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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
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COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Council Meeting – 7:30 PM

1. Invocation: Minister James Malone

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. Roll Call: Eichenwald, Guridy, O'Connell, Schlossberg, and Schweyer were present
Dale Wiles represented for the Solicitor's office.

4. Courtesy of the Floor

Elijah Pinto of Allentown stated that his property was seized and he has not heard from anyone in the city. Joseph Hanna, Assistant Police Chief, stated that they did throw their property out.

Mr. Schweyer stated that he did not see that comment.

Mr. Bennington stated that after the meeting he spoke to the solicitor's and the police department stated that all the materials had been returned that were to be returnable and Mr. Dan Warg is here to speak on that.

Mr. Dan Warg stated that all the property that they took into custody that night has been return with the exception of some mattresses that were disposed of.

Mr. Schweyer asked Mr. Bennington has the administration reached out to Mr. Pinto to have this conversation.

Mr. Pinto stated that he has documentation of newer things that the city threw out. Over ten tents, shelving unit, tables and various other units. He stated that he has a list that was kept and was not given back to us and that does not include the tents, the tables, shelving units and other things. He stated that he did get back mattresses that were not covered with urine or feces despite numerous claims that they were.

Mr. Schweyer asked when he got those back.

Mr. Pinto stated that he received that the Tuesday of the week that they were able to sort through.

Ms. Eichenwald asked if they could respectfully request that a list be submitted with the evidence and the administration accept it and look at it. She stated that this gentleman deserves a hearing and as far as far as presenting the evidence that he claims.

Mr. Pinto asked for a public review process.

Ms. Eichenwald stated no, she does not think that is the way in which it should be handled that the administration will look at it and they will be on top of it and ask questions after having the opportunity to see what you have.

Mr. Hershman, 405 N. Gilmore Street, stated that he attended the NIZ tax reporting process and as he listened is Allentown in trouble. He stated that he is not against the arena. He stated that it says that all local taxes are collected by businesses in the NIZ that would be a various economic development zone in the arena. Local taxes will be the local taxes and the wage taxes and local service tax. The gentleman mentioned when Senator Browne passed the Act 50 and 26 for the finance and setting up the NIZ and the finance part was with the agreement with the City of Allentown. If you take the riverfront part it exceeded \$400 million and that will take a lot of financing. Council has to get involved.

Mr. Schweyer stated that none of them have a vote in the state legislator. He stated that he has not had any specific conversation about it.

Mr. Hershman stated that he thinks it is wrong to put the citizens of Allentown and the taxpayers' of Allentown with the possibility of the city going bankrupt. If this project is completed which he hopes it is where are we going to get all this money to pay all these taxes.

Mr. David Cashall of South Allentown stated that he is the president of Montainville 30. He stated that they have a serious problem on 2nd Street in South Allentown. He provided pictures that were taken that evening. They have a one lane bridge which was damaged in October. A car hit two of the cars on the rails on the south end of the bridge. It would have taken a couple hours to weld those two horizontal rails back on. The city did nothing and vandals have completely broken off all the handrails and into the creek. That is a five foot drop into the creek. That is a lawsuit looking to happen and he has spoken to Mr. Young about it and you suppose to appropriate money, but all the money is going into the hockey arena. All the crime watchers call it in and not a thing happens. We are tired of calling it in.

Mr. Young stated that in regards to bridge on Second Street there is a Transfer working its way through the system. They went out to get quotes on the repair and found out what that cost were and we are working through Risk Management and there is a Transfer working its way through.

Mr. Schweyer asked how long to get that Transfer worked through.

Mr. Young stated that we have the quotes already and as soon as the funding is available we can notify the contractor to get the work done. From the time the Transfer is completed probably two weeks.

Mr. Bennington asked is that the Transfer you are looking for additional signatures for.

Mr. Young stated yes. It was a part of a bunch of others. He stated that he does not know what the others were.

