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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 19, 2014  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 PM**

**1. Invocation: Jeanette Eichenwald**

**2. Pledge to the Flag**

**3. Roll Call:** Davis, Eichenwald, Hendricks, Mota, O'Connell, Schweyer  
Mr. John Marchetto represented the Solicitor's Office

**4. Courtesy of the Floor**

Ms. Paulette Keschl, Eastside of Allentown on E. Chew Street, stated that she pays taxes and if she does not pay her taxes she is penalized. She lives on a thru street and a plow has not come down her small street. The plows are not coming through. They are not taking care of us that live in the homes.

Mr. O'Connell asked if Council could see the pictures. He asked Ms. Keschl if she stated that she made calls to the city.

Ms. Keschl stated that the neighbors and I made constant calls and there is an excuse every time.

Mr. O'Connell thanked Ms. Keschl and stated that the pictures are being circulated.

Ms. Eichenwald asked Mr. Dougherty if he had a response.

Mr. Dougherty stated it was duly noted and he will follow up with the Streets Department.

Mr. Kenneth Heffentrager, 733 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, asked about transparency and why we delete a lot of information. We should do what Lehigh County does with their meetings, stream it. A question that I have been asking since November 6<sup>th</sup> has not been answered. People get fined for a paint bucket sitting in back of their garage and City Center had garbage that was laying on the sidewalks and they had buildings that were assessable. They finally cleaned them up. Since December 4<sup>th</sup> I have been asking has the owner of Crocodile Rock which owns 10<sup>th</sup> and Turner Street actually obtained a proper permit. How many blighted properties are in the city?

Mr. O'Connell stated that last Wednesday we talked about this. We did get an answer.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that she was never given an answer and Mr. Dougherty is here. I think these are appropriate questions and Mr. Dougherty if you don't have the answer tonight, at some point it would behoove all of us to know how many blighted properties are there and was City Center cited for the increase in garbage and does Crocodile Rock have permits.

Mr. Dougherty stated that he thinks that they have been addressed. I don't know the answers to them because they have been referred to staff.

Mr. Heffentrager stated that they have not been addressed.

Ms. Eichenwald asked how many blighted properties are there. How many stickers are there on buildings and is everyone being treated fairly? Is City Center is given the same treatment than someone who is not building in the NIZ Zone.

Mr. Richard Fegley, 1002 S. Bradford Street, stated that one of the requests made by an email was about getting public internet access. A lot of restaurants and coffee shops for example offer free public Wi-Fi access. With the camera that has been installed in Council Chambers, I would ask if they know what is being filmed, screened, and what the cameras being used for. It would be great to use the camera like the County where each meeting is being recorded. There is no need to do minutes. He asked about Delta Thermo and if Council was ok with a \$113 million loss based on financials given by PFM and the Mayor. He stated that he gave all the number and calculations. The contract is not signed by City Council, but the deal is not done with the incinerator. He asked Council to look at the assumptions. He asked what research was done for the per ton cost?

Mr. O'Connell stated that he appreciates Mr. Fegley comments and reads everything that you send me. I am trying wrap myself around the \$113 million is now or if we build a plant and it goes through.

Mr. Fegley stated that if we built a plant according to the financials that the Mayor and PFM has given us. It is an increase from the \$92 as an assumption for the cost per ton. That number was a false number. The \$92 could have been an assumption at a full price landfill and the waste industry will tell you that anybody that has a long-term contract with large amounts to fill will get about half of what is posted on the sign when you go dump your trash.

Mr. O'Connell stated that he respects what Mr. Fegley is saying, but until they put a shovel in the ground to build that plant, it is for not.

Mr. Fegley stated that you have to ask the attorney and the people that signed the contract.

Mr. O'Connell stated nothing kicks in until the plant is built and it is up, running and functional.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that everything you are saying right now, we were warned about. Betsey Levin, a former member of the administration exceedingly knowledgeable of these issues came here and stood here in front of City Council and she told us that it was double the tipping fee. The \$92 was double the amount of what the industry was charging. Should we worry, of course? We have to feed this incinerator with trash. Even if tomorrow if everybody stops produces trash in Allentown, we have to import trash at \$92.

Ms. Bonne Bosco, N. 29<sup>th</sup> Street, stated that she made a request via email and has not received a response. It was a request for information and still has not received a response.

Mr. O'Connell asked what is your request.

