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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 19, 2013**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**435 Hamilton Street**

**Council Meeting – 7:00 PM**

**1. Invocation: Julio A. Guridy**

**2. Pledge to the Flag**

**3. Roll Call:** Davis, Glazier, Guridy, Mota, O'Connell, Schweyer  
Frances Fruhwirth represented for the Solicitor's office

**4. Courtesy of the Floor**

Mr. Lou Hershman, 405 Gilmore Street, stated that last evening I attended a meeting with LCA at the East Side Youth Center. We provide a lot of services to the citizens of Allentown for free and I guess when they take over those resources that we provide are going to be gone. He asked are the pools going to close August 1<sup>st</sup>. He asked about the debt and the city kicking the can down the road and putting us further down the road.

Mr. Guridy stated that it is not our debt. The NIZ is not our debt.

Mr. Schweyer stated that in your memo that you sent you specifically asked about debt with ANIZDA, debt with the Parking Authority, the water and sewer debt and the LCA debt. The NIZ is 100 percent independent of the City of Allentown. The same goes for the LCA debt. There is nothing in there that goes against our rating. The Parking Authority and ACIDA we haven't passed any debt or exceeded any debt in the six years that I have been on Council and that will be part of the CAFR. We had a conversation about the pools more than once. The pools were a carve out in the LCA agreement. The pools won't be closed on August 1<sup>st</sup> because of this. We are getting the water free for the pools in perpetuity over the next 50 years. The chemicals were always maintained by the city's pool staff and that is not changing unless we plan to outsource.

Mr. Hershman asked if could answer Mr. Schweyer.

Mr. Guridy stated what Mr. Schweyer told you was right. The only thing you probably have an argument about is the Parking Authority debt. We guaranteed it, but it is not our debt. They paid for it.

Mr. Hershman questioned the overlapping debt.

Mr. Guridy stated that we haven't raised our property taxes in over eight years in the city.

Mr. Hershman stated that you raised the wage tax .35. How much does that bring in a year, \$7 million? You are still raising taxes.

Ms. Paulette Hunter stated that as of June 9<sup>th</sup> she has no phone because the fire problem with Verizon. I called them on Monday and they said if she signs up for FIOS she will have her phone the next day.

Mr. Guridy asked the administration to look into the contract.

Mr. Dougherty stated that the contract review is not necessary. We can just call Verizon. He stated that he and Ms. Koval meet quarterly with the Verizon representatives.

Ms. Hunter stated that she remembers sitting through ANIZDA meetings regarding what is happening downtown and we talked about jobs with people within Allentown. What percentage of the people that are working there is from Allentown and what percentage are African American, Latino, and women from Allentown.

Mr. Guridy stated to Ms. Hunter to talk to Sara Hailstone who is the executive director of the NIZ. They did have a job fair last week to try to get more people working in the city and that was at Allen High School from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM. We don't have information on the amount of diversity.

Mr. Schweyer stated that Mr. Collins is here and he will make sure that the question gets to Ms. Hailstone.

Mr. Dennis Pearson, 942 Tilghman Street, stated that Mr. Hershman told about you stated that you haven't raised property taxes in years. The very reason you had to sell or lease our Water Works and Sewer structure is the fact of problems that Allentown government caused to itself. This is something that the School District is facing. They too tried not to raise taxes for years and depended on grants from other areas and when constantly when these grants don't come back to Allentown then they have problems. This is a constant cycle.

Mr. O'Connell stated that on behalf of myself and my colleagues you did a very good job with the Flag Day Contest for the Middle School kids. I believe Ms. Mota on the evening of Flag Day, June 14<sup>th</sup> presented you with the proclamation. You are dedicated to the City of Allentown and what you did for the kids and helping them with their essays you should be commended for that.

Ms. Mota stated that he did a great job, and congratulations.

Mr. Pearson stated that it is not all pleasure. I am going to reserve the anniversary of Operation Leader.

Mr. Helen Steagle, 514 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, stated that the house at 516 has been vacant for 16 years. We are in the West End Theatre District and if it were a block away what would they have done. The owner has taken out permits and has done nothing with them except taking one out after another. The neighbors have been watching the house so no one can get in and set the house on fire. We don't want it boarded. We don't want our neighborhood to become 9<sup>th</sup> Street. We are a block away from the Nineteenth Street District Theatre. The mayor told us on one of his walks a year ago in March that the city was going to do something.

Mr. Guridy asked Mr. Dougherty to see what we can do.

Mr. Dougherty stated that there are no easy answers in dealing with private property. I will investigate and see what has been done. I am sure that the mayor has directed his staff inquire about it and if there was an easy solution, we would have taken it. I will advise accordingly.

Mr. Guridy stated that we got the information. You were promised by the mayor in the past and it did not go through. Mr. Dougherty will follow up on that.

Mr. Davis stated that he had a meeting with Mr. Paulus. The city has looked into it and there have been problems. The city is the one that supported the roof.