Ms. Eichenwald asked if it were for a large amount of money.

Mr. Young stated that the part they needed was a small portion of that amount.

Ms. Eichenwald stated maybe we can do it in parts.

Mr. Schlossberg stated to Ms. Eichenwald that we actually have that Transfer in front of us. Some of us signed it. There are multiple pieces to it and for him he got a better explanation of what the additional \$100,000 is and he was comfortable signing and that is certainly included in there.

Mr. Schweyer stated that it has been a long-standing practice of Council at least since he has been sworn in. Any large amount goes through a more rigorous review by Council perhaps the administration should think about giving us smaller pieces, smaller transfers that may not be encumbered by six figure transfer.

Mr. Bennington stated that it was a significant justification.

Mr. Schweyer stated that he understands that does slow down the process for us. If there was something that was less controversial with less information perhaps should be broken out.

Mr. Bennington stated whenever there are issues he contacts Mr. Dave Paulus and he assigns the issue and turn around pretty quickly.

Ms. Eichenwald stated to Mr. Cashall that the issue that he brought up strikes her as extremely serious. She stated that she is very happy that something will be done about the bridge and she trusts Mr. Young and his department. She stated that she is the newly appointed chair of Public Safety and she suggested that they have a meeting and she can invite all of Council and have a meeting of the Whole and invite the Crime Watch to discuss some of these issues.

Mr. Schweyer asked Mr. Bennington to follow up with him on the Emaus Avenue issue. If Mr. Paulus can figure out what is going on there and the enforcement issues let me know and I will appreciate it.

Ms. Sandy Miller from S. 5th Street stated that 17 years ago they moved there. They are formally from north end of Allentown and for 17 years we have been putting up with the noise problems in that area which is a quality of life issue and in those years she has dealt with the police department, the mayor and she has approached the City Council many years ago and she was told that it was not Council's problems. She stated that she will be back again with more evidence. The law basically states that the property owner is responsible for the noise yet she is told that is not so. They keep saying that she has to call it in to the police department. Our police department is not carwash attendants. She and her husband are not carwash attendants. The owners of the property, one does not even live in Allentown, he sits comfortably while we have to change our shoes and change our work gloves stop whatever we are doing and report it to the police department and the response time is on their availability and we put up with the noise for an hour or so. Our tax dollars are used to provide those owners with private security and that is not right. Why they are exempt and the property owners are responsible for the noise.

Ms. Eichenwald asked were the carwash is located.

Ms. Miller stated that it is approximately 1927 S 5th Street, but they might have different numbers associated with it. She stated that she was also in contact with the lady that house was blown up who lived alongside of the carwash on 13th and she suffered the same problems there and did not phone it in to the police.

Ms. Eichenwald asked if the noise was created by the equipment of the carwash or do people just gather at that spot.

Ms. Miller stated no, the patrons have loud boxes attached to the vehicles and many have a shut-off switch so when they see the police officers coming they can tap and turn it down. The owner has been on the

properties when we phoned it in and he had said that he will arrest her for being on his property because she used to go and politely tell the customers to please turn it down.

Mr. Schweyer told Ms. Miller to make sure Mr. Hanlon has your contact information.

Mr. Warg stated that Captain Hendricks has spoken to Ms. Miller about this problem. He stated that the police department is trying to solve it by talking to the owner every time we get that call we get there as soon as possible. A lot of these people are transient people playing their car stereos loud and when we can respond there they are gone. This has been brought up in our command meetings that the complaints have gone down at the carwash and he was surprised to hear this. He stated to Ms. Miller that he will Captain Hendricks to contact her again and maybe they can step up.

Ms. Miller stated that based on the law the owner is responsible.

Mr. Schweyer stated to Ms. Miller let them do due diligence and if there are any adjustments that they can do with the city ordinance they will take a look at it. He asked Chief Warg and Captain Hendricks to put together with him and see what the statistics are and have someone from the solicitor's office to see if they can strengthen it up.