Ms. Bosco stated that after reviewing the March 7, 2012 minutes from the City Council meeting, where Mayor Pawlowski was quoted saying "we went through a very thoughtful and detailed RFP process and conducted extensive research and even sending our own staff to Germany to look at one of the component parts of this new technology and the best team of professionals in the field to help us draft the agreement,

the agreement and what you have in front of you is a product of approval. She stated that she also requested to be provided with a name of the independent auditor or firm awarded the second contract with the city from the January 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Did we hire an independent auditor at that meeting?

Ms. Eichenwald asked if Ms. Bosco was talking about an auditor or mean a consultant.

Ms. Bosco stated R-2 approves auditor for the 2013, 2014, and 2015.

Mr. O'Connell stated that is an auditor that we have.

Ms. Bosco asked shouldn't that be in the minutes, the name of the firm.

Mr. O'Connell stated that we approve it on the 15<sup>th</sup> and that is the auditor that comes in and checks the books and audits the books.

Mr. Schweyer stated for the CAFR.

Mr. O'Connell stated that we usually sign a contract for three years and it is the same outfit that we have been using for many years.

Mr. Schweyer stated that we could never use a municipal audit for more than six years at any given time. We have used them for three and this would be their second three year term.

Ms. Bosco asked who is it.

Mr. Schweyer Maher Duessel.

Ms. Koval stated Maher Duessel.

Mr. O'Connell stated that what you are saying, it is kind of a disconnect.

Ms. Bosco stated that it was a second question. I didn't want to read the whole email. I didn't see the name in the minutes, but I didn't read the whole thing.

Mr. O'Connell asked has he tracked the email down.

Ms. Bosco stated that it was a reply to the email that Rich Fegley sent. He did get a reply and I did get a reply in my inbox that I replied to in my request.

Mr. O'Connell stated that Mr. Hanlon is very efficient and will get back to you.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that there were two staff members that were sent to Germany. This was supposed to be three country technologies: Japan, South Korea, and Germany as well.

Ms. Bosco stated when we have Special City Council meetings with the Incinerator, Delta Thermo of May 28, 2013 or the special meeting over the water lease, why aren't those minutes posted.

Mr. Hanlon stated that we can post them.

Mr. O'Connell stated that is a fair request.

Ms. Kathy Woodford, 429 Ridge Avenue, complemented Mr. Fegley and stated it is a wonderful idea about the camera since the minutes don't get documented. She stated that her concerns with the police department. She stated that she was recently hung up on by a sergeant from the second shift of the non-emergency number with concerns the lot she pays to contract in which is no affiliation with the City of Allentown. It is Allentown Parking Authority. With the crisis with the weather, people sneak in and take spots that we pay for. It is not just winter, they do it year around. She pays \$29 a month.

Mr. Michael Donovan spoke about a 4 – 5 percent discount rate it would make a difference. It is very interesting that at 700 it does well, 680 it does well, but you get down to 670 and 660 and the project is a negative again. Whether I am right or wrong, that analysis was never done. That scenario analysis of working through a host of variables that seems to be the most important in saying what is the best case, what is the worst case was never done. That was my problem with the water lease too, and I mentioned that at that time. He stated that proper policy was not performed in neither one of those decisions. They may have been great decisions, but you always have individuals come up and say here are the numbers, bang. Rather than analyze them in a professional fashion that would have been found in any appropriate organization on the business side. I have been trained a lot in public policy and it is something that is standard. If it is built, it shows how sensitive the results can be.

Mr. Julian Kern, 252 E. Walnut Street, asked if the city is responsible for the traffic light that is at Irving and Union Boulevard. When you are going north on Irving Street and trying to make the left on Union to go west, there is no arrow to make a turn and you have to sit there for the green light. Sometimes you never get through. He asked if the city can do snow removal at Mosser Elementary School. It is pretty bad with the school buses. He stated that 656 S. Filmore Street they told Council about the landlord tapping into a gas line. He moved people in the property and removed the tag for unfit for human habitation. I was told that there are ten people living in a two bedroom apartment.

Mr. O'Connell stated that Mr. Dougherty will check it out with his people.

Mr. Dougherty stated for the traffic light, I will refer that to Traffic Engineering to follow up. There are complicated advanced protocols required any time you make a change. We will see if we can get a crew over to the Mosser School. We have prioritized the schools in the last few days before they went back. There is more work to be done. We checked S. Filmore and the gas was not hooked up illegally, but the other issue about removing the tank, I will follow up with.

