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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 4, 2013
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council Meeting – 7:00 PM

- 1. Invocation: Julio Guridy**
- 2. Pledge to the Flag**
- 3. Roll Call: Guridy, Davis, Glazier, Mota and Schweyer were present.**
- 4. Courtesy of the Floor**

Ken Hefentrager, 733 N 11th, asked about City Center violations on Walnut Street, and inquired about permits at property at 10th and Turner and Crocodile Rock.

Mr. Hershman, 405 North Gilmore, asked about the introduction of a capital budget fund and the MMO being reviewed.

Mr. Hunsicker said he is submitting a summary of the remaining balance of the 211m (attached).

Mr. Pearson, East Allentown Rittersville Association, expressed concern about needed repairs at 441 N. Jerome Street and a problem at the 1100 block of Union Boulevard may appear if the owner attempts to get a liquor license or establish a BYOB.

Julian Kern, 252 East Walnut, said there is a need for more rental code inspectors and 246 Walnut needs another tag.

5. Approval of Minutes: November 20, 2013

6. Old Business

7. Communications:

Mr. Guridy noted City Council received the MMO for the Police, Fire, O and E, and PMRS from the Administration on November 26. There are a few copies on the back desk – if anyone would like a copy contact our office.

Mr. Guridy noted the Clerk's Office has received the draft plan approval from the Pa. DEP for the Delta Thermo permit – the plan can be inspected in the office during normal business hours or the office will email you a copy of the plan. There is a Spanish translation of the plan as well. The public has until Monday, December 16th to submit to the DEP any public comments they have about the plan approval related to Delta Thermo's permit application to build the waste-to-energy facility. The public can send comments to the DEP address listed in the documents. After December 16th, the DEP will not accept any comments on Delta Thermo's application.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Budget and Finance: Chairperson Schweyer

The Budget and Finance met this evening; the next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

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 meeting; the next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

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; another meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chairperson Glazier

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 has not yet been scheduled – we will address rule changes in the New Year

Special Committee – Tax Exempt Properties – Chairperson Eichenwald

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

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Controller's Report

Managing Director's Report

9. APPOINTMENTS:

The following reappointments to the Building Code Board of Appeals were approved 5-0.

Richard C Yeakel	Building Code Board of Appeals	11/04/2018
George Soltis	Building Code Board of Appeals	11/04/2018

10. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

Bill 48 Recovery Street Repair Costs

Amends Part 9, Streets, Utilities and Public Services Codes, by creating uniform standards for street repairs and recovery of costs Street excavation fees

The bill was approved 5-0.

Bill 51 JAG Grant Appropriation)

Amending the 2013 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seventy-Three Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Two (\$73,642) Dollars from a Department of Justice Grant (2012-DJ-BX-0093) to the Allentown Police Department to provide for the purchase and installation of 15 mobile data transmitters to be installed in police cruisers as a result of a Department of Justice Grant.

The bill was approved 5-0.

Bill 52 JAG Grant Appropriation

Amending the 2013 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Sixty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Two (\$66,902) Dollars from a Department of Justice Grant (2013-DJ-BX-1021) to the Allentown Police Department to provide for the installation of license plate reading equipment in several patrol vehicles as a result of a Department of Justice Grant.

The bill was approved 5-0.

Bill 53 EMS Iron Pigs Reimbursement

Amending the 2013 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$19,818.75) from the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs for providing on-scene emergency medical services.

The bill was approved 5-0.

Bill 67 Pension Note Ordinance

An ordinance of the council of the city of Allentown, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, authorizing and directing that action be taken to effectuate a deposit of certain monies to fund the city's unfunded pension liability in accordance with act 205, the municipal pension plan funding standard and recovery act, authorizing the issuance of a note in the principal amount of \$150,000,000 to fund the city's pension plan contribution and authorizing the appropriation of note proceeds to the pension fund, authorizing appropriate officers and officials to take required necessary and/or appropriate action, to bring about the foregoing reduction, providing for severability of provisions of the ordinance, providing for the repeal of all ordinances or parts of the ordinance so far as the same shall be inconsistent, providing when this ordinance shall become effective

The bill was approved 5-0.

The budget and finance bills were reviewed the last few weeks during budget review. The budget bills were amended through a series of budget memos (attached). The new numbers reflect those adjustments.

Bill 54 2014 Solid Waste Enterprise Fund

That an appropriation in the sum of ~~Nineteen Million Eight Hundred Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$19,803,703)~~ \$19,825,161 is hereby made to the Solid Waste Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2014 Budget."

The bill was approved 5-0.

Bill 55 Solid Waste Fee

Amending Article 1131, Municipal Waste Storage, Collection and Disposal by maintaining the Solid Waste Fee to Three Hundred and Seventy-Five (\$375) Dollars.