Mr. Jim Broheart stated that he was at the City Council's meeting at the end of December where you all retracted the PLA the pro-union legislation that would have required 90+ percent union labor on public works projects. He thanked them and stated that he lives between Coplay and Allentown and worked for over four years as a labor activist and often called an agitator. Nobody has made it easier to be an agitator then you all on City Council with decisions you make with Public Works projects that obviously controversial which many people don't want or question the financing of. Breaking up peaceful protest, none of his hundreds of dollars of shelving units or my mattresses or anything that I brought to occupy Allentown was covered with feces. City Council agendas that are released only a day before the actual meeting, transparency and final retracting the PLA where you deny union workers what they were promised just after the holidays. You are leaving nothing in place to guarantee qualified work a sustainable wage, local work and there is nothing in place of all these city projects. The union that he is a part of believes that they do not need politicians. Change always comes from the grassroots. He asked for qualified union labor in the near future.

Mr. Dennis Pearson, 942 E Tilghman Street, stated that he is happy to report that the neighbors on E Livingston Street are much relieved that the Allentown Women's Center Abortion Clinic has decided to move to Northampton County. That has been a site of demonstrations and also arrests in the past. Second, a neighbor has expressed concern on the city limits where there is Club Avenue, Eaton Avenue, Hanover Avenue going into Broad Street. Those coming east on Hanover Avenue are not given a right-of-way to those coming west on Hanover on Broad Street. At the old boulevard drive-in we had thought that Mr. Atiyeh gave that over to ACIDA because they were advertising for a while, now it continues to be a place for large truck storage and tires. That is too big of an area and too open of an area to turn into a dump. The neighborhood association as part of the 250th and 200th anniversaries both Allentown and Lehigh County are updating a 1962 booklet by the 14th Ward Civic Association called East of Lehigh and putting in 50 years of experience into that and see if they could put additional into that. He stated that they may not be aware that Hanover Avenue was a toll road at one time, Allentown State Hospital property was a state highway from Philadelphia before they built 309. At the crossing of Lehigh River at Jennings Farm they had a ferry and Mr. Jennings was a participant of the famous walking purchase. They will expand their survey. On garbage night, somebody was able to take power cords off our flagpole, nothing else was damaged or nothing else was taken and that is discouraging.

Mr. Bill Sanks with the Allentown Paramedics stated that he wanted to update City Council on things that are going down in EMS. Mr. Van Allen who is our bureau manager has resigned effectively this past January 6th at EMS. His EMT plan that was adopted that was so vital to him and important to the city in our eyes was not that important to him that he decided to resign and leave right away. He did not even stick around to see this plane get off the ground. It was dumped in our laps and we are reeling from this. He stated if they remember revenue and the cost of mutual aid calls were a main focus of Mr. Van Allen's plan. He was going to change the layout a plan for EMS to produce more revenue and take back the mutual aid calls that we have giving away to other outlying EMS services. The fact is now as admitted to the current management there now that these additional trucks will not be placed during the daytime hours to the City of Allentown and still maintain the same amount of trucks that they ran with the 2011 budget. The only additional truck that will be put up is one at night and that will be an additional EMT truck at night. In essence, an EMT truck that they wanted to put up during the day will be replacing a paramedic truck and will only have four trucks during the day which we will not be making up anymore calls during the day that they are currently right now. Why was this so hard to come about? He stated that he is not blaming current management now; the line of communications has been widely open and is a positive thing. They want to come to a happy middle. This is the second time we allow a chief of public safety to come in here and put his spin on the city and make changes that he felt was appropriate. Someone who did not have ties to the city and as soon as there was any diversity brought about, we remember the meetings in December, he bailed on us and now he is gone and this is all his doing and his baby. He stated that we have talked to management about the plan; they stated that they will be open-minded about it which is good. They want to keep the lines of communications open which is good. Our proposal as far as the workers there they don't understand why they got eight EMTs and one paramedic in the budget. Why can't we get three paramedics instead of the eight EMTs to put that one extra truck up at night? That is their plan right now to put one truck up at night and there answer to bringing in revenues and bringing in mutual aid calls.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that she is floored. The last time she looked she was a member of Allentown City Council and cannot believe that she did not know Mr. Van Allen resigned and all this upheaval. She stated that she is speechless.