Mr. Schweyer stated that Mr. Hanlon was good enough to reach out to UGI as well to have that conversation and Mike will continue to reach out to see if it is a public number that we can offer to folks if they are aware of illegal gas tapping.

Ms. Diane Teti, 328 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, stated that she wanted to talk about the homeless. We had the hearing last week and I wanted to follow from the hearing to see if there are next steps from the information that are gathered. She asked were there action steps.

Mr. Schweyer stated that he had a conversation today with some of our city officials and my colleagues. We are going to be writing a joint Resolution with the Lehigh County Board of Commissioners talking about items that we have discussed in public. There is going to be an actionable item.

Ms. Teti stated that they had their seasonal sub-committee meeting today and it was the first time Jack Felch who is the new Director of the Lehigh County Conference of Churches. He was very vocal about his ideas of what sheltering would look like. I am still concerned. Two of you have seen Safe Haven and I would like to request that we send someone from the Fire Marshal or the Health Department there because

while it is what we have at the moment, we have other options. The State Hospital was closed in December 2010 and we talked about how there is an increasing issue and I know that they gave them support and just didn't put them on the street. She stated that she resigned from the Safe Haven Advisory Committee. I want to keep advocating for what is best.

Mr. O'Connell stated that is very well said because if you read the literature of the State Hospital it is like opening the doors and letting people out. A lot of these problems have surfaced in the community: homelessness and mental illness tie together. He stated that Mr. Dougherty will check out Safe Haven for you. Keep dialoguing with us, we are listening.

Ms. Keschl stated she doesn't know what steps she has to take as far as her street.

Mr. O'Connell stated that the Managing Director, who is extremely efficient, effective, professional has duly noted it and has the address. There was an executive session tonight: at 6:00 PM on a personnel issue that falls under the exemptions of the Sunshine law and is related to Resolution 4 on the agenda this evening.

Mr. Schweyer made a motion to move Resolution 4 up on the agenda.

Ms. Mota seconded the motion.

#### **R-4 Termination of Employment for Police Officer**

Mr. O'Connell stated that there is no dialogue between our City Council members at this time. There is no public input concerning Resolution 4 at this time. Mr. Caffrey is representing City Council.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks recused himself from the vote.

#### **RESOLUTION PASSED, 5 – 0**

#### **5. Approval of Minutes: January 6 and January 15, 2014**

Minutes approved by Common Consent.

#### **6. Old Business**

Ms. Eichenwald stated to Mr. Dougherty state we spoken at considerable length about the Delta Thermo project. Could you please give us an update on where it stands at the moment?

Mr. Dougherty stated that he has no idea.

Ms. Eichenwald asked if Mr. Dougherty will let Council know at a future meeting.

Mr. Dougherty stated yes.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that we all know that we spent well over a half a million dollars on consultant fees. If this project does not occur are we in any way able to recoup any of that money.

#### **7. Communications**

None

#### **8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**

**Budget and Finance: Chairperson Schweyer**

The Budget and Finance has not met since the last meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for February 26 and we will be looking at the monthly financials from January 2014 and December 2013. He wants a preliminary sketch of how much snow squall or near blizzard conditions have cost us.

**Public Safety: Chairperson Eichenwald**

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

**Community and Economic Development: Chairperson Davis**

The Committee met February 12 and had three issues and one we are voting on tonight; one issue was on Code Blue and dealing with the homeless and the third was a report dealing with the housing strategy. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, time to be determined.

**Parks and Recreation: Chairperson Mota**

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

**Public Works: Chairperson O’Connell**

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; a future meeting is scheduled for March 12 at 6 PM.

**Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chairperson Hendricks**

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

**Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chairperson Guridy**

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; a future meeting will be scheduled to review draft amendments to council rules.

**Special Committee – Tax Exempt Properties – Chairperson Eichenwald**

We had positive results from Muhlenberg College and Lehigh Valley Hospital and we are hoping to hear shortly from Cedar Crest College. The Committee has not met since the last meeting; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.

**OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. O’Connell stated that he sits on the board of the Allentown Parking Authority and we have a meeting next Wednesday at 4:00 PM and I will bring up your concern to the director of the Parking Authority.

