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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 7, 2012
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Council Meeting – 7:00 PM

1. Invocation: Julio Guridy

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. Roll Call: Davis, Eichenwald, Glazier, Guridy, Mota, O'Connell, Schweyer
John Marchetto represented for the Solicitor's office

4. Courtesy of the Floor

Ms. Paulette Hunter asked about the 2013 Budget they have Economic Development that was presented today and we had estimates of what is going to happen and she is assuming that the Mayor has something like that for last year. She wanted to know if she could get the same sheet and have a comparison of what actually happened.

Mr. Guridy stated that it is on the website. The whole budget and there is a section in the budget that tells you 2010, 2012 and 2013. It actually goes back to 2008.

Ms. Hunter stated that she had a question about the comparison about the water and if we sell it off what's going to happen as far as the jobs are concerned. That was a question she asked earlier. Some of the things that we do is a recommendation or pursuant in times. Is it going to be stated at the regular meetings that we don't have this anymore so we are going to have to increase our budget by this amount of money. The people that work for the water company right now if that goes away and we privatize we are not going to have those people anymore to help us on certain things.

Mr. Guridy stated that this budget assumes that everything stays the same. If we were to go that way in the future there will be an amendment to the budget and the budget will be opened up and we will have to make an amendment, pass resolutions and transfers. We will cross that bridge once we get there.

Ms. Hunter stated that during hurricane Sandy there was a lot of things that she did not know. She would like a public hearing with the Red Cross, the Shelters, and the Mayor and say what went right and what went wrong. She has a child that is young with a disability and has to do a suction machine and a lung machine and her lights went out and she did not know where to go and what to do. We should have a public hearing to see what happened with the lights with PPL so that the next time we are better prepared. We the public can know what happened and how we can fix it so that it won't happen again.

Mr. Fran Dougherty stated that the emergency management team will be more than pleased to sit down Paulette to explain procedures and critical telephones numbers and how the health department and other first responders can help the families.

Ms. Hunter stated that there were a lot of people in the city that had the same problem that she had and to have a public hearing with PPL to see what happened and what should or would be available the next time.

Mr. Guridy stated that every situation is different for individuals.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that as always Ms. Hunters suggestions are excellent and she thinks that would be very important for us to do to have a public meeting with all representatives with PPL, Police, Fire and EMS so that hopefully this does not occur, but if it does all citizens will know especially in medical emergencies.

Ms. Hunter stated that the lights were out on Eighth Street and where the street people did not put any stop signs by the light and people tried to hit each other trying to go through this light.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that it is simple regulations where to car on the right goes first, but in some way it would be very helpful if we could convey that to the citizens.

Mr. Guridy stated that the only concerns is that doing it as a Committee of the Whole it sounds like it has to be some kind of team put together in and he does not know if it should be the place to do it with Council. He thinks that the Red Cross should be doing something like that or a group that managed to do it.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated the Lehigh County Management Team. They have one in Allentown. It is an Emergency Management.

Mr. Guridy stated that we can work with them and start the contact, but he is not sure if this is the forum to do this.

Ms. Hunter stated as her city council they should want to know what happened with PPL. The ball was dropped and she doesn't care what anybody said. All the lights were out and there is something wrong when they did not come on until four or five days later. Accountability has to be there that something happened.

Mr. O'Connell stated when the storm hit and even when the storm was going on there was newscast on radio in all and he his home received a telephone call from PPL before the storm hit stating that this is a number to call and they are bringing 1500 extra people into the region. He understands what she is saying; you want PPL to come here. He asked Ms. Hunter has she called PPL to get answers and has she gotten answers.

Ms. Hunter stated that she called PPL and did not get answers. She thinks it should be done publically so that citizens can hear what happened. Normally when she calls PPL they can tell her it is going to be on in two days and they did not tell her anything like that.

Mr. Guridy stated that they could help coordinate it. He stated that he doesn't know if this is the right setting to do this.

Ms. Hunter stated that they need to address what happened.

Mr. O'Connell stated that it all depends on how many days that you are without power.

Ms. Hunter stated that she was out of power for five days.

Mr. O'Connell stated that is sad and he feels for her. There are going to be people saying that PPL did a great job this time. The last time I was out of power for five days and this time I was out for 48 hours and they would say PPL kicked it in this time. You are upset and rightly so. Who would you like to see at the table PPL, Red Cross?