Mr. Bennington stated that first of all saying Mr. Van Allen did not care.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that is not the issue. She is not casting any disprudence. The simple fact that she a member of City Council was not notified that someone so central and she is the chair of the public safety committee, so central for the public safety of this city resigned after this whole discussion, this whole plan, she needs an explanation of why she was not told. She asked her fellow colleagues did they know.

Mr. Schweyer stated that he heard a rumor.

Mr. Guridy stated that he knew through LinkedIn and did not know through the public or through the city.

Mr. Bennington stated to answer your question it was unacceptable of why you were not told, there was no upheaval because we are in the process of finding his replacement at this point in time. The plan that was approved by Dave and added to the budget will go forward. There have been no changes in the process.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that she does not accept that they were not told. She stated that maybe her colleagues, heard it through other sources, but it appears to her when someone is so important for the welfare this community that the chair of the public safety committee should be told and have the opportunity to discuss these issues because we all know to implement a plan without a person who devised the plan, who created the plan, who pushed the plan.

Mr. Bennington stated that the plan for was devised by members of the staff Mr. Van Allen and Joel Calarco.

Ms. Eichenwald asked how the chair of the public safety committee could not be told that. It is unacceptable to run a city in this fashion. This needs to be discussed in much greater details and not have City Council be told during courtesy of the floor.

Mr. Bennington stated that he could not answer that at this point in time. He stated that he understands that.

Mr. O'Connell stated that he echoes Ms. Eichenwald comments. When they were discussing the EMS/EMT plan he was an opponent to the new plan. He stated that he knew Mr. Van Allen was leaving not through the administration, but through other sources. That being said we need a discussion with the public safety chairperson. He stated that he is on the public safety committee along with Mr. Guridy and there are some issues that they want to bring forward to that committee. Whether Mr. Van Allen's plan is implemented or not implemented it would be the courtesy of the paramedics to discuss this further with the administration. It is very vital to the public safety of the city and hearing about one truck being on and four trucks not being on and eight EMTs versus paramedics. He stated that he still has questions about it.

Mr. Bennington stated to Mr. O'Connell that the eight EMTs were part of the budget.

Mr. O'Connell stated that is understood. When will the plan be fully implemented?

Mr. Bennington stated that it is moving forward as we speak. We will fill those positions. The eight EMTs are proposed in the budget and the four supervisors.

Mr. Guridy stated that he did find out by email with Mr. Van Allen and he discussed the same issue about what will happen with the plan and Mr. Van Allen indicated to him that he and Mr. Calarco both signed the plan together and they think alike and he trusts him to carry the plan and feels confident. Mr. Guridy stated that Ms. Eichenwald is right that Mr. Van Allen is out and has resigned. It is disrespectful for Council not to have that information and he does not know if everyone knows your situation. When a member of the cabinet leaves, they should meet with Mr. Calarco to discuss this as a public safety committee. He stated that he was the chair of the public safety committee for years and he would feel floored like Ms. Eichenwald because such information has not been given to us after we spent so much time and put so much trust into this plan.

Mr. Bennington stated that his situation is separate from that. There is no excuse on not being notified.

Mr. Schlossberg stated that none of them received formal information. He wanted it to come up tonight, but not how it did and preferable. He was an opponent of the EMS plan and voted as a compromise and the reason why he voted for it because he had professional faith in Mr. Van Allen's ability and he took him at his word. This is not a slam at Mr. Van Allen. He could have left for many different reasons, but hearing that he is gone does concern him. He asked Ms. Eichenwald to hold a hearing on the status of EMS's reorganization and perhaps do so at a regular basis so they can directly open up a line of communication.

