



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Invocation:

Proclamation to honor and pay tribute to Retired Assistant Chief Harold Boyer.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that from the very moment he met Chief Boyer he had respect for him. He takes everyone at face value. When he met Mr. Boyer, he had a smile that you never forgot. He always had that smile and it made him who was. He was one of the nicest people he ever met.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that his son Mark is here and Mark Boyer also served on the Police Department and retired, served with distinction and was a great role model for the community.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach thanked her colleagues for honoring Mr. Boyer. She stated that she did not know him in the same capacity, but knows when someone is a trailblazer. The community deserves to pay homage to people who paved the way for some of us to be on City Council, for people to be Superintendents of school districts, teachers, and to be officers. If it wasn't for Mr. Boyer, none of that would have happened. She thanked Mr. Boyer's family. In the 60s as a Black man in the United States it wasn't to easy. She thanked his family for being there with him and to encourage him despite the odds.

Ms. Cynthia Mota thanked Mr. Boyer's family for paving the way. The first, wow, amazing. She stated that it is sad that she did not get a chance of meeting him. Reading his resume and seeing what he did for Community Policing for very impressive.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that her story with Mr. Boyer was on the Golf Course. He demanded that she played on the same team as her because she was beating him. He made her laugh and was warm.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that Chief Boyer was a legend here and a well respected man. A trailblazer. He stated that he will work with Council to ask his son on ways to further honor his legacy.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that he never met him, but is appreciative of his service. He thanked his son, Mark for attending tonight.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that there were three other former employees that passed: Elmer Dorschutz, Jr, served 33 years in the Streets Department, he was also a Police Reserve for 25 years; Debra Schmidt who worked for many years in the Water and Sewer Department; and Russell Hendricks who was a Firefighter for approximately 30 years. Please keep them in your prayers.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

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

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Mr. Pas Simpson, 215 N. 9th Street, unfortunately he is here again to talk about Credible Messenger money. Since the last time he has been here there were two murders, and someone was shot. There are 10 police officers are on the beat. We are not supporting defund the police. Just free the money that you voted on in November. Stop allowing out babies to die. if not, please do not run in November.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that they are not allowing babies to die.

Ms. Betty Cauler, 2212 W. Tilghman Street, stated that she is here to share some good news tonight. At her hearing with Magistrate Judge Ronald S. Manescu rescinded all four tickets when he looked at the pictures. He asked the Parking Authority where is the sidewalk and asked how she was imposing traffic. She stated that it is important for Council to know that the citizens pay their salaries and for them to be up there. She stated that the citizens voted them in.

Mr. Alan Jennings, 2128 Pennsylvania Street, stated that he wants to strenuously object to the near absence of the commitment to housing in the city and the plans for the use of the federal ARPA funds. Mayor Tuerk has been in office for 16 months and the city does not have a policy on housing. The housing stock surrounding the NIZ is the city's problem. If people that can pay their bills won't live in that housing, demand is limited and with that value, prices and with those circumstances no one will gain equity. He talked about the dirt bikes, gun violence, and guys that don't take responsibilities for their children. This isn't about race, ethnicity or class.

Contract Approvals

[15-5790](#)

R61

Authorization for Contract with Mohawk Contracting & Development LLC in the amount of \$2,735,000 to construct a pool facility at Irving Pool/Andre Reed Park including utility services, admissions and restroom, pool (including pumps, filters, spray features), pool deck (including drainage), artificial turf sitting areas, fencing, site lighting and other work. The contract is for one year; unless by mutual agreement an extension can be made for an additional four, one year terms, multiple bidders.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R61 Mohawk](#)
[Resolution #30614](#)

Mayor Matt Tuerk asked if Council had any questions related to

Mayor Matt Tuerk asked if Council had any questions related to the contract.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that Sarrah is on the line.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that the city is offering a contract to build and construct a facility. He is not sure why they would extend or agree to extend the same service under the same contract under the same RFP. Once that contract of building it is done, that should complete that project. If you are going to ask them or another contract to do maintenance or repairs that should be a separate RFP.

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that it is to get the pool started and construct everything. Once that is all done, it will be closed out. The only reason for the extension terms is for delays for shipment of products that we use.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it will be with no additional cost. It would be a matter of whether it will be something that will interfere with the ability to complete, they can extend that.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he understands the first part, but the second part has to go out for a separate RFP because you are asking for a different service.

Ms. Sarrah McNeil stated that they are asking for the whole project.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that the contract is for the completion of the pool. If they cannot complete it within one year, the city would still want them to complete the pool, so they extend the contract.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that is different he is ok with that.

