allentown Human Relations Commission" or the "Commission"

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated any other comments or questions from his colleagues.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that he will second it.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated a second made by and stated ok.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated ok. Do you want to vote on the amendments?

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated on the amendment.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated yeah we do. That's why it was.

Attorney Maria Montero stated that there is an opportunity for public comment after the amendments have been made if anyone is interested.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated please do.

Attorney Maria Montero stated so after.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated yes. He will make certain to call.

Female Audience Member (No Name Given) stated that the question was what exactly being changed. There was a lot of conversation and it is not clear to them.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated so Mr. Hanlon had read, but it was a lot. She stated so what's being removed is county language since this was borrowed from the county. She stated where it says conflict of laws to remove 4 and A, county holdovers and stated that is why because we are the city. She stated that she would welcome any other questions, if someone else has read through this and has a level of skepticism because she is always skeptical, but from just reading through, it does appear to be just house cleaning changes. She stated that if she is wrong, please someone out there make sure that we know that it is more than that. She stated but, from what she is reading it is not anything like nefarious and not trying to weaken the Commission or anything.

Female Audience Member (No Name Given) stated it was just clarity.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated oh no, she is.

Female Audience Member (No Name Given) asked are both deletions house cleaning and asked is that what you are saying.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked do you want to come up to speak.

Ms. Carmen Bell, W. Walnut Street, stated that Ms. Gerlach said that there were two deletions and just what to be clear that both deletions are because of county language. She stated she is just asking for clarity here. That's all. Thanks.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Bell. He asked anybody else from the public.

The audience stated that you did not answer the question.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that he does not want to put the Solicitor on the spot, but Adam can explain it.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked can someone do it. She stated can Adam or someone. Can a lawyer talk?

Attorney Adam Rosenthal stated the two deleted sections, one is a random Number 4 and that is adding Administrative Code, Section 704 and 705, Code 660. He stated that they are county numbers that they added in and the other one is that the Human Relations Commission was established pursuant to Ordinance #2024- and a blank which is not anything related to anything we do here. He stated additional county language.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated so those will be excluded and will not apply to this law.

Attorney Adam Rosenthal stated it is remnants from the county ordinance.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated and you are fine with that.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she is fine and glad people asked because there is always a healthy level of concern.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated certainly and stated ok. He stated now he will ask Council's Solicitor if she wants to speak to it.

Attorney Maria Montero stated oh, yes thank you. She stated that this ordinance is very similar to the county's which was already passed. The county's ordinance really is the law of the land and what they are doing is right now going before Council it is an updated Ordinance. She stated that

they just had an opportunity to hear from Liz Bradbury who spoke about when the Allentown Human Relations Ordinance went into effect. It was 61 years ago, in 1964 and she knows Ms. Bradbury had an opportunity to speak, but they are aligning and updating our current ordinance. She stated that if you look at the language of the Lehigh County ordinance and you compare it to what it is now in the Allentown Ordinance, there is a Section under 14, under Discrimination - Section G and this is the addition that the Allentown Ordinance includes. It is illegal to discriminate or harass a person in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodation, education, or healthcare based on their natural hair or hairstyle. She stated as long as the natural hair or hairstyle poses no danger nor impedes job performance and that is the addition to the Allentown Ordinance. She stated that it is an added protection.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated and you see no issues with that.

Attorney Maria Montero stated no.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok, thank you for your comments. Thank you all for your comments and those explanations.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated on the amendment.

Attorney Maria Montero stated for the amendment.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok and stated that he will move on to the Bill itself. He stated that those were the amendments and they were fully passed and accepted and now they will be dealing with the Bill itself. He asked if there were any further comments. He asked if there was anything from the dais.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that the last thing is that she just wants to thank everyone for signing on. Whenever she introduces something she is never quite sure who is going to sign on so and it is great to see everyone signed on to this. It is definitely during times like these where we need local leaders to make sure that regardless of what is happening elsewhere, that locally things are strong and put together and residents can count on their local government. Regardless of everything that is happening. She stated that she thinks that is what they are doing tonight. She stated thank you everyone for showing that leadership.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok. Thank you. He asked if there were any other further comments from the public.

A motion was made by Ce-Ce Gerlach, seconded by Santo Napoli, that this Bill be amended with Changes: 406, Public Hearing 3, be amended to read as follows; 3. At the public hearing, the case in support of the complaint shall be

presented by the Commission if the complaint has been filed by the Commission, or by the Complainant or their attorney, if they are represented. Both the Complainant and the Respondent may appear at the hearing with or without counsel and testify. In addition, both the Complainant and the Respondent may introduce the testimony of witnesses and may submit documentary evidence. The Commission and the parties shall not be bound by the strict rules of evidence at the hearing. The testimony shall be taken under oath and shall be recorded.

