

ORDINANCE NO. 14585

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 28 - 2008

September 18, 2008

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2008 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Five Hundred Seventeen Thousand Forty-five (\$517,045) Dollars reflecting receipt of a grant from the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority to install a solar photovoltaic power plant. The Bureau of Engineering is supervising and monitoring the grant.

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

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the unappropriated balance of the Capital Fund in the amount of Five Hundred Seventeen Thousand Forty-five (\$517,045) Dollars reflecting the receipt of a grant from the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority grant to install a solar photovoltaic power plant.

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Capital Fund to a new Capital Program, Project Number 1263, Solar Photovoltaic Power Plant.

001-03-1263-0811-76	Construction Contracts	\$517,045
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SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance take 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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
Michael Donovan	X	
Jessie Eichenwald	X	
Julio A. Guridy	X	
David M. Howells, Sr.		
Tony Phillips		
Peter G. Schreyer	X	
Michael D'Amore, President	X	
TOTAL	5	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council and signed by His Honor the Mayor on the 8th day of May, 2008.

CITY CLERK

Template for Bills and Resolutions:

- What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

This Bill originated from the Department of Public Works.

- Summary and Facts of the Bill

The City has received a grant in the amount of \$517,045.00 from the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority by way of Department of Environmental Protection. The grant money will be used to install a solar photovoltaic power plant. The City must purchase the equipment and then request reimbursement from PADEP.

- Purpose

What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish –
It places the grant money into account 76 in Capital Account 1263.

What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this –

In phase one, our solar PV plant of 68 kW capacity will generate over 72,000 kWh annually. In recognition off recently approved standards for net-metering, the City of Allentown intends to explore all available mechanisms for power sales consistent with the phased approach to this project .

How does this Bill related to the City’s Vision/Mission/Priorities- **This grant proposal is part of the City of Allentown’s efforts to reduce its energy consumption and to maximize efficient use of electrical power. It relates directly to the Climate Protection Agreement signed by Mayor Pawlowski, July 2006**

- Financial Impact

Cost (Initial and ongoing)-

This is a reimbursable grant, City staff contributing engineering and administrative responsibilities as our match.

Benefits (initial and ongoing) –

Initially, the City of Allentown benefits from the reduction of energy consumption and the efficient use of electrical power; ultimately the City will be saving \$143,0000 annually when phase three is installed and operational.

- Funding Sources

The Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority by way of Department of Environmental Protection

- Priority status/Deadlines, if any

To be completed by August 31, 2008

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

In addition to the improvement in air quality by substantially reducing the City’s carbon footprint; this project will generate non-traditional revenue, a 21st century approach to municipal government economics.