

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO.66 - 2025

JULY 23, 2025

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Two Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,750,000.00) to a newly created Capital Account to complete the Center Square Project at 7th & Hamilton as part of the Public Improvement Project in accordance with ANIZDA guidelines. The City entered into a Reimbursable Agreement with PennDOT for up to \$2,500,000 for the improvements at 7th & Hamilton Street and 7th & Linden Street to include new traffic signals, paving, and pavement markings. The City's match is Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) for inspection fees and construction oversight. The City will be reimbursed up to Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) from PennDOT through discretionary funding for this project.

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

SECTION ONE: That the City Council authorizes an increase to the unappropriated balance of the 2025 Capital Fund in the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) reflecting receipt of monies from PennDOT in the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) as follows:

001-00-0000-0000-47144	State Aid	\$2,500,000.00
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SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes supplemental appropriation to the Capital Fund Public Works Department budget as follows:

Center Square Project		
001-03-2040-1025-50076	Construction Contracts	\$2,500,000.00

SECTION THREE: That City Council authorizes a transfer of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars and Thirty-Four Cents (\$150,858.34) from the unappropriated balance of the Capital Fund to the Capital Fund in the Public Works Department budget as follows:

Increase - Center Square Project		
001-03-2040-1225-50046	Contract/Services Fee	\$150,858.34

SECTION FOUR: That City Council authorizes a transfer of Ninety-Nine Thousand, One Hundred forty-one Dollars and Sixty-Six Cents (\$99,141.66) from the Wayfinding Installation Capital Account to the Center Square Project as follows:

FROM

Wayfinding Installations

001-03-2045-1411-50046	Contract/Services Fee	\$84,542.76
001-03-2045-1412-50046	Contract/Services Fee	\$1,243.64
001-03-2045-1415-50046	Contract/Services Fee	<u>\$13,355.26</u>
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TO**Center Square Project**

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SECTION FIVE: That this Ordinance takes effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION SIX: 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?

Public Works Department

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The City of Allentown is undertaking a Public Improvement Project in accordance with ANIZDA guidelines for the Center Square project at 7th and Hamilton Street. The improvements include roadway improvements to 7th Street, which is a state highway. PennDOT and the City have entered into a reimbursement agreement for up to \$2,500,000 of discretionary funding. As a reimbursement, the City must allocate \$2,500,000 for the project to go out for bids. The scope of the reimbursable roadway improvements includes reconfiguration of the intersection of 7th Street and Hamilton Street and improvements at 7th and Linden Street such as new traffic signals, paving of the street, and pavement markings.

A supplemental appropriation of \$250,000 is being requested by the administration for the non-reimbursable expenses including PennDOT inspection fees, construction oversight, and administration services to ensure the project construction operations, materials, and documentation meets the requirements of the project specifications and reimbursement eligibility.

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. What does the bill do? What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

This bill will allocate the funding for the Center Square Project at 7th & Hamilton Street to allow the City to put the project out to bid. The upgrades include reconfiguration of the intersection of 7th and Hamilton Street and 7th and Linden Street.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this? What are the drawbacks?

The redesign of Center Square includes new traffic signals, paving, and roadway markings and will be reimbursed once the project is completed. There are no drawbacks.

- c. How does this bill relate to the City's vision/mission/priorities?

The project aligns with broader community and development goals, seeking to provide a safer, more accessible environment for all road users and to support efficient public transit.

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

The reimbursement agreement the City entered with PennDOT using discretionary funding of up to \$2,500,000 will be reimbursed when the project is complete. The \$250,000 is non-reimbursable and includes the inspection fees and construction oversight to ensure project

construction operations, materials, and documentation meets the requirements of project specifications and reimbursement eligibility.

b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

The Public Improvement Project in accordance with ANIZDA is primarily funded by discretionary funding and will be reimbursed to the City once the project is completed.

- Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. If transferring funds, please make sure to give specific account names and numbers. If appropriating funds from a grant, please list the agency awarding the grant.

Center Square Project

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- Priority status – Are there any deadlines to be aware of?

n/a

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

This bill will promote safety and infrastructure upgrades at this heavily traveled roadway.