

ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE NO. 15047

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 79 - 2012

November 7, 2012

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2012 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) as a result of a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the City of Allentown through a RACP (Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program), pass-through grant. The Department of Public Works is supervising and monitoring the funds.

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

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the unappropriated balance of the Capital Fund in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000), reflecting reimbursements of grant funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the construction of West End Theatre District Streetscape Improvements.

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Capital Fund to the Capital Program Project Number 1238, West End Theatre District Streetscape Improvements:

Department of Public Works

001-03-1238-1210-76	Construction Contracts	\$1,500,000
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SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance takes effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
Joe Davis	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Jeff Glazier	X	
Cynthia Y. Mota	X	
Ray O'Connell, VP	X	
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
Julio A. Guridy, Pres.	X	
TOTAL	7	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on December 5, 2012 and signed by the Mayor on December 6, 2012.



CITY CLERK

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

Department of Public Works

Initiative: West End Theatre District Site Improvement

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The proposed ordinance makes possible the receipt and disbursement of funds from the Commonwealth through a RACP (Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program), grant for site improvements in the West End of Allentown.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
 - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
 - **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

The Project involves streetscape improvements to 19th Street and Liberty Street Streetscape such as improved crosswalks/sidewalks, improved street lighting, signage, and the installation of benches, planters, banners, and trees. Also included is the installation of a new fence around the Allentown Fairgrounds Property.

Benefits: The grant benefits the West-End Theatre District Neighborhood and it's commercial center. The accessibility of the West End Theatre District makes it an ideal neighborhood and business district to serve its residents, college population and visitors.

Vision: Buttressing the efforts of the West End Alliance for a desirable walkable neighborhood; continuing to pursue grant funding for neighborhood improvement projects from the Federal and State governments.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

Cost: The grant matches the cost of the project construction and installations. The projects design costs were funded through City capital improvement funds.

Benefits: The grant benefits the West End Theatre District Neighborhood by maintaining and attracting a level goods and services in a way that is compatible with the residential character of the West End Neighborhood.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

Funding from the Commonwealth through a RACP (Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program), grant

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

As soon as is possible.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

This grant is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and furthers the vision for sustainable neighborhoods

- **Committee Action**

- **Public Comments**

Body/Text of the Bill

- **Exhibits**

- **Vote**