Ms. Sharon Reyes, 520 ½ N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, asked how soon before they get an answer of what is going to happen and when it is going to happen. How much longer we have to wait. The cellar backdoor is open. My house is fixed up and I put a lot of money in my house in the last nine years.

Mr. Dougherty stated that it would begin tomorrow when Building Standards and other stakeholders in the city provides the history and what has been done and not done and we can figure out a course of action.

Mr. Gurdy stated within a week you should hear that something is happening. What will be the ultimate result of it may take longer than a week.

Ms. Reyes stated that we will be back in a week.

Mr. Gurdy stated that he doesn't believe they should keep coming, but probably get Mr. Paulus office to communicate.

Mr. Dougherty stated that it would be appropriate to bring concerned neighbors in to and mediate and explain face to face of our options going forward. We will bring the neighbors in for a meeting to figure out a course of action.

Mr. Glazier stated that he took a look at the county records for said property at 516 and the house claims a homestead exemption so you may want to touch basis with the county if no one is living there and it is not a primary residence. It would seem to me that it would not be eligible for that exemption.

Ms. Ann Wheeler, Center City Allentown, asked about the forum hiring a new police chief. Does anybody know when the next forum is?

Mr. Dougherty stated that it hasn't been announced yet.

Mr. Schweyer asked Mr. Dougherty are you planning to have another one.

Mr. Dougherty stated that he believes there are other forums planned.

Ms. Ann Wheeler asked about Ms. Eichenwald's concern on the consultant that was hired to consult the City of Allentown and one employee has an issue with allegations or accusations. It was an allegation or accusation that was not proven and he was not convicted and did not go to court. In my opinion, the consulting firm did their due diligence in investigating his background. If you go for a job they ask you if you have a criminal background record, were you convicted of a crime, they don't ask you if you were accused of a crime and that is a big difference because there will not be a lot of people not working if that was the case. The city should go forward using the consulting firm because they did their due diligence in investigating this person and it is unfortunate that these allegations came forth the way they did.

Mr. Gurdy stated that the process is continuing.

Mr. Schweyer asked Ms. Wheeler to give your contact information to Mr. Hanlon.

## **5. Approval of Minutes: May 15, 2013 and June 5, 2013**

Minutes approved by common consent.

## **6. Old Business**

None

## **7. Communications**

Mr. Gurdy stated that the Public Hearing on Liquor License has been rescheduled for July 17th, 6:45 PM, Council Office. Council will take public testimony on the transfer of a Liquor License from Kutztown, Pa. to Two City Center, OP, LP, at 732 Hamilton Street (the former House of Chen), License Number R-13940. 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. Council gave out proclamations to the winners of the Allentown Flag Day Association essay contest winners; and to Dennis Pearson as well for the work he has done on this and other things. Copies of transfers that have been signed are on the back desk and will be included in tonight's minutes.

## **8. Committee Meetings**

Budget and Finance: Chairperson Schweyer

The committee has not met since the last Council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Public Safety: Chairperson Eichenwald

The committee met tonight and has one item on the agenda; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Community and Economic Development: Chairperson Davis

The committee has met tonight and has one item on the agenda; a future meeting is scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

Parks and Recreation: Chairperson Mota

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; we are looking at setting up a meeting when Engineering finishes its review of the Robin Hood Bridge and the impact on any changes on the dam might have on the bridge

Public Works: Chairperson O'Connell

The Committee has met on June 13<sup>th</sup> and has two items on tonight's agenda; a future meeting is scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

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.

Special Committee – Tax Exempt Properties – Chairperson Eichenwald

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting has not yet been scheduled but is contingent upon getting some information to review – looking at July 17<sup>th</sup> as a possible meeting time.

## **OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Schweyer stated that as a member of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission our last meeting was the last meeting presiding of the director of LVPC, Michael Kaiser. Mike has been there since 1975. The replacement may not be presented at the LVPC meeting.

Mr. Glazier stated for the Pension Board over the next few days we will be meeting with a variety of fund advisors to get some ideas to get the aggregate pension board to create a solid investment strategy for the aggregate pension. I will have a report at the end of July to let you know what we will do.

### **Controller's Report**

Ms. Koval stated that she does not have a report this evening.

### **Managing Director's Report**

Mr. Dougherty stated that he does not have a formal report tonight. He wants to go back to Mr. Hershman's commentary on the pools. As Mr. Schweyer echoed, we will have a normal pool season. There are no plans to close any of the pools prematurely earlier. Mr. Hershman is referring to the institutional knowledge of the employees who maintain our systems in respect to the pools. We know that many of these persons will be going to LCA. However, we are fully cognizant of losing the institutional knowledge. We are not losing in a sense that it is part of our ongoing conversations and negotiations with LCA among a myriad of things that we will have continued access to the people who will continue to maintain our systems going forward.

Mr. Guridy stated that he is sure that the pools will be well taken care of.