Ms. Hunter stated PPL, Red Cross, the Shelters and they should tell us what to do. PPL should tell us what's going on with the lights and what's going on the next time this happens. We are going to make sure that they don't wait for five or ten days and people are still waiting.

Mr. Guridy asked Mr. Hanlon to work on something that they could do and get the right people.

Mr. Dougherty stated that they are now fully engaged in conversations with all the stakeholders including PPL, the Red Cross, the County Emergency Management organizations, and doing a series of post-mortems, forensics to see what went right, what went wrong and he thinks he echoes the sentiment of most with the amount of phone calls that have been received that we fared very well in this storm and we worked very closely with PPL throughout this process and we had approximately 120 trees that went down effecting the power grid. They worked very closely with us with approved level of communication as it was in previous storms. Is it room for improvement, absolutely? Communications can always be improved. What he can do with Mr. Guridy's permission is to report back to council on those post-mortems.

Mr. Guridy stated that what Ms. Hunter is asking that there is a way to do it of having a forum bringing representatives from those different departments like the Red Cross and the County Management Team, PPL, and UGI. They do this often, he is sure of it and invite the public.

Ms. Hunter stated what Mr. Dougherty stated that he is doing he does not have the citizens input. We should get the citizens input on how they feel and the public hearing will allow them to say exactly what they feel so you can have it documented. It is not about blaming anyone it is about what went right or what went wrong and next time improve it.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that there are two issues here and next time they can tell us what to do when an emergency happens. The other issue is to find out what Mr. Dougherty is talking about post-mortem. She is interested in preventive measures. What can we do even if we put it together in some kind of pamphlet form that people would know this is what you do in a traffic light, what you do in a health emergency, these are the numbers that you can call jus to help people. She is interested in the preventive part.

Mr. Guridy stated that if we have to do it here, we could choose a day, but our schedule is pretty tight. He suggested that they do it at a community meeting on Seventh Street or St. Luke's Church and inviting all those individuals.

Mr. Ernie Atiyeh stated that they have the Allentown Presidents' Council that represents all the neighborhood groups.

Mr. Guridy stated that may be better and we can certainly help to contact those people and direct them and that way you have a bigger audience.

Ms. Hunter stated to also invite the citizens.

Mr. Guridy stated that what happens when we get people and do something directly for that we may be able to get a bigger audience as for as he is concerned.

Ms. Mota stated that last year the Health Bureau had a forum and they invited a lot of people and they spoke about prevention and preventing measures in case of an emergency. She thinks that is also one of the people we can get in contact with because they are very proactive when it comes to that.

Mr. Guridy asked Ms. Hunter to help spread the word to some of the people.

Mr. Ernie Atiyeh stated that who would have thought that in the past that we would have had a tornado in Allentown over on the east side, a hurricane this past week and the administration working with the Red Cross with a number of organizations trying to put all this stuff together. Can we get a sheet of paper with phone numbers on them so that we can contact in case of emergency. He is part of the citizen emergency response that is run by the county and he was asked to go out to the Fairgrounds during the storm, but his wife was not well. We do that type of program out there and they do all of the training. It is a good program and is something that we can do in the future so that we have training of what to do in case of an emergency. He asked Council to bring up under old business public and private identity for the water and sewer lease. He knows that PEL mentioned that in their report, but he does not know if it was designated. He thinks it is a good idea and one of the things that we can look into and he would like City Council to take a vote under old business to authorize PEL to look into that.

Mr. Guridy stated that we do not have to take a vote on that. We could just tell them. He stated that you are asking us for them to do a public and private identity and he is not sure what that means.

Mr. Atiyeh stated a Water and Sewer Authority.

Mr. Guridy stated that will be a part of it.

Mr. Atiyeh asked them to look into it. The mayor came up with the idea and it is a good idea.

Ms. Eichenwald stated what the PEL said is at the same time we get an RFP that you should look at the possibility of creating a Public Authority.

Mr. Guridy stated that we will follow that. He stated that he doesn't think that they have to do it through a resolution, now, but we will definitely commit to it. It is an option that we ask for. As you remember, they said that we need to wait for the numbers from the bids to give it teeth.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that was their recommendation.