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

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

Enactment No: 30614

[15-5791](#)

R62

Authorization for a contract with Radiation Detection Company for \$182.00 to provide quarterly provision of 5 radiation monitoring badges and one control badge for use by the Health Bureau Sanitarians doing lead paint inspections for child lead poisoning investigations. This is below the purchasing requirements, one quote is necessary.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R62 Radiation Monitoring](#)
[Resolution #30615](#)

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Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it is pretty self-explanatory.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that it is under the Purchasing threshold. The requirement for contract like this in front of City Council is a stipulation of the prior ordinance.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that maybe it is something that they should speak about and it might be adjusted.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she thought it was a mistake because it was for \$182.

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

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

Enactment No: 30615

[15-5792](#)

R63

Authorization for a Contract with Reinvestment Fund in the amount of \$196,645 to provide qualified planning and research organizations to conduct a Housing Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan for the years 2023-2028. The study will enable to better understand housing and housing-related service needs for low- and moderate-income persons and

households in order to prioritize needs, develop effective program and policy responses, and coordinate the use of Federal, State and local resources. The Contract term shall cease after five years; upon written agreement, this contract may be extended for up to an additional three (3) months, multiple bidders.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R63 Request for Council Approval - RFP 2022-44 Reinvestment Fund Resolution #30616](#)

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that based on the testimony, Mr. Jennings he would

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that based on the testimony of Mr. Jennings pointed out the lack of a housing plan or policy. They are proud to deliver a contract for a housing strategy to City Council. Council appreciates and the public appreciates they have to first budget for these things and go through the Purchasing Procurement Procedures to get the best bidder.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mayor Tuerk and asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if there is something written that delineates what they would do better from than the previous organization that did the housing study.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that the purpose why the city is doing a more comprehensive housing study is that it has been a passive situation. Where we wait for community development developers to come to us to initiate a strategy. As you can see here, there is no line of people asking for ARPA money for affordable housing. If there was, they would have created a plan. This will be a more granular and more in-depth assessment of where we start. We are not developer of affordable housing. We need a strategy and a plan.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that she is on the website now and they have policy experts. Will they be making policy recommendations for us as a city. She asked about a policy map on their website, will they be able to click around and see. She asked if this should take a year.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated absolutely and Mr. Hartney was crystal clear in the writing of the RFP that all of our ordinances will be reevaluated and will come into alignment. Hopefully, it will be coupled with the zoning re-write as well as the community needs assessment to look at ordinances that make the most impact of the social determinant of health and also on the housing stock and stability in our community. She stated yes, but also be

engaging Council for input during the housing study.

Mr. Mark Hartney stated that they are hoping to be having it done by the end of the year. It might not be finalized, but hoping they will be able to budget based off of the results we get from it.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked about the ARPA money to be allocated by the end of 2024.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated correct. Keep in mind, some of the studies go a little longer is when they can't get the input that they need or delays. They are going to truly reach for the community for the input.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated thank you and asked if there were other questions from the dais. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

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

Enactment No: 30616

Minutes of Previous Meeting

[15-5779](#) March 15, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [March 15, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

Communications

Mr. Michael Hanlon read: Pursuant to provisions of the city & ethics code, City Council President Hendricks, Vice President Mota and Hanlon met with Marci Lesko, David Lewis, Laura McHugh and Erin Connelly of the United Way on March 16to explore options of allowing the organization to distribute ARPA funds.

Old Business

REPORTS

Public Hearing: Council will hold a Public Hearing on April 19th at 6:15 PM in Council Chambers on Bill 1: Amending the Zoning Code of the City of Allentown, Section 1319.07.B.5 of the Zoning Ordinance by allowing "entertainment venue signs" for structures that primarily provide for live entertainment uses for 500 or more

customers at a time, currently allowed on buildings fronting Hamilton Street between 5th Street and 6th Street to include structures between 9th and 10th Streets.

Committee of the Whole: A Committee of the Whole has been scheduled for April 12th at 6:00 PM to consider Bill 30, revisions to the city's traffic and parking code.

Budget and Finance: Chair Napoli, Hendricks, Gerlach The Committee met on March 22; a future meeting has not been scheduled.

Community and Economic Development: Chair Mota, Napoli, Affa The committee met on March 22nd; the next meeting is scheduled for April 12th at 5:30 PM.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Santos, Zucal, Napoli The Committee met this evening, the next meeting is scheduled for April 19th at 6 PM.

Parks and Recreation: Chair Gerlach, Affa, Mota The Committee met March 22nd; the next meeting is scheduled for April 12th at 5:45 PM.