The bill was approved 5-0.

Bill 56 2014 Liquid Fuels

That an appropriation in the sum of ~~Two Million Four Hundred Eighty-Two and One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,482,150)~~ \$2,505,150 is hereby made to the Liquid Fuels Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2014 Budget."

The bill was approved 5-0.

Bill 57 2014 Trexler Trust Fund

That an appropriation in the sum of ~~One Million Two Hundred Eighty and One Hundred Seventy Two Dollars (\$1,280,172)~~ \$1,280,168 is hereby made to the Trexler Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2014 Budget."

The bill was approved 5-0.

Bill 58 2014 Golf Course Fund

That an appropriation in the sum of One Million Four Hundred Thirty and Four Hundred and Sixty Three Dollars (\$1,430,463) is hereby made to the Golf Course Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2014 Budget".

The bill was approved 5-0.

Bill 59 2014 Equipment Fund

That an appropriation in the sum of One Million Two Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$1,266,577) is hereby made to the Equipment Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2014 Budget

The bill was approved 5-0.

Bill 60 2014 Risk Fund

That an appropriation in the sum of ~~Eighteen Million Twenty-Three Hundred and Three Hundred and Twelve Dollars (\$18,023,312)~~ \$18,027,708 is hereby made to the Risk Management Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2014 Budget."

The bill was approved 5-0.

Bill 61 2014 Debt

That an appropriation in the sum of Eight Million One Hundred Seventy-Five and Nine Hundred and Sixty-Five Dollars (\$8,175,965) is hereby made to the Debt Obligation as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2014 Budget."

The bill was approved 5-0.

Bill 62 2014 E911

That an appropriation in the sum of ~~Three Million Three Hundred Sixty-Nine and Seven Hundred and Four Dollars (\$3,369,704)~~ \$3,369,688 is hereby made to the E-9-1-1 Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2014 Budget."

The bill was approved 5-0.

Bill 64 2014 General Fund

That the sum of ~~Eighty-Nine Million Two Hundred Fifty Eight Four Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$89,258,425)~~ 113,828,330 net of a planned vacancy factor of One Million Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,375,000), be hereby appropriated as follows:

Vacancy Factor	(1,375,000)	
To Non-Departmental Offices	4,641,821	<u>4,633,119</u>
To the General and Civic Expense	8,333,425	<u>33,333,425</u>
To the Department of Finance	6,343,056	<u>6,317,060</u>
To the Department of Public Works	12,561,544	<u>12,418,658</u>
To the Department of Police	28,350,853	<u>28,400,511</u>
To the Department of Fire	17,441,556	<u>17,113,844</u>
To the Department of HR	737,227	<u>727,198</u>
To the Department of Parks and Recreation	4,024,174	<u>4,000,507</u>
To the Department of Community and Economic Dev	8,199,769	<u>8,259,008</u>

The bill was approved 5-0.

Bill 65 2014 ARTICLE 331 EIT DECREASE

Reduces EIT Tax

The bill was approved 5-0.

Bill 66 2014 TAXRATE

That a tax for general revenue be levied for the fiscal year, beginning the first Monday of January, A.D., 2014, upon all real, personal and mixed property within the limits of the said City, taxable according to the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, the valuation of such property to be taken from the assessed valuation of the taxable property under the provisions of the law regulating the same, at the rate of Three and Forty-nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-seven Hundred Thousandth (3.49267) mills on improvements and Eighteen and Four Sixty-two Thousand Thirty-one Hundred Thousandth (18.46231) mills on land.

The bill was approved 5-0.

11. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

Bill 68 Note Forgiveness

Refer to Budget and Finance

An ordinance of the council of the city of Allentown, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, authorizing and directing that action be taken to effectuate the forgiveness and release of all payment obligations related to the city's note designated as its series aa of 2013 note ("note"), authorizing appropriate officers and officials to take required necessary and/or appropriate action, to bring about the forgiveness of the note, providing for severability of provisions of the ordinance, providing for the repeal of all ordinances or parts of the ordinance so far as the same shall be inconsistent, providing when this ordinance shall become effective.

12. CONSENT AGENDA: None

13. RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING:

R29 Capital Improvements Program

Adopts the Capital Improvements Program for 2014-2018
The resolution was approved 5-0.

14. RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING: (To be voted on per Peter's request – no need to suspend any rules here, you can vote on resolutions on first reading.)

R33 EMS Service

Supports mid-year review of EMS Services
The resolution was approved 5-0.

R34 Crossing Guards

Supports Increasing Crossing Guard Pay
The resolution was approved 5-0.

16. GOOD AND WELFARE

Mr. Schweyer noted the past year was challenging, thanked the staff for their help and noted the City is in better financial shape going forward.

Mr. Guridy thanked the staff for such a smooth budget process.

17. ADJOURNED: The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

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