**Controller’s Report**

None

**Managing Director’s Report**

None

**9. APPOINTMENTS:**

**Recreation Board Appointments**

Julie Ambrose	01/05/2019
Hugh Gallagher	10/22/2018
Hamp Smith	02/20/2018
Louis Stalsitz	02/20/2015

**Electricians Examining Board Appointments**

Roger Mabus	01/24/2017
Michael Taylor	01/24/2017

**Zoning Hearing Board**

Kristin Ann Cahayla 11/4/2014

**Aggregate Pension Board  
Police Pension Board**

Joe Davis 12/31/2015

**Disruptive Conduct Board of Appeals**

Candida Affa 01/24/2017

**Vacant Property Review Board**

Candida Affa 01/07/2017

Marlene E. Granitz 01/04/2016

Charles F. Thiel 01/01/2016

**Environmental Advisory Council**

Randy Fey 01/02/2015

Mr. Heffentrager asked for the Zoning Hearing Board is replacing someone or is it an alternate position. Mr. Camacho is a backup and I didn't know.

Ms. Cahayla stated that she is a new appointment.

Mr. Heffentrager asked if the Vacant Property Review Board filling all positions.

Mr. O'Connell stated that we will find out.

Mr. Pearson stated that he has a question about the Recreation Board. Looking at the list there are about six positions that are expired and I want to asked if one of these appointees are Mr. Treborah from the East Side still on the board or is he being replaced.

Mr. O'Connell stated that he serves on the Recreation Board also and has been on the board for 25 years. As far as I know Bob Treborah is still on the Recreation Board.

Mr. Pearson stated that his term expired on January this year. They still list David Howells whose term has expired in 2010. Hamp Smith is being reappointed, Hugh Gallaher is being reappointed, and David Edinger expired in 2011.

Mr. Hanlon stated that Mr. Pearson is looking at a list that needs to be updated.

Mr. O'Connell stated that Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Smith are reappointments, Louis Stalsitz is a new appointment and Julie Ambrose was the School Board Representative when she was on the School Board.

Mr. Pearson stated that if Mr. Robert Treborah would have not or out that would leave one eastsider on the Recreation Board and he is only there because he is on the school board. You need to start evening out the statistics.

Mr. O'Connell stated that you are right. We look for representation throughout the whole city. If Mr. Treborah is not on the board, we will look for someone on the eastside.

Mr. Dougherty stated that he serves until replaced. He is still on the board.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that on January 15 Mr. Thomases was here asking about the EAC. Three applicants and one person being appointed from those three applicants from May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. O'Connell stated to the best of his knowledge there were three and we are appointing Randy tonight and that is the mayor's decision. City Council can select two people from the Environmental Advisory Council. Our City Council representatives were Rich Nausembaum and Carolin Albright. The other appointments are up to the mayor.

Ms. Eichenwald asked if Randy Fey one of the three that Mr. Thomases brought.

Mr. Dougerhty stated that it is not one of the three that Ms. Thomases put up. They are others that other people put up.

Mr. Schweyer stated that he can answer Mr. Heffentrager's question about the Vacant Property Review Board. The three appointees will represent the three permanent, not an alternate appointees that are already prescribe. There is always a member of Council (Me) and the Redevelopment Authority has an appointee as well. As soon as the Redevelopment Authority puts someone up, it will be a functioning board.

## **RESOLUTION PASSED, 6 – 0**

Ms. Kristin Cahayla stated that she has been a resident of Allentown for 14 years. She came here to go to college and stayed. She loves the Lehigh Valley. She currently works at Air Products in the Corporate Real Estate Department. She always approached the zoning hearing board from the other side. It is her opportunity to give back to her community and sit on the other side. Thank you for appointing me.

Mr. Randy Fey stated that he was an employee at the city for 29 years. He thanked Council for the appointment. One item that is on his agenda for the EAC would be to have the Shade Tree Commission which I am president of and the EAC start looking at issues together. There are some issues and we can work together to help the city grow to a healthy community.

Mr. O'Connell asked Mr. Thiel if he had anything to say. He thanked him for serving.

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

### **Bill 2 Cities of Service Impact Volunteering Fund Grant**

Amending the 2014 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$21,865) as a result of a grant from City of Service. The Cities of Service Impact Volunteering Fund Grant is part of an initiative to help cities use service as "strategy to tackle pressing local challenges." The City of Allentown proposed a new initiative to address quality of life issues such as graffiti, littered neighborhoods and illegal dumping.