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Hendricks, Zucal The Committee met this evening; a future meeting is not scheduled.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Santos, Hendricks The Committee met this evening; there are no meetings currently scheduled.

Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations, and Strategy: Chair Hendricks, Mota, Gerlach The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Controller's Report (3 minutes)
NONE

Mayor's Report (3 minutes)

Mayor Matt Tuerk wished everyone a Happy Passover for the ones who are celebrating out there. He talked about activities conducted by the Mayor's office. On March 2, the Mayor's office read to elementary schools across the city of Allentown for Read Across America Day. On March 7, he joined Governor Shapiro for his budget address to the Pennsylvania General Assembly. Allentown got a very nice shoutout during Governor Shapiro's address. On March 17, the Mayor's staff coordinated the raised on the Irish Flag and on Sunday, March 19 the Irish Day Parade. On March 23, they

held the second City Hall at the Table at Ritter Elementary. The next one is April 27th at Dieruff. On March 28, they met with the president of the Delaware Nation. On March 31, Council joined them for the Police Promotion Ceremony. Later that day, they did a Flag Raising in recognition for the Trans Day of Visibility. The City made a hire for the Equity and Inclusion Coordinator, Lucinda Wright. On April 6, the city will be joining Bethlehem Mayor Willie Reynolds for his State of the City Address. On April 15, there are numerous East Egg Hunts across the city. On April 22, the city staff will be celebrating Earth Day. On April 23, the St. Luke's Half Marathon from 17th and Linden, running 13.1 miles and finishing at J Birney Crum.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-5749](#)

Bill 16

Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars from the United States Conference of Mayors and the American Beverage Foundation for a Healthy America (ABFHA) grant to the Mayor's office Civic Innovations Fund for a hybrid program in Allentown targeted towards childhood obesity prevention, environmental health and sustainability.

Attachments: [Bill 16 American Beverage Association Grant](#)
[Ordinance #15885](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there are any questions from the dais or the public.

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

Enactment No: 15885

[15-5751](#)

Bill 17

Amending the 2023 ARPA Fund by transferring One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars from the ARPA Fund to the General Fund for the 1528 West Hamilton St. Affordable Housing Project being developed by HDC-Mid Atlantic. 100% of the funds will be used to offset construction costs of the project.

Attachments: [Bill 17 - HDC Mid-Atlantic ARPA](#)
[1528 West - Allentown CEDC committee-2](#)
[Ordinance #15886](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 15886

[15-5752](#)

Bill 18

Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner (OSFC) Grant to the Allentown Fire Department for the purchase of Holmatro Mini Cutters.

Attachments: [Bill 18 OSFC Grant](#)
[Ordinance #15887](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated thank you and asked if there were any questions or comments from his colleagues or comments from the public. This is a great addition and great use of our Fire Department.

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

Enactment No: 15887

[15-5753](#)

Bill 19

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Ten Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Sixty-Two Cents (\$10,435.62). This was the result of payment in lieu of tree plantings from Indus Reality Trust, Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs, and City Center Investment Corp. Funds will be used for the purchase of new street trees.

Attachments: [Bill 19 Shade Tree](#)
[Ordinance #15888](#)

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

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this was before Public Works tonight and it was sent favorably.

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

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

Enactment No: 15888

[15-5750](#)

Bill 20

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Twenty-One Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-Four Dollars and Forty-Six Cents (\$21,674.46) from the unappropriated balance in the Golf Funds to the Golf Capital Projects fund. These funds will be used for outstanding capital improvements from last year to enhance the golf course.

Attachments: [Bill 20 Golf Capital Funds Transfer](#)
[Ordinance #15889](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked Ms. Gerlach if this was in her committee.

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

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

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

Enactment No: 15889

[15-5754](#)

Bill 21

Amending the 2023 General Fund by transferring Six Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$6,750,000.00) Dollars from the ARPA Fund to be allocated for Two Million One Hundred Thousand (\$2,100,000.00) Dollars for the Water Distribution Main Replacement and Four Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$4,650,000.00) Dollars for the Water Filtration Plant Filters Upgrade.

Attachments: [Bill 21 Water Filters ARPA Request](#)
[Ordinance #15890](#)

Mr. Ed Zucal stated it was a meeting prior to the Council meeting. These funds will help for the upgrades and save the taxpayers roughly \$27 million for over 30 years. It is a wise investment using ARPA Funds.

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

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked for clarification from what she remembers during the presentation. This isn't new.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this is one of the original allocations. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

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

Enactment No: 15890

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if anyone have any issues with the Consent Agenda and want to remove anything. He asked if there were any comments from the public.