**9. APPOINTMENTS:**

<b>Sharon Lee Glassman</b>	<b>Allentown Arts Commission</b>	<b>01/06/17</b>
<b>Jason Laubach</b>	<b>Sheet Metal Technician Board</b>	<b>05/06/16</b>

Mr. Glazier stated that he is familiar with both of them. They are longtime members of the Allentown community and I recommend them both for Council's approval.

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED, 6 – 0**

**10. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE:**

**Bill 27 2013 Chamber Main Street Grant**

Amending the 2013 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) for a grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to provide funding for a New Communities – Main Street Grant Program for the Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Todd Collins stated that we are fortunate in the City of Allentown to have two Main Street Districts through the state funding, one being the Seventh Street Program and tonight we are looking at appropriating funds for the Hamilton Street District. The Hamilton Street District is currently in its year three program year. We are appropriating funds tonight, the \$80,000 which is \$40,000 and \$40,000 for each program year 2 and year 3. The timing of this is based upon assessment of that the state runs and we cannot requisition funds as a pass through in the city to the parent organization that we have under contract with the Chamber of Commerce until the assessment is finalized and we are now able to do that. The Chamber is eager to receive those funds to support those programs and the good work that is happening in the Hamilton District.

**ORDINANCE PASSED, 6 – 0**

**Bill 30A Fire Station Appropriation**

Amending the 2013 General Fund and Capital Fund Budgets to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty Six Thousand Ten (\$26,010) Dollars as a result of funds received from the City of Bethlehem to the City of Allentown Fire Department.

Chief Scheirer stated that these are funds received from the City of Bethlehem for the training of the recruits and it goes back into the general fund and what we would like to do is appropriate this money for the East Side Fire Station.

Mr. O'Connell stated that it was recommended favorably 2 – 0.

**ORDINANCE PASSED, 6 – 0**

Mr. Davis stated that the fire station will be starting this Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Scheirer stated that is correct. We met with all the contractors on site. We have all the plans in place and they will begin construction Monday morning.

**Bill 30B VAC-ORD N Gilmore St**

Providing for the vacation of N. Gilmore Street from E. Washington Street to E. Jeans Street in the Fifteenth Ward of the City of Allentown:

Mr. Young stated that this is a section of Gilmore Street an unopened street. The adjoining property owner has requested a vacation. Mr. Troxler is here tonight. He plans to do some development. We lost all of our rights

to it.

Mr. O'Connell stated that Mr. Troxler was here last week and it is not necessary for you to speak tonight. The Public Works committee recommended it favorably 2 – 0. There were no objectors in the audience.

**ORDINANCE PASSED, 6 – 0**

**Bill 31 VAC-ORD Sycamore St**

Providing for the vacation of Sycamore Street from east property line of 13 Sycamore Street to the eastern limit in the Sixth Ward of the City of Allentown:

Mr. Young stated that this is a section of Sycamore Street and is a dead-end section running from the property line east of 13 Sycamore Street down to the RJ Corman railroad. The applicant, the Waterfront Redevelopment is the property owner on both sides of the street. Mr. Twigger is here tonight. The request was recommended favorably by the Bureau of Engineering. This is to provide some parking for the Waterfront Project.

Mr. O'Connell stated that this was in the Public Works committee and we recommended it favorably 2 – 0.

Mr. Davis stated that the only objection that was raised and he resolved was it won't be an egress point at Sycamore Street. The traffic will be going out to Allen Street.

Mr. Guridy asked how that project going.

Mr. O'Connell stated that we are in the early stages and he will be back many more times for approvals.

Mr. Twigger stated the details they are putting together. As the project currently stands we are hopeful.

Mr. Guridy asked how far south you going.

Mr. Twigger stated that our property extends to the north corner, just a little bit south.

**ORDINANCE PASSED, 6 – 0**

**Bill 26 Clean Air Ordinance.doc**

The purpose and intent of this ordinance is to ensure that accurate and complete information is available to the City and general public about pollutants released from new air polluting facilities within the City of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, and to exercise the authority granted to the City under the Pa. Air Pollution Control Act.

Mr. Rich Fegley, 1002 S. Bradford Street, stated that he feels confident tonight after seeing this letter from the DEP. All along this process it has been more than six months and it was a wonder of whether what we put together was something that was actually legitimate. When the city first questioned it, it was acceptable for the city to have to look into this. The city solicitor raised a lot of concerns that were just concerns. The issue that it was fatally flawed or possibly illegal and I don't agree with that after hearing this letter from the DEP. It talked about two types of preemptions. Basically when you read the letter from the DEP it starts by saying the Department's review on such ordinance is preempted by the Pennsylvania Air Pollution Control Act and it finished the letter with the conclusive statement that the department believes enacted would most likely be preempted by the Clean Air Act. This letter says that this ordinance can go through as written and they feel that it is preempted because the state already regulates air pollution.

Mr. O'Connell stated that Bill 26 