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

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

15-7742

Bill 48

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of One million Six Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars and Eighty-Nine Cents (\$1,698,288.89) from various Capital Projects to Capital Project 2035 – American Parkway Traffic Signal Improvements to complete the construction of installing traffic adaptive system along American Parkway/Basin Street from Susquehanna Street to Airport Road. This Ordinance is amending the previously approved Ordinance No. 16114 to correct the account strings.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 48- Transfer American Pkwy GLG](#)

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Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that is right. He stated that it was up for a vote and was in your committee tonight.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated yes an it was sent favorably.

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

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

Enactment No: 16138

[15-7744](#)

Bill 49

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Three Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$384,000.00) to a newly created capital account and Ninety-Six Thousand Dollars (\$96,000.00) from the unappropriated balance as a grant match for the Demonstration project. These upgrades are low-cost temporary safety improvement projects that will include installing speed cushions, roundabouts, and line painting at key locations throughout the City. The City was awarded a Safe Streets and Roads for All Demonstration Grant and also includes the City's match portion.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 49 - SS4A Demonstration Grant](#)

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that this was in Public Works this evening.

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Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok, this was also in your committee tonight, Mr. Zucal.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that it was also sent favorably.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it also moved forward favorably to the full Council. He asked if there were any other comments or questions from his colleagues. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

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

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

Enactment No: 16139

CONSENT AGENDA: The Consent Agenda is for items that are considered ‘no brainers’ – no need to have the administration explain anything the objective is to vote on all the resolutions at one time if there are no issues. The President asks if there is any request to remove any item from the Consent Agenda. If not, the clerk will read the titles of the resolutions. The President will ask for public comments, prior to council voting on the bundle.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that they have two items on the Consent Agenda. He stated these are Certificate of Appropriateness for work in the Historic District at 202 N 8th Street, 1548 Chew Street, and 419 N 9th Street. He stated and R70 which is a Sewage Planning Module at Republic Services and it just indicates that it is sewage capacity for the project at 402 Basin Street.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated ok, does anybody have any questions with these being on the Agenda. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

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

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

[15-7759](#)

R69

Certificate of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts:

- 202 N 8th St. • 1548 Chew St.
- 419 N 9th St.

Attachments: [R 69 Approval-HARB Resolution.doc](#)

[FINAL Review 202 N 8th St Replace Door.pdf](#)

[FINAL Review 419 N 9th St Windows.pdf](#)

[FINAL Review 1548 Chew Roof Replacement.pdf](#)

Enactment No: 31063

[15-7753](#)

R70

Sewage Planning Module at Republic Services - 402 Basin Street

Sponsors: Administration**Attachments:** [R70 - Basin Street Sewage Planning Module.doc](#)[402 Basin St Planning Module.pdf](#)[402 Basin St Completeness Checklist.pdf](#)[402 Basin St Planning Module.pdf](#)

Enactment No: 31064

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):[15-7763](#)

R71

Authorizes the Administration to receive the ACIDA Real Property located at 602 S 10th Street.

Sponsors: Administration**Attachments:** [R71 - AEDC Property Donation](#)[Exhibits \(002\)](#)

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

This Resolution was approved.**Yes:** 7 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Ed Zucal, Natalie Santos, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa, and Santo Napoli

Enactment No: 31065

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (To be referred to Committee with public comment prior to referral) (To be Voted On): The Clerk reads the bill. The Chair of the committee gives a report or recommendation on the bill, comments are taken from the administration, if need be, the dais, and the public before a vote is taken.

[15-7761](#)

Bill 50 Refer to Parks and Recreation

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) from the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to support the rehabilitation of Bogert's Bridge.

Sponsors: Administration**Attachments:** [Bill 50 Bogert's Bridge RACP Allocation](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there are any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

[15-7762](#)

Bill 51 Refer to Public Works

Amending the 2025 General Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) from the Equipment Fund into the Fleet Maintenance budget to account for repairs on city equipment that exceeded the original budget amount. These unexpected repairs include fire equipment, paving equipment, and tub grinder equipment.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 51 Transfer Equipment Fund to Fleet Budget](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and asked if there were any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[15-7764](#)

Bill 52 Refer to Public Works

Amending Article 507 (Traffic Control Maps) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Allentown. The Administration is authorized to establish and evaluate traffic regulations for a temporary period not to exceed 90 days. This legislation makes the temporary changes permanent.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 52 - Traffic Control Map Amendment](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. Hanlon and asked if there were any comments from the public.

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION (Can be voted on or Referred to Committee):[15-7760](#)

R72

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 1550 Chew Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R72 1550 Chew St - HARB DENIED.doc](#)

[FINAL Review 1550 Chew Roof Replacement.pdf](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this will go to your committee, Ms. Mota.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated thank you Mr. President.

[15-7781](#)

R73

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 945 Turner Street

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R73 945 Turner St-HARB DENIED Resolution DRAFT .doc](#)

[FINAL Review 945 Turner Chimney Repair Legalization.docx](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated thank you and likewise, this will go to your committee, Ms. Mota.

Dr. Cynthia Mota stated thank you, Mr. President.

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE

ADJOURNED: 7:06 PM