Ms. Eichenwald stated to Mr. Schlossberg obviously that will be done, but want to make it perfectly clear that everything is now on hold. It is beyond disrespectful what has occurred and if the city is going to govern in any way by a correct and right way worrying about the citizens this kind of procedure is to stop

immediately. We will hold a hearing and discuss this in openness. When someone resigns, the chairman of the committee is to be notified.

Mr. Schweyer stated that when he was chair of Community and Economic Development he had a very strong relationship with both directors that he served with. When you were elevated from Director of Building Standard and Safety to Managing Director I knew about it. It was an obvious thing we did that I was made aware of that. Immediately before the release came out about your retirement, he received a courtesy call from the mayor which he thought was appropriate because in many ways the Managing Director and the Councilperson is counterparts in their roles. I am floored by this. He stated that had he known, he would have certainly had that conversation with you. He stated that the reason why the conversation went that way because their confidence in Mr. Van Allen. He appreciates Ms. Eichenwald stepping up and has a meeting on that.

Mr. Gordon Shall S. St. Cloud Street, stated that he wants to be the one descending voice for them not to vote for the St. Luke's proposal.

Mr. Schweyer stated that it is on the agenda later this evening and that will be the appropriate time. Anything not on the agenda is for courtesy of the floor. You will have the opportunity.

Ms. Vicky ?, Allentown paramedic, stated that to answer your question Mr. O'Connell with talks of Mr. Calarco the plan for the EMTs won't be in effect for at least six months. We are still losing revenue and she was just as upset that they were in she got the email from Mr. Van Allen that he was leaving and it left a bad taste in all their mouths. It was a horrible email, he fought so hard for this plan and now it's gone. Everybody in Allentown is just as upset as you are. They told Mr. D'Amore before they came to this meeting as a whole in that he was leaving. We knew, the rumor was out and consultants that he was seeing stated that he was not going to be here.

Mr. Guridy stated that he glad that she came forward, but it is part of the issue that some groups meets with one or two persons on Council and that person on Council sometimes do not tell us those things. He stated that your group met with Mr. D'Amore and told him about those issues and although he was heading those conversations, he was not chair of the committee and he knew more information than the rest of us knew. He appreciates if groups like yours talk to the full Council when you have issues that concern your department.

5. Approval of Minutes: December 7, 2011

Approved by Common Consent

6. Old Business:

None

7. Communications:

Council has received applications for the vacant position, the one that was vacated by Mr. D'Amore. The plan is to start the interview process on January 25th at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers and continue on the 30th at 7:00 PM and 31st at 6:00 PM. The hope is if they are able to adequately interview the applicants on the 31st and then make a decision to replace Mr. D'Amore and then have reorganize on February 1st. The procedures have been emailed around and folks should be familiar with those. After the conversation, if any member of Council has concerns about that timeframe or that schedule.

Mr. O'Connell stated that he has questions he would like to ask in public that should be directed to his colleagues. Mr. Hanlon and the solicitor, late this afternoon Mr. Hanlon sent out a schedule of the twelve

people we are going to be interviewing is that correct. When will they be notified? We stated that we wanted to make this process as transparent as possible. The candidates will be interviewed in public, the questions that will be asked of candidates, will they be sent to them ahead of time or not.

Mr. Hanlon stated tomorrow.

Mr. Schweyer stated that they will be flexible, if someone just cannot do it on those evenings. That was done by a random drawing by the assistant solicitor and our clerk. He stated that he will open it up.

Mr. Schlossberg stated that they should. We can't send all of our questions, but we have some general ideas and generic questions and we should send them to everybody. That is a very good point otherwise the person that goes last will have a very distinctive answer then the one that goes first. That might be the fairest thing to do.

