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**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 18, 2009 - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Public Safety 6:00 PM**

[B76DEFY.DOC](#)

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[R72JACKSONELEMENTARY.DOC](#)

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**BUDGET PRESENTATION - 6:30 PM**

Finance, Human Resources, Debt Service - Equipment and Capital Projects if applicable

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[GF-43 DETAIL.XLS](#)

[GF-45 DETAIL.XLS](#)

## COUNCIL MEETING - 7:30 PM

**1. Invocation:** David M. Howells, Sr.

**2. Pledge to the Flag**

**3. Roll Call**

**4. Courtesy of the Floor**

Mr. Leon Liptonwalder, 745 W Turner Street, Allentown, PA stated that he did not get a report on the alley between Turner and Linden between 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> – Hall Street. Alley is uneven and it should be taken out and redone.

Mr. Dennis Pierson, 942 E Tilghman Street, Somewhere in Pennsylvania in regards to Flag Pole lights stated that a report was given out yesterday in regards to an economic report on things that will be offered to various parts of the community. Nothing was offered to the East Side.

**5. Approval of Minutes:**

[NOVEMBER4MINUTES.DOC](#)

**6. Old Business**

**7. Communications**

**8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**

Budget and Finance: Chairperson Donovan

The Committee has been meeting in November. The next monthly meeting will be in January.

Public Safety: Chairperson Howells

The Committee met this evening; a future meeting is not yet scheduled.

Community and Economic Development: Chairperson Schweyer

The Committee met yesterday; a future meeting has not been scheduled – need a meeting for a zoning amendment for BYOB and the blighted property resolution - and a Public Hearing on both Meeting scheduled December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Parks and Recreation: Chairperson Phillips

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Public Works: Chairperson Guridy

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chairperson Eichenwald

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Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chairperson D'Amore

The Committee met last evening and forwarded an item on tonight's agenda.

Remaining Budget Schedule:

Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM

Public Safety: Police, CommCenter, EMS and Fire - Equipment and Capital Projects for those areas if appropriate.

Tuesday, December 1, at 6:30 PM

Mayor, Managing Director, Controller, Solicitor's Office, Risk Management, Council  
Review of Outstanding Budget Issues which will include a second discussion of revenue.

Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:30 PM

Adoption of the Budgets (Discussion of the Budget)

## **OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ad Hoc Ethics Committee – Councilperson Donovan – reappointing two members and bringing one person in. Have specific recommendations for council.

Blighted Property Review Board - Councilperson Schweyer

AEDC - Councilperson Donovan

Arts Commission – Councilperson Donovan

Human Relations - Councilperson Eichenwald

Lehigh Valley Planning Commission Report – Council President D'Amore

Weed and Seed – Councilperson Donovan

## **CONTROLLER'S REPORT**

No Reports

## **9. APPOINTMENTS:**

**Ethics Board**

**Reappointments**

**Reverend Dr. Grant Harrity      12/15/2011**

**Debra Lamb                              01/25/2010**

**New Appointment**

**Martin Velazquez III              01/15/2010**

**Copy of Resumes: [ETHICSAPPTS.PDF](#)**

## **10. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE:**

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**Ordinance was not moved through committee. Can not move on this ordinance**

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Mr. Howell believes it is an excellent idea. Mrs. Tamara Weller stated that she will answer any questions they may have.

**Ordinance passed, 6 - 0**

## **11. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:**

### **[B100CLYDESTVACATION.DOC](#)**

Refer to Public Works

Providing for the vacation of Clyde Street from E. Brookdale Street to Wabash Street in the Nineteenth Ward of the City of Allentown.

(This was introduced last meeting but there was a mistake in the bill that is better taken care of with a reintroduction.)

Bills 101, 102, and 103 are built into the budget – shall we add them to the agenda on Tuesday, December 1 – there 'regular' referral committees are listed below?

### **[B101RENTAL LICENSE FEE.DOC](#)**

Refer to CEDC

Amending Article 1741, Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance Code, by eliminating the exempt status of certain properties that are currently exempted, increasing the fee to \$75 a unit in order to have the program pay for itself, and restoring two paragraphs in the Licensure Section which were mistakenly removed during the updates.

Refer to the Budget Committee Hearing on Revenue. Mr. Schweyer will take charge of the discussion.

### **[B102PARKREC FEES.DOC](#)**

Refer to Parks and Recreation

Amending Title Nine, Fees, by establishing a fee section for Parks and Recreation and increasing miscellaneous fees.

Refer to the Budget meeting on Revenue. Mr. Phillips will take charge of the discussion.

### **[B103PERSONNELPOLICY UPDATE.DOC](#)**

Refer to Human Resources

Amending Article 140, the Personnel System by requiring active non-bargaining unit employees to pay an employee contribution of seven and one-half (7.5%) percent toward the cost of whichever tier said employee elects under the Traditional Blue Cross or HMO plan or equivalent as provided by the City of Allentown, establishes a prescription drug co-pay program for all covered employees and their dependents at a \$5/25/40 co-pay, and provides for a \$1,500 opt out incentive of health and prescriptions plans for non-bargaining employees.

Refer to Budget Committee on Revenue. Ms. Eichenwald will take charge of the discussion.

## **12. CONSENT AGENDA:**

### **[CA1HARBAPPROVALS.DOC](#)**

Certificates of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts

Ivette Maldonado / Scotty Smith, City Rehab Specialist  
517 N. Park Street

Lami M. Afit  
301 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street

Islamic Education Center of PA Inc. / Stephen R. Strelecki  
1109 W. Linden Street

Anthony Stellar / Gino Riepensell, Stellar Construction  
310 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street

**Resolution Certificate of Appropriateness passed, 6 – 0**

**13. RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING:**

[R70HARBDENI1613LINDEN.DOC](#)

CEDC, forwarded favorably, 2-0

Denial of Certificate of Appropriateness at 1613 West Linden Street

The resolution was forwarded favorably. It was noted the applicant was notified of the HARB process prior to his work, he attended the HARB meeting but was not at the CDED meeting yesterday - but was notified by phone and mail.

Mr. Schweyer stated that CEDC voted favorably with a vote of 2 – 0 for them to approve the denial for 1613 West Linden. The denial was based on windows that were put in inappropriately after numerous attempts to explain the Historic District to the property owner.

**Resolution Denial passed, 6 - 0**

[R72JACKSONELEMENTARY.DOC](#)

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**Resolution on installing the flashing lights passed, 6 – 0**

[R73PRESSMANDEDCS.DOC](#)

John F. Pressmann Memorial Trail

**Resolution passed, 6 – 0**

**14. RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING:**

[R74BLIGHTED PROPERTY.DOC](#)

Refer to CEDC, Public Hearing on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 PM

Properties to be acquired by Eminent Domain by the Redevelopment Authority

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. GOOD AND WELFARE

17. ADJOURN at 8:10 PM

If you have any questions on the legislation, please contact Council Office at 610.437.7556 or email the City Clerk at [hanlon@allentowncity.org](mailto:hanlon@allentowncity.org).

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