Mr. Atiyeh stated that in the meantime can we look at the overall idea and overall scope. We don't have to worry about the numbers into we actually come up with the whole idea of what it is going to look like.

Mr. Guridy stated that he will talk to them again because he doesn't know if it is premature to do that again or not. He can certainly ask.

Mr. Atiyeh stated that he is concerned about the timeframe.

Mr. Guridy stated that we will call them tomorrow and find out.

Mr. Schweyer stated that he agrees that they have to certainly call PEL and have that conversation with them and Council needs to know the scope of that additional request of work with PEL is. The primary reason to do it as the mayor has said we have no idea what these bids are going to come out at and if they don't come with the numbers that he is certainly hopeful for and the entire team is hopeful for we are back

to square one and we are looking at a seven mil tax increase and as such we need to be prepared of that as a contingency. Obviously, before anything is authorized you know what it is going to cost us. Once the appropriate folks have that conversation with PEL he will say he is glad to hear that at least one prominent member of the community was happy with PEL's work on behalf of council and it would certainly be appropriate to continue with their scope of work, but we need to know exactly what the cost is. It seems like the right thing to do conceptually.

Mr. Guridy stated that he just doesn't think that they have to legislate it.

Mr. Schweyer stated no, he agrees with him.

Mr. Glen Hunsicker stated that he believes PPL did a good job in his opinion. He stated that if the city keeps having storms, we will eventually run out of trees. It could be a possibility that a policy that you turn the power off before a storm so that you won't blow out a transformer.

Mr. Guridy stated transformers went out because trees fell on them, not necessarily that they just blew up.

Mr. Hunsicker asked if the RFP was out in a final mode or is this process right now.

Mr. Guridy stated that what they got was a draft RFP.

Mr. Strathearn stated that it is basically the Concession Agreement and the Operating Plan and the Operating Procedures have gone out to the different firms for comments and feedback from the them and that's where it is at.

Mr. Hunsicker asked how many are on the list, seven.

Mr. Strathearn stated that the number is seven.

Mr. Hunsicker asked the mayor why the budget says with no tax increase. He asked where did this money come from because the MMO when you look at increasing the distress level it is going down, down, down. Most businesses either hold their prices or reduce their prices. This is like a business and prices should increase in 2011 and 2012. To say that you don't want to increase taxes, it has to come sooner or later. You don't have anywhere else to get money after this. You cannot say that the community cannot afford a tax increase because that is the only place you are going to get money. He is willing to listen to see where the money is going to come from.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that an RFP is a request for proposal. When you have that proposal, that is a starting point and what would have to happen with these seven companies is a negotiation. It's not like a bidding process where you say I want paperclips and everybody is going to bid on the paperclips. There is a difference. When we talk about an RFP there are many people that think these companies will come back and say \$150 million, \$170 million or \$800 million. That is not what is going to happen. There will be give and take. There is no such thing as final concessionaire agreement until both parties have agreed. This is only a starting point of negotiation. This is very serious because these seven bidders are going to spend a lot of time and effort in making their proposals.

Mr. Hunsicker asked if the administration the only ones involved.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that Council members have been invited for the first round and hopefully that will continue. It is very important to know that we are not just looking for a number. What we are looking is the entire negotiation process. It is a request for proposal, not a number.

Mr. Guridy stated that the RFP is what it is. They are already working on it.

Mr. Tom Hahn, 2016 E Highland Street, stated that the first issues that came up. Other communities on the east coast told their residents cook your food out of your refrigerator because it lasts longer after it is cooked. Put water in your bathtub so that you can flush. They have a whole list of emergency things you can do and his record came from a relative in New Jersey and he also has a relative in Florida where this type of weather comes more frequently than it does here and you have this list that people are talking about and they mail it to them and telling you to put on your refrigerator and how many flashlights you are going to need and how many batteries. They tell you to get a crank radio and make sure your computer and telephone are charged.

Mr. Guridy stated that we did that here.

