

Julio Guridy, President
Ray O'Connell, Vice President
Joseph Davis
Jeanette Eichenwald
Daryl Hendricks
Cynthia Y. Mota
Peter Schweyer



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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 PM

1. Invocation: Joe Davis

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. Roll Call: Davis, Eichenwald, Guridy, Hendricks, Mota, O'Connell, Schweyer
Frances Fruhwirth represented the Solicitor's Office

4. Courtesy of the Floor

Mr. Kenneth Heffentrager, 733 N. 11th Street, stated that the city has to find money for Code Enforcement. He stated that he called 65 cities comparable to our size noting the city is understaffed compared to others. He suggested looking into a point system which may work better. A while ago something was said to change the color of the tag to white and make it smaller and I thought about it this, a big orange sticker belongs there. The orange sticker has to stay.

Ms. Diane Teti, 328 N. 8th Street, stated that it is the 5th of March and we are 27 days away from Safe Haven closing. Alliance Hall has provided another option. This issue has been brought to City Council. She asked if the City sent the Fire Marshal and the House Inspector out to Safe Haven.

Mr. Dougherty stated that the city brought the complaint to the Fire Department and he doesn't know if they have gone out yet or not. The complaint was conveyed to the Fire Department.

Mr. Teti asked about the Health Department going out there because there were concerns about the overcrowding and smell. She asked for the request put in tomorrow and can she get feedback. She asked Mr. Schweyer about the Resolution.

Mr. Schweyer stated that they are bouncing it back and forth working on it. He is working with Commissioner Geoff Brace and he is introducing the same one.

Ms. Teti stated that working with the schools with the possibility of getting involvement from the Red Cross which will help in emergency situations.

Mr. Julian Kern, 252 E. Walnut Street, asked about Recycling. He asked how many Sweep Officers there are in Recycling. He wanted to know if they patrol the streets in the city.

Mr. Schweyer stated four.

Mr. Dougherty stated that he will get back to Mr. Kern with an answer.

Mr. Kern asked how many people on the taskforce.

Mr. Davis stated that on the Housing Strategy Board has about 14 members and half are residents. The Housing Taskforce is businessmen, realtors, and residents.

5. Approval of Minutes

None

6. Old Business

None

7. Communications

Mr. Guridy thanked Mr. Hanlon for 25 Years and for everything you do for the city.

Public Hearing Notice:

Mr. Guridy stated that Allentown City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 435 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to take public testimony on the request for the Intermunicipal Transfer of Liquor License Number CC-05168, LID: 03835, from Lower Milford Township, Fire Company #1, 1601 Limeport Pike, Coopersburg, PA 18036 to 1139 Union Boulevard (Tony's Pizza), Allentown, Pa. The transfer applicant is the American Citizens Slavonic Society of Allentown, Inc. There will be a resolution on the council meeting that follows the public hearing that will allow City Council to approve or disapprove the transfer.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Budget and Finance: Chairperson Schweyer

The Budget and Finance met last Wednesday; the next meeting is scheduled for March 26th.

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 has not met since the last Council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for March 13 at 5:15 PM.

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 13 at 5:30 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.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. O'Connell stated last week he attending his first Allentown Parking Authority meeting in several months. Hess's parking lot is going to get a facelift. Downtown parking is a major concern. Mike Hanlon and I have a meeting at Panera Bread for the LCA Oversight Meeting with Julie Thomases, citizens and Richard Young from Public Works.

Controller's Report

Ms. Koval stated that she has nothing additional then what Mr. Schweyer discussed under the Budget and Finance Committee Report.

Managing Director's Report

None

9. APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Schweyer stated that he has to recuse himself from Mr. Diaz's vote. Mr. Diaz sits on the board of directors for Sacred Heart Hospital.

Bryan E. Yocum	Vacant Property Review Board	01/07/2017
Oldrich Foucek, III	ANIZDA	01/01/2018

RESOLUTION PASSED, 7 – 0

Nelson Diaz	ANIZDA	01/01/2018
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Ms. Diane Teti stated that she doesn't know Mr. Diaz, but heard many complaints of how he maintains and doesn't maintain his property. Someone who is not setting a good example in our neighborhoods is being appointed to this board.

RESOLUTION PASSED, 5 – 1 (Eichenwald, Schweyer recused himself)

Mr. Yocum stated that he wanted Council to know who he was. He stated that he used to come to a lot of Councilmembers and would like to get back into that. He is looking forward to serving even though it is an alternate position.

Mr. Guriy thanked Mr. Yocum for his service and for being willing to serve.

10. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

None

11. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

Bill 4 Referred to Community and Economic Development Committee

Amending the Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance Code, Article 1579.99, by providing a penalty of Five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars for the removal of any official notice or placard placed on a property by an official from the City of Allentown, including but not limited to a notice posting a property as uninhabitable or being an illegal unit. Any unpaid charges relative to this penalty may be subject to a lien being placed upon the property.

12. CONSENT AGENDA:

None

13. RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING:

None

14. RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING:

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Referred to Rules, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy

Recommends Federal Enactment of Comprehensive Immigration Reform that keeps families together, promotes economic growth and retains respect for the rights of all persons regardless of where they come from

16. GOOD AND WELFARE

17. ADJOURNED 7:32 PM

Council meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 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 Michael.Hanlon@allentownpa.gov to receive an email notice of the meetings.