Mr. Guridy stated that he made some suggestions and some questions and he had asked Mr. Hanlon to put some questions to ask them, but everybody should chime in and make suggestions as well of questions that should be asked. We can pick a couple of questions from there. He stated that he does not think that they should ask them 25 questions because we are only going to have 15 minutes or 30 minutes per person. The questions should be sent out to the candidates prior to them coming here.

Mr. O'Connell stated that he would agree because that candidate one or twelve these are public meetings and candidate twelve could be sitting in the audience and be well prepared in the interview. He stated that he would like to make a suggestion to his colleagues that the same process, the same questions are asked of every candidate for litigation purposes down the road. The process needs to be set-up for candidate number 1 – 12 has the same exact questions is asked of all the candidates. He stated that he is not quite sure of the fifteen minutes of the free-floating questions would be and he has a concern that they could go off in different tantrums for are twelve of the candidates. He asked the solicitor is his suggestions accurate for litigation purposes down the road.

Mr. Wiles stated that it is the safe way to do it, so that no one could allege that they were given unfair treatment in the process. He stated that he does not necessary see much problems and you will have questions that pop up after the original questions are asked or for something that has much information that would make sense, but in fairness to the candidates, if you ask the same basic questions, you could compare the answers at least. He stated that he added to the record that he was the assistant city solicitor that was there when the names were pulled.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that she agrees that they have to ask the same questions and she thinks that they should limit the free-flowing part only to clarification if something comes up that needs to be clarified then they would ask. She stated all the questions should be asked by the president so that there is any implication that the intonation of the voice. She stated that the original list of questions that made its way around email there were some questions that had to do with specific issues upon which we have voted and she suggested that those questions do not be included so they do not sway us to pitch someone in a particular issue who voted the way we do. We are looking for someone who has vision. You don't know what other issues that would come forward in the next couple of months or even years. So to ask someone how they would have voted on eminent domain or the arena. Keep the questions more generally so we can get a sense of the qualifications of the candidate the way they deal with issues that has to be far-reaching beyond those that have already occurred.

Mr. Schweyer stated that he appreciates everything Ms. Eichenwald said. He put those out for discussion purposes and he would speak to those points. His concern wasn't at all of how the person answered, if

they agreed or disagreed. It was never an issue if they were to support the eminent domain or not. Those were three issues that were well reported in the Morning Call and talked about in the community at least in variant degrees. He stated that he was interested to see if they knew what they were and basically understanding of government and not so much a specific gotcha question. It was not meant to be an issue. He did not care if they said yes or no; he was interested in an understanding if they were following what the issues are, to have a basic fundamental idea and basically figuring out how they get to their decision.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that she does not have any objection if it is kept in that realm, if it has to do with the thinking process, with thought process and the way in which the decision and the importance to being conversant with the decision.

Mr. Schlossberg stated that he is curious with potential applicants how they got where they got in terms of their thinking. He would also say that he would like to reserve the right to question them on specific items listed on their resume or statements that they made. It is only fair to take someone experience and previous information into an account when we are actually asked a question.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Budget and Finance: Acting Chairperson O'Connell (Peter and Schloss as temps on this committee)

There will not be a meeting next Wednesday since we will be interviewing the candidates. If they have any emergencies prior to the meeting, they will have a meeting prior to the candidates interview.

Public Safety: Chairperson Eichenwald

Committee has generally met prior to the first Council meeting of the month; the next meeting will be scheduled for February 1st.

Community and Economic Development: Chairperson Guridy

No meeting, no report. He stated that he spoke to Ms. Hailstone about certain issues regarding the Arena and a brief discussion about the fence that was put around the arena block and how that was obstructing parking on the north side on Hamilton Street for some of the merchants on the south side of Hamilton Street between Seventh and Eighth and he was assured that it was due to public safety issues however he is looking forward for them to be taken down and moved closer to the sidewalk and reserve parking for the people and merchants in that area as soon as possible. They did that on Linden Street and he wants to make sure they do it for Hamilton Street as well. He spoke to Ms. Hailstone about developing a plan and proposed view of we want the city to look like. There are people buying properties galore in the area and some people have been almost harassing property owners and they feel if they don't sell it now, the city is going to take it by eminent domain.