Mr. Davis stated that we had a meeting last Wednesday on this and asked Ms. Giguere to give a report and about the volunteer efforts.

Ms. Giguere stated that it is the city service grant award that the city received for \$25,000. The City of Service is an organization that came out of the Bloomberg Philanthropy out of New York City and the goal is to increase volunteerism in cities throughout the country and they asked cities to apply to the Impact Volunteering Fund for cities to decide what community needs they wish to focus on and have to recruit

volunteers in their communities to focus on those needs. When we talked to our administrative staff, the Mayor, and the city manager they said our focus should be to continue to improve quality of life issues which have been part of the mayor's focus for some time. We were fortunate to receive the dollars and our focus will be to put money back into the community up to \$750 to be used to recruit volunteers, decrease blight in their neighborhoods or on their block and their communities and replace that blight with some type of beautification project. We put together a mini grant application and there will be three rounds throughout the next year and a half. The goal is to recruit over 200 volunteers.

Ms. Saurman stated that on February 11<sup>th</sup> we had an open meeting through Mr. Arcelay who had recruited from the Faith Based Initiative as well as neighbor volunteers and we had a really good turnout. It was an informational session on how to complete the grant and Ms. Mota was in attendance as well. Thank you for your support. We are encouraging the individual groups to be creative and identify what is the need of the block. It is centered around illegal dumping, graffiti, clearing litter and tree well planting. We want the applicants to let us know and be creative for what will be an improvement for you on your block, utilizing all the dollars that are awarded to the City of Allentown. We had questions that if the project is more than \$750 can we reapply. If there is money left over and if some of the projects are smaller than \$750 which is the ceiling. If we have money left over we will offer more grants until the money is used up. The matrix we will be doing is counting how much litter we clean up (tires and illegal dumped items). I am proud to say that Allentown is one of 23 cities nationwide that received this grant award.

Mr. Davis stated that Ms. Eichenwald brought up a really great comment in the meeting about the follow up on it, when the projects are done and the publicity and the residents are actually doing to help the city. It did pass through the committee 3 – 0.

Ms. Saurman stated that we do a lot of Earth Day Clean Up and block clean ups, but it is often once and done. This is more sustained and long-term approach and I did bring extra application this evening which I will put at the back table. It is featured in our 2014 Recycling Newsletter and it drives people to the city's website.

Ms. Mota stated that she attended the meeting and was really impressed and cannot wait to see the outcome. This is going to help the city and she hope it continues. The application is so easy to fill out.

Mr. O'Connell stated that he was reminded from his media friends have requested that anyone who speaks state their name and position with the city.

Ms. Giguere stated that it is city owned.

Mr. O'Connell stated get yourself an application. We appreciate you saying that. It is city owned.

Ms. Diane Teti asked if they can market it on Facebook and get it out to the neighborhood associations.

Ms. Saurman stated that once of the resources that the city is going to offer is we think we are going to get a lot of these community garden requests to help determine who the property owner is and what legal procedures we have to do.

Mr. Heffentrager stated that this fantastic plan of action. He stated that you do a great and wonderful job. When it comes to illegal dumping, and the neighborhood wants to clean up it is garbage or dump is on a property that is blighted are the possibly getting a grant to clean that up. Are we going to stick a bill to the owner of that property to recoup that money and let it go to another group that wants some clean up.

Ms. Saurman stated that one of the things discussed is not to have an individual benefit by the grant, an individual property or an individual business. That is not the grant intent. It is to be an overall neighborhood improvement.

Mr. Heffentrager stated that he has lived in the city for 23 years and there are a lot of properties that you watched and they get shutdown and all of a sudden the garbage starts mounting.

Ms. Saurman stated that we will consider that.

Mr. Fey stated that he deals with a lot of volunteer organizations and most have some kind of insurance clause that if their volunteers are out there, they are covered.

Ms. Saurman stated that we will be working with the solicitor's office. Thanks.

## **ORDINANCE PASSED, 6 – 0**

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

#### **Bill 3 Vacation E Jeans St**

#### **Referred to Public Works**

Providing for the vacation of E. Jeans Street from centerline of N. Gilmore Street to the centerline of N. Glynn Street in the Fifteenth Ward of the City of Allentown.