Mr. Hahn stated that is the stuff that needs to go out. On PPL, the poles over there are more than 60 years old and marked PPL do not climb. He called PPL and asked why they have a do not climb because they are rotten at the base and if a man goes up on the pole and it is on the same side as the generator or transformer the pole falls over. You have to have a bucket truck. He asked for those of them that went out to get petitions to have this water concession discussed more. The people from the church where we voted were concerned that their water rates are going to go up with the city privatizing. The people that belong at the Eastside Youth Center stated that is going to affect us. The hospitals and the schools, he wants to know if anybody on the board that you need help from can explain where there are going to recoup the rate hike that is going to be put on them by this privatization. They are concerned. The only reason why he is here because he promised the one guy with the threat if he did not bring it up and put it on record they are concerned. They want it in a newspaper something printed that yes, they will think about the hospitals, schools, the churches and what burden they are going to put on. They stated that he called it a tax increase and I said no it is a rate increase.

Mr. Dennis Pearson, 942 E. Tighman Street, stated that in October 2011 they were told that city council approved a bond issue and the \$4 million bond issue for certain bridges and the eastside firehouse and at the time they said that bids will be done in two months. It is November and before that Chief Scheirer came to our meeting in May and he stated that the construction will happen November 7th and nothing is there. It is in the 2013 Capital Book. The work should have been started and done and this reminds him of 1987. He asked them to look at what the land value ratios were in 2012 for the budget because if these millage rates are exactly the same you have doubled the tax. We have a new assessment which is not based on 50 percent. The tax is based on tax year assessment on 50 percent value and this year the tax assessment comes at 100 percent which means that a mil is exactly twice the value. To be revenue neutral you have to lower it. The county this year found that the county assessment was higher than they had before and there they had to go and lower their taxes mills a year before. They had it at five and went down to three because of these values. Be careful that you are not doubling the tax.

Mr. Fegley stated there were some questions that some others had concerning the RFP. When the Request for Proposals come back the mayor and council can reject them completely meaning they are not committed to picking one of these proposals. From what he understands of what we do with RFP's and when his family did the golf course he remembers the procedures being somewhere in the lines of the mayor actually put the RFP's out, the mayor received the RFP's and he refuses all the RFP's received. He chooses one and then presents that to council and council reviews that one. What he remembers from the

process is in order to make it more efficient; the mayor would review all the proposals and pick the one that is best and say to city council this is the best one to do the work. He was not sure if that is the procedure.

Mr. Guridy stated that his understanding is that they will be a part of this as a committee. There will be a committee formed and we will be part of the reviewing the proposals.

Ms. Eichenwald stated to Mr. Fegley in the case that you mentioned of the Golf Course, we did not approve it. The proposals were given, looked at and the decision was made. We were not included and that is the precedent. Now, we did hear the mayor publicly state at this time with the water and the sewer lease that city council would have the final say and she is a bit concerned because the precedent was set and knows that it happens all of the time. The RFP goes out and it is reviewed, the administration decides to whom to give the business and we hear about it. The thing in this case though, it is 50 years. That may play into part because it is more than the five years.

Mr. Fegley stated that concerns him because he remembers reading into the RFP process with the golf course just to see how that works with city council. He though he remembers reading somewhere that is how the process works and then his concerns are that is not what happened at the golf course.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that there was a lot of discussion about it brought up at courtesy of the floor with the previous owner, but it was not an official vote taken.

Mr. Fegley stated that he would think that it would be because it was multiple proposals for the golf course. The mayor would have picked one and presented that to city council and city council would have said yay or nay on that. He stated that he does not know if someone wants to clarify that or check on that. That did not happen with the golf course concession and he would be concerned that they did not follow proper procedures.

5. Approval of Minutes:

None

6. Old Business

None

7. Communications

Mr. Guridy stated that Council did have an executive session prior to council meeting regarding the review of our consultant, Dan Koplisch bills and his proposal. There is a schedule for the budget and it is as follows:

Mr. Schweyer stated that this was an oversight on his part and he appreciates everyone flexibility with this. We wanted to make sure that the first meeting would have revenue estimates.