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

[15-5764](#)

R64

Certificate of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts: 325 N. 9th St. and 328 N. 8th St.

Attachments: [R64 HARB Resolution](#)

[325 N 9th Street Final Review](#)

[328 N 8th Street Final Review](#)

[Resolution #30617](#)

Enactment No: 30617

[15-5793](#)

R65

Authorizes the submission of the formal application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a grant of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to support Cedar Crest College.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R65 Cedar Crest College RACP](#)

[Resolution #30618](#)

Enactment No: 30618

[15-5810](#)

R66

Authorizes the sale of Police K9 Dingo to his handler Police Officer Joseph Krebs

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R66 K9 Transfer](#)

[Resolution #30619](#)

Enactment No: 30619

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-5766](#)

R67

Approves two transfers: (1) \$139,808.95 in Garage to Pay for the December 2022 Invoice to the Contractor; (2) \$20,961.00 in Finance – General Support Services (Print Shop) to Increase Funds to Supplement Contract C07-000025 for Canon Color Printer (21 months remaining on Contract).

Attachments: [R67 Transfer Funds](#)
[To Pay December 2022 Invoice to the Contractor](#)
[Increase Funds to Supplement Contract C07-000025 for Canon Color Printer](#)
[Resolution #30620](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 30620

[15-5794](#)

R68

Approves the submission of an application for a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the continued development of the Martin Luther King Trail. The City is asking for \$250,000.00 in grant funding with a 15% match required – land appraisal or cash.

Attachments: [R68 MLK Trail DCED](#)
[Resolution #30621](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he sees that these are time sensitive and that is why they are here for a final vote this evening.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that R68 and R69 there is an application deadline, and the administration is asking City Council for a Resolution to allow them to make the grant deadline.

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

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

Enactment No: 30621

[15-5795](#)

R69

Approves the submission of an application for a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the continued development of the Martin Luther King Trail. The City is asking for \$650,000.00 in grant funding with a match required – in-kind or cash.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R69 MLK Trail DCNR](#)
[Resolution #30622](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this is similar to the previous. He asked if there are any questions or comments from his colleagues or the public.

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

Enactment No: 30622

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

[15-5767](#)

Bill 24

Providing for the vacation of Terminal Street from the centerline of Hamilton Street to its South Terminus in the First Ward of the City of Allentown:

Attachments: [Bill 24 Terminal Street Vacation](#)

[StaffReport and Letter to City Council 3-15-23](#)

[Terminal Street Vacation Report](#)

[Letter from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding](#)

[Terminal Street from Hamilton to its end - Street Vacation Petition](#)

[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Terminal Street from Hamilton](#)

[Street to its end](#)

[Street Vacation- Terminal Street from Hamilton Street to its end](#)

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

[15-5796](#)

Bill 25

Amending the 2023 Trexler Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Four Thousand One Hundred and Ninety-Five Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$4,195.99) from the Springwood Trust portion of the Trexler Fund's unappropriated 2022 balance per General Trexler's will.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 25 Springwood 2022 Appropriation](#)

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

[15-5797](#)

Bill 26

Amending the 2023 General Fund and Information Technology budget by deleting the position of Systems Administrator III (15N); adding the position of Sr. Help Desk Analyst (10N); deleting the position of IT Support Manager (16N) and adding the position of Systems Analyst 3 (16N)

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 26 IT Reorg](#)

REFERRED TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES, ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE

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

[15-5798](#)

Bill 27

Amending the 2023 Trexler Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars from the Trexler Trust to support the Romper Day Program.

Attachments: [Bill 27 Romper Day](#)

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

[15-5799](#)

Bill 28

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to support a comprehensive Parks Master Plan.

Attachments: [Bill 28 Parks Master Plan DCNR Grant](#)

REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

[15-5800](#)

Bill 29

Amending the 2023 General Fund and Department of Community and Economic Development budget by eliminating the CED Project Manager (14N), adding a Housing Enforcement and Compliance Manager (14N) Building Standards and Safety 10%, Rental 90%; changing a Clerk 3 (08M) to (1) Clerk 3, Bilingual Spanish Required, eliminating an Executive Secretary (7N) and creating a DCED Office Manager (9N).

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 29 DCED Reorg](#)

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this was brought to Council by Ms. Kistler and thanked her for the heads-up. He asked is there were any comments

from his colleagues or the public.