### **12. CONSENT AGENDA:**

#### **CA-1 Appointment of Three Police Officers**

Mr. Schweyer stated to the Chiefs, Mr. Matthews lives in the region, but Mr. Dennis and Mr. Best do not. If there are any opportunities for them to take your lead sir that they are coming here out of the area they can consider becoming residents of the City of Allentown. We would greatly appreciate it. In my six years on Council, we have periodically talked about residency like the good old days when my dad was a city worker and lived in the city.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that he appreciates that comment and surely speak to the officers. That is one of the things that I would like to reinforce.

Ms. Mota asked out of these three police officers, are there any females.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated not in the current three. We opened up the recruiting process to certify police officers and one of the hopes is that we get more military and former military personnel in addition to women. We get more diversity that way.

Mr. O'Connell stated that he has the same question every time police officers come up for appointments. Do they have to go through the academy or do they hit the streets right away.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that these officers have to go through the academy. However, we do have a mechanism to recruit officers that do not have to go through the academy. That is equivalent to our ordinances and procedures in the City of Allentown to come in certified.

Mr. O'Connell asked with the three, what this brings you up to.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated he believes 204. We will still be down 12.

Mr. O'Connell stated that in his personal opinion that is not enough and we have to do whatever we have to do to get more police officers in the city, on the streets and in the neighborhoods.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that he appreciates that statement and echoes it. He thinks in the next few months you will see us get to 100 percent and come up with a strategy to present an opportunity to hire more.

Ms. Eichenwald asked do we have them in the pipeline.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that we have right now we have approached the Civil Service Commission in regards to the Bill 66 proposition and got that approved and have marketed ourselves towards officers that don't need as much training and will be readily available to hit the streets much sooner than later. We realize there is a need and we are playing catch up. It doesn't do a service to the city not to have those people out on the streets.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that she certainly adds her voice to what Mr. O'Connell has said and obviously we need the full complement.

Mr. Hendricks stated that he wants to mimic with what Mr. Schweyer said. I spoke very briefly with the mayor about some type of incentive plan for officers to move into the city, new officers as well as former officers or existing officers. Sitting on the law enforcement committee, I give my full 100 percent support as a vice president O'Connell said we need to get these officers as soon as possible. I know it is a long process, I have been through it and I know we only hire the best.

## **RESOLUTION PASSED, 6 – 0**

### **13. RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING:**

None

### **14. RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING:**

#### **R-3 Disposition of Records**

Mr. Heffentrager stated that in the Department of Finance section, what is the tenant listing that is seen throughout. It says 2006 tenant listing.

Mr. O'Connell stated tenant listing 227 Wards 15 and 19. He stated that he went by the old title disposition of old records.

Mr. Heffentrager stated that the Department of Finance also shows rental inspections and it is strange it is in the Department of Finance. He asked if the records being destroyed being put on. He questions the rental inspections list being thrown out.

Mr. Hendricks stated by law it dictates what records can be retained and what can be disposed of and the city follows that very closely.

Mr. O'Connell stated that what the city disposes of is what the city no longer needs to retain. They have to follow pursuant to the state law. This comes up every year.

Mr. Hanlon stated that the Mayor's office keeps track of all the records at Building Maintenance and they dispose of them based on boxes and there are dates on them. He thinks inspections and zoning reports are not thrown out.

Mr. Marchetto stated that Landlords are required to register the names of their occupants in their rental units and the records are prescribed schedule of how long you must retain those things. If the assumption is if they are required to be registered every year that things from that long ago is no longer necessary so we get rid of it.

## **RESOLUTION PASSED, 6 – 0**

### **16. GOOD AND WELFARE**

Mr. O'Connell congratulated Ms. Giguere on the article in the paper with your dog. It was a good article. He recognized Andre Reed and stated that he is a product of Allentown. I have known the family for years and he went to Dieruff, Kutztown and had a good career at Kutztown. He was just inducted in the National Football Hall of Fame.

Mr. Hendricks stated as an alumnus of Dieruff High School along with Andre Reed, I spoke to Mr. Hanlon about doing something. I am working on something and hope to get the full support of Council. That is quite an honor.

Mr. Schweyer stated that roads and intersections the challenge is notwithstanding that our city workers have done a yeomen's job, working 12 hours. On behalf of all Council we very much appreciate their efforts.

### **17. ADJOURNED: 8:30 PM**