Tuesday, November 13

6:00 PM Finance, Revenue Estimates, Risk Management, Debt Service - Equipment and Capital Projects if applicable

Thursday, November 15

6:00 PM Human Resources

7:00 PM Parks and Recreation, Trexler, Golf - Equipment and Capital Projects if applicable

Tuesday, November 20

6:00 PM Public Safety: Fire, Police, Communication Center (E911 Fund), EMS –

Equipment and Capital Projects if applicable

Tuesday, November 27

6:00 PM Public Works, Solid Waste, Water, Sewer, Liquid Fuels - Equipment and Capital Projects if applicable

Thursday, November 29

6:00 PM Mayor, Managing Director, IT, Controller, Solicitor's Office, Council – Equipment and Capital Projects if applicable

Tuesday, December 4

6:00 PM Community and Economic Development - Equipment and Capital Projects if applicable

7:00 PM Budget Amendment Meeting

Wednesday, December 5

6:00 PM Open for Budget Meeting/or Amendment Adoption Meeting

7:30 PM Adoption of Budgets

Mr. Gurdy stated that on December 5th they will vote on it. On December 15th it is our deadline to have the budget voted on.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Budget and Finance: Chairperson Schweyer

The committee met on October 24 and forwarded two items on tonight's agenda; the next meeting has not yet been scheduled given the budget.

Public Safety: Chairperson Eichenwald

The committee has not met since the last meeting; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled given the budget schedule.

Community and Economic Development: Chairperson Davis

The Committee has not met since the last meeting; the next meeting has not yet been scheduled given the budget schedule.

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; the next meeting has been scheduled for November 14th at 6:00 PM to review budget priorities and legislation referred to the committee tonight.

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 Gurdy

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

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Gurdy stated that the Allentown Housing Authority meeting has been changed to the last Thursday of the month which is the 29th.

Controller's Report

None

Managing Director's Report

Mr. Fran Dougherty stated that the holiday tree will be installed next Monday, November 12 at the Plaza. The tree is a donation from a family over at 236 E. Giuliani Street. He thinks as a point of reference

Councilwoman Eichenwald an RFP in its final form comes to council when it involves a threshold of five or more years. In the case of Mr. Fegley, he believes the first RFP was three years with one two year option. That is why it did not go to council under those circumstances. Just as an FYI. He wanted to update council on our 250th legacy project. We are making some tremendous ground with the legacy project. As you know, the legacy project is the continuation of the 250th celebration this year. We would like to announce that Nancy Berman and the Berman Family is once again, very much involved in the outdoor sculpture and they want to donate some additional sculptures to the city as part of the 250th Celebration. He is asking each councilperson to do especially starting with the eastside is to identify potential locations where council and your constituents would like to see some additional public art. He would welcome those suggestions from each councilperson.

9. APPOINTMENTS:

10. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

Bill 58 Finance

Amending the 2012 General Fund by reorganizing the Finance Department and creating the position of Financial Analyst (14N).

Mr. Schweyer stated that they reviewed this and given the change of format of the budget and some other things, it was recommended favorably by a vote of 3 – 0 and he is sure that the administration can justify it before council.

Mr. Dougherty stated that as you know he has been taken each of the operating departments individually and looking at them and asking the respective leadership what they need and tools they need going forward. One of the areas and there are many areas in finance that need to be addressed and prioritizing the need, they have identified a budget analyst assigned to the deputy, Ms. Bowman was more critical than the others. To that point, his simple thesis is that the budget director and deputy budget director needs help and is his justification going forward and looking at the very slight reorganization.

Mr. Gary Strathearn stated that they went into the new format of the book and gone into fully implementing Eden as our budget program on this and the analyst they selected and he will let Debi do the introductions has a tremendously strong background in systems and technologies and has played a critical crucial role in stepping in right away and updating the whole systems part of the budget and putting together a budget that you will find that will give you much more information quicker, easier, with a different format change. It requires some things.

Ms. Deb Bowman stated that she did introduce Louisa Fulwater who is sitting right here and who we brought on as a financial analyst. She comes with many years of experience in governmental accounting software, along with being an accountant in Easton for over five years and before that with Mack Trucks. She has great knowledge and such a benefit for the department and to herself with that.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that she has absolutely no objections to doing this, but she is confused about the time schedule. It seems to her that tonight they are supposed to vote on this and we are being told that the position is already been filled. She stated that maybe Mr. Schweyer as the finance chair or somebody could help her with this.

Mr. Schweyer stated that we did talk about that at committee and is his understanding that this position was moved from CEDC and there was a reduction of staff there. He deferred to the administration because the question did come up.

Mr. Dougherty stated that the need so dire that he identified a vacant position in CED and used that position to get Louisa onboard as soon as possible to help Deb. He wants to get that position back and hire her in the formal position that you are considering here tonight.