[15-5801](#)

Bill 30

Amending the Chapter 615, Vehicles and Code, of the City of Allentown Code by increasing the distance a car can be parked from a curb from 6 to 9 inches, allow council by resolution to provide an exemption to parking in front of a private driveway or alongside any street or highway excavation or obstruction, or opposite the same under certain conditions, allowing parking in alleys that are less than 20 feet wide provided there is a 12 foot passage and the car is not parked on the sidewalk, allowing impounded vehicles to be released if the owner is in compliance with a payment plan and re-moving all imprisonment penalties.

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

Attachments: [Bill 30 Parking Bill](#)

[Council Proposals APA](#)

[APA Response to Council Sidewalk-Alley Issues](#)

[Allentown Parking Authority Legislative and Policy Recommendations](#)

[Councilor Suggestions/Questions](#)

[Letter to Honorable City Counsel of Allentown - 3.22.23](#)

[Allentown Parking Authority Code](#)

[An Ordinance](#)

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that the Board is very excited to advance these recommendations. There are some that are missing that will be internal recommendations. That is something that they are excited to get in front of Council at the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he will be making an amendment and will be doing it at the Committee of the Whole.

Mayor Matt Tuerk stated that he wants to make a slight clarification and the action the Board took. He wants to clear up and believes that the Board of the Parking Authority has already begun the work of making these changes to legislation. While the work that Council did the other week approving the Transfers to begin that Parking Study. They are preparing that for an RFP. Keep an eye out for that. While Council took action to support the initiative that the Mayor's office put forward there has been work underway at the Parking Authority. The governance of the Parking Authority has already begun the work to make improvements. He stated that the administration appreciates the prompt action in doing this and the result is that they will see an immediate changes that result from the Board members of the Parking Authority taking a harder look at the administration of the Authority.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he appreciates that clarification as he was

certainly a part of that and they are moving forward.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated definitely seeing this go to the Committee of the Whole. Make sure for those of you who this has been your thing make sure you show up to that once the date is announced. She remembered in 2015 she was out there complaining about the lack of residential parking in her neighborhood, and it took a while, but eventually something happened. It is great to see that hopefully soon on the city end we are doing what we can do to work with the residents. Hopefully, the Parking Authority will adjust their culture. There is a cultural issue. There is something up with their training or lack thereof. There are internal policies that need to be changed and structural changes. Hopefully, everything will mesh together and will see something different from our residents. She hopes what doesn't happen is before a lot of the issues that we are now seeing on the west end and southside were already happening in Center City. She hopes things leave the enforcement do not refocuses on just City Center and the southside, eastside and west end lightens up and you don't get as many complaints, and we are back in Center City dealing with the same mess that we always been dealing with. She notices that now it is on the outskirts and things are happening. It is reality and sometimes what it takes.

Attorney Charles Smith stated that it was announced earlier that Community of the Whole has been scheduled at April 12 at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that Attorney Charles Smith beat him to it and it is already on the calendar.

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

Mr. Barbara Miller, 2119 W. Washington Street, asked for a full copy of the changes. Will it be on the Allentown website? Will she need to visit the Committee of the Whole when they meet to get the actual text of the Parking Ordinance?

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he believes it should be on the website.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that they are on the website and offered his copy.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

[15-5802](#)

R70

Commits to a "fair and equitable" transition to clean, renewable electricity

for municipal operations as part of the City's commitment to a Climate Plan to mitigate Climate Change

EAC recommended this amendment:

WHEREAS, the Allentown Environmental Advisory Council has conducted a greenhouse gas inventory for the City showing that 2018 non-transportation energy use accounts for 43.77% of the City's carbon footprint; and

Attachments: [R70 Energy Conserve Final](#)
[GESA Program Recommendation of Allentown EAC](#)
[ELPC-ClimateCities Solar-Toolkit](#)
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Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any comments from his colleagues or the public.

Mr. Kyle (no last name given), 538 N. Burke Street, gave his support to bringing this to the conversation. The Guaranteed Energy Savings Act (GESA) is the second item on the docket. The first step in that is getting an Energy Audit done on all of our buildings. Our friends at Siemens Energy has offered to do this completely free. No cost to the taxpayers at all. They just have to provide a little information to them regarding their buildings. The last time the city buildings had an Energy Audit was in 2009. The last time we had a greenhouse gas emissions or carbon valuation to the city was completed by a Muhlenberg intern before COVID even happened. If we want to set reasonable achievable goals, we kind of need to know where we stand.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other comments.

REFERRED TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES, ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD AND WELFARE

Ms. Natalie Santos stated that her little brother, Matthew that goes to Dieruff High School made honor roll this semester. She stated that she wanted to publicly congratulate him.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that is his alma mater. Congratulations.

Ms. Natalie Santos stated her alma mater too. He is very proud.

ADJOURNED: 7:38 PM

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