Parks and Recreation: Chairperson Ray O'Connell

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15th.

Public Works: Chairperson Schlossberg

The Committee met and forward five items that will be on our agenda.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments:

No meeting, no report. There is one appointment for later on this evening.

Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chairperson Schweyer

No meeting, no report.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CONTROLLER'S REPORT

Ms. Koval stated that she understands that they did not get the December's figures yet and Mr. Hanlon sent out an email this afternoon for the finance department. They have been working on several projects in the

last few weeks and Ms. Bowman has been in training for the last two weeks on a new Eden Module that they are implementing

9. APPOINTMENTS:

Police Civil Service Board

Damien C. Brown Term to Expire 01/26/2012 (this is what they submitted and it is in tune with previous dates)

10. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

Bill 111 Garbage Exoneration

Establishes exoneration thresholds for the \$35 garbage fee increase for senior citizens and families under certain income thresholds

[Bill 111 Garbage Exoneration.doc](#)

Bill 1 Traffic Control Map Amendment Recommended Favorably

NO PARKING: St. Cloud Street - between Maple and Walnut Street (west side only, east side already permanently posted)

ONE WAY TO TWO WAY: St. Cloud Street - between Maple and Walnut Street

STOP: Maple Street at South St. Cloud Street

[Bill 1 St Cloud.doc](#)

Issues: is access needed on Maple, beam drop off, property value decrease

11. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

Bill 2

Refer to Parks and Recreation

Amends Article 911, Shade Trees, Section 911.03 by requiring a permit and fee of \$10 for each tree (not to exceed \$100) for all work done to shade trees in the public-right-of, establishing a permit and fee of \$10 fee to remove vegetation encroaching on the public right of way and establishing a license and annual \$50 fee for professional tree services to perform arboricultural work in the city.

[Bill 2 Shade Tree Amendment.doc](#)

Bill 3

Refer to CEDC

Amending the 2012 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars from AARP's volunteerism initiative "Create the Good" to acknowledge and support overall volunteerism efforts in the City.

[Bill 3 AARP Volunteerism.doc](#)

12. CONSENT AGENDA:

CA – 1 Certificates of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts

[CA-1 HARB.DOC](#)

13. RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING:

R 68 Pedestrian Crossing at B'nai B'rith

Requests PennDot's approval to install rectangular rapid flashing beacons to aid the pedestrian crossings in the 1600 block of Liberty Street

[R68 LIBERTY STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING.DOCX](#)

R 69 Pedestrian Crossing at Muhlenberg College

Requests PennDot's approval to install rectangular rapid flashing beacons to aid the pedestrian crossings on the campus of Muhlenberg College in the 2500 block of Chew Street

[R69 Muhlenberg Pedestrian Crossing.docx](#)

R 70 Allentown Arena Sewage Plan Module

Allentown Arena Development Project - Planning Module

[R 70 Allentown Arena Sewage Plan Module.DOC](#)

14. RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING:

R 1 Jordan Tennis Court Naming

Refer to Parks and Recreation

That the City property known as the Jordan Park tennis courts, be hereby named, "Jordan Park Bill T. Sabo Memorial Tennis Courts."

[R 1 Jordan Tennis Court Naming.doc](#)

Request to suspend the rules and introduce and vote on police officers appointments

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. GOOD AND WELFARE

17. ADJOURN

Council meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:30 pm in Council Chambers. For copies of the agenda or meeting announcements, please visit our website at www.allentownpa.gov or contact the Clerk at hanlon@allentowncity.org to receive an email notice of the meetings.