Mr. Guridy stated that it is after the fact is what Ms. Eichenwald is saying.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that is really what she is saying. She 100 percent plus agrees that this is a really good move, and she has no objection, but she objects to sitting here and being asked to vote on something that has already happened.

Mr. Dougherty stated that he does not like ratifications either, but he felt that Ms. Bowman's need was so great that he had to do something so extraordinary that they don't normally do to get her help. He got her help.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that they need a new policy of either city council has a responsibility to vote on this as a council or it isn't. She is going to vote for it because she doesn't want to harm anything. There needs to be going forward some kind of policy. If it is such a strong need we could have done this two weeks ago or three weeks ago. We are here almost every week.

Mr. Dougherty stated that he thought in the interest of transparency that we could have waited for it in the budget and whether we could have pointed it out in the budget, but that is not the way he operates. You had to know about this, and you understand the reasons why he can't remember ever doing it in his time here and he hopes it doesn't happen again, and these were extraordinary circumstances.

Mr. Guridy stated that they have a rule to do this normally and he knows that this is what she is trying to say.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that she is not trying to say it, she is saying it.

Mr. Guridy stated Mr. Dougherty is trying to say and he understands that there is a rule and something out of the norm and he is asking for permission. He thinks that quite frankly they could have kept it going and not tell us anything and we would not have noticed anything and I think that he is trying to basically do the right thing and he thinks he could understand it. He stated to Ms. Eichenwald that he just found out about this also. He did not know anything about it, except when he got the package here.

Ms. Mota stated that Mr. Dougherty said that this won't happen again, so we can go on.

Mr. Guridy stated Ms. Eichenwald had the floor.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that she was satisfied. She will take Mr. Dougherty of his word.

Ordinance passed, 7 – 0

Ms. Deb Bowman stated that she really appreciates this. It was circumstances that were really beyond us and it was a great need. She does appreciate them doing it.

Bill 59 CSC Grant

Amending the 2012 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Eight Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$875,000) as a result of a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the City of Allentown in the form of a RACP Pass-Thru Grant to Community Services for Children.

Mr. Schweyer stated that this is a standard Pass-thru grant for RACP and he would like to publicly recognize the tremendous work that Ms. Giguere has performed in closing out these RACPs with something like 748 different RACP grants. Having worked with the commonwealth for 13 years, they are not fun, they are heavily regulated and heavily audited and she has done a tremendous job with it. Ms. Irvine from the Community Service for Children was present at this meeting and we talked a little about the project. Remember, RACP is money that you can use and will come to the end and it is drawn out money. It allows Ms. Irvine to finish up that great project. It was recommended favorably, 3 – 0.

Mr. Guridy stated that he understands that RACPs are being cut almost completely.

Mr. Schweyer stated that this year, the governor announced that he is willing to do \$125 million for RACP which is roughly equivalent to the principal that is paid on RACP on an annual basis. In future years, he has made a decision that he is going to have two rounds of RACP that is not set exceed \$125 million on an annualized basis. In years past, RACP was ½ billion dollars or ¾ of a billion dollars. They reduced in different types of projects that can be used: housing, except for old RACP money. Previously allotted those rules applied moving forward. They will be tied to good things: job creation; targeting areas with high unemployment and high poverty levels. It's change quite a bit.

Mr. Dougherty stated that he did speak to Ms. Irvine and she wanted to come tonight, but I asked her not to because of the weather.

Ordinance passed, 7 – 0

11. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

The budget bills are referred to their respective budget committee meetings per the schedule alluded to above.

Bill 62 SWENTERPRISE.doc

That an appropriation in the sum of Twenty Million Three Hundred Seventy–Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-One Dollars (\$20,377,861) is hereby made to the Solid Waste Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, “City of Allentown 2013 Budget.”

Bill 63 SWFEE.doc

That Section 1131.02, Authorization of City Contractor(s); Scope of Work; Fee, Subsection (C), Municipal Waste and Recycling Fee, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Allentown, be and the same is hereby amended establishing the Solid Waste Fee as Three Hundred seventy-Five (\$375) Dollars.

Bill 64 WATERFUND.doc

That an appropriation in the sum of Seventeen Million Forty-Three Thousand Six Hundred and Eighteen Dollars (\$17,043,618) is hereby made to the Water Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, “City of Allentown 2013 Budget.”

Bill 65 Water Rates

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown adopting the 2013 Water Rates.

