

ORDINANCE NO. 14897

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 32 - 2011

MAY 4, 2011

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2011 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Four Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand One Hundred (\$499,100) Dollars reflecting receipt from a Transportation Enhancement Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to install new street lights, underground wiring, curb and sidewalk repairs along North Seventh Street from Hamilton Street to Turner Street.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the unappropriated balance of the Capital Fund in the amount of Four Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand One Hundred (\$499,100) Dollars reflecting receipt of a Transportation Enhancement Grant from PennDOT to install street lights, wiring, curb and sidewalk along North Seventh Street.

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Capital Fund to the existing Capital Program project number 1231, 7th Street – Street/Pedestrian Lighting Upgrade

001-03-1231-1110-76	Construction Contracts	\$499,100.00
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SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance takes effect ten (10) days after final passage.

	Yea	Nay
W. Michael Donovan	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Julio A. Guridy	X	
Ray O'Connell	X	
Michael Schlossberg	X	
Peter G. Schweyer, Vice President	X	
Michael D'Amore, President	X	
TOTAL	7	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on June 1st and signed by the Mayor on June 9th, 2011.



 CITY CLERK

- What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

This Bill originated from the Bureau of Traffic Planning and Control.

- Summary and Facts of the Bill

The City has received a Transportation Enhancement Grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for a total of \$499,100. The grant money will be used to install new street lighting/pedestrian lighting, new underground wiring, curb and sidewalk repairs along North Seventh Street from Hamilton Street to the Turner Street. These will complete the new lighting on North Seventh Street. The City must pay the construction and inspection costs and then request reimbursement from PennDOT.

- Purpose

What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish - It places the grant money into account 76 in Capital Account 1231.

What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this –This is the last phase of the 7th Street lighting project. The construction and inspections cost are all paid by this grant. The new lights and wiring will eliminate underground street light wiring problems along the 7th Street corridor. The new lighting will improved the amount of light on the street as well as increasing the pedestrian lighting.

How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities- This Resolution relates to the City's Mission of providing safe streets for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic.□

- Financial Impact

Cost (Initial and ongoing)- This project is 100% grant funded. The additional lighting will increase the City's electrical cost about \$100 annually. The grant does not pay for design. Several weeks ago, Council approved an expenditure of \$31,400 from a Capital Account to pay an engineering firm for the required design work.

Benefits (initial and ongoing) – Initial and ongoing benefits will be increased lighting on the street and on the sidewalk. We will not have monthly power outages like we currently are experiencing. The old street light poles will be used for replacing poles at other locations in the City that were knocked down due to an accident.

- Funding Sources

Transportation Enhancement Grant from PennDOT.

- Priority status/Deadlines, if any

PennDOT would like to see the contract advertised by the end of August.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

If Council doesn't support this Bill, the City will lose the \$499,100.00 in grant money.