Bill 66 SEWER FUND.doc

That an appropriation in the sum of Seventeen Million Seven Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars (\$17,723,984) is hereby made to the Sewer Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2013 Budget."

Bill 67 Sewer Rates

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown adopting the 2013 Water Rates.

Bill 68 LIQUIDFUELS.doc

That an appropriation in the sum of Two Million Three Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Four Dollars (\$2,386,874) is hereby made to the Liquid Fuels Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2013 Budget."

Bill 69 TREXLER.doc

That an appropriation in the sum of One Million Two Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-Five Dollars (\$1,278,775) is hereby made to the Trexler Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2013 Budget."

Bill 70 GOLFCOURSE.doc

That an appropriation in the sum of One Million Three Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Four Hundred and Three Dollars (\$1,374,403) is hereby made to the Golf Course Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2013 Budget".

Bill 71 EQUIPMENT FUND.doc

That an appropriation in the sum of One Million One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fourteen Dollars (\$1,121,814) is hereby made to the Equipment Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2013 Budget."

Bill 72 RISK FUND.doc

That an appropriation in the sum of Eighteen Million Three Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Sixty-Four Dollars (\$18,387,064) is hereby made to the Risk Management Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2013 Budget."

Bill 73 CAPPROJECTS.doc

That an appropriation in the sum of One Million Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,045,000) is hereby made to the Capital Projects Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2013 Budget."

Bill 74 DEBT.doc

That an appropriation in the sum of Seven Million Two Hundred Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred and Forty-Eight Dollars (\$7,213,348) is hereby made to the Debt Obligation as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2013 Budget."

Bill 75 E911.doc

That an appropriation in the sum of Three Million Four Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Two Hundred and Fifteen Dollars (\$3,453,215) is hereby made to the E-9-1-1 Fund as more fully detailed in Exhibit A, "City of Allentown 2013 Budget."

Bill 76 GENERALFUND.doc

That the following financial program is hereby adopted for the year 2012, and appropriations are made to the various departments as indicated in the section below and that the sum of Eighty-Seven Million Eight Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Four (\$87,849,234) Dollars, net of a planned vacancy factor of One Million Five Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$1,547,880), be hereby appropriated as follows:

To Non-Departmental Offices	1,547,800
Vacancy Factor	(1,475,000)
To the General and Civic Expense	9,118,373
To the Department of Finance	3,312,217
To the Department of Human Resources	651,574
To the Department of Community and Economic Dev	7,501,042
To the Department of Parks and Recreation	1,406,630
To the Department of Public Works	8,592,150
To the Department of Police	34,557,073
To the Department of Fire	20,832,608
To the Managing Director	1,804,687

Bill 77 Tax Rate

That a tax for general revenue be levied for the fiscal year, beginning the first Monday of January, A.D., 2012, 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 Ten and Seventy-one Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-nine Hundred Thousandth (10.71979) mills on improvements and Fifty and Thirty-eight Thousand Thirty-one Hundred Thousandth (50.38031) mills on land.

Bill 78 Lehigh River East Side Trail Transfer

Referred to Parks and Recreation

Amending the 2012 Capital Project Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seventy-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$77,283.50) from various closed Capital Projects to the Lehigh River East Side Trail Project.

Bill 79 West End Theatre District RACP Grant Funds

Referred to CEDC

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.

Bill 80 EMS Ordinance Iron Pigs

Referred Public Safety

Amending the 2012 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$14,113.75) from the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs for EMS Services.

12. CONSENT AGENDA:

CA-1 Two City Center Sewage Plan Module.doc

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Sewage Planning Module for 645 West Hamilton Street

Mr. Hanlon stated that you are treating this as a consent item and saying that they can connect up to the water and sewer.

Mr. Guridy asked if it was for the new building.

Mr. Schweyer stated that is for Two City Center.

Resolution passed, 7 – 0

13. RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING: None

14. RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING:

R53 703 West Union Street Encroachment

Referred to Public Works

Authorizes an Encroachment at 703 West Union Street

Mr. O'Connell asked if it was a misprint. Is it 703 or 730 and if it is Volunteers of America?

Mr. Hanlon stated that it is 730.

R54 Capital Program

Referred to Respective Budget Committees

Adopts the Capital Improvements Program for 2013-2017

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. GOOD AND WELFARE

17. ADJOURNED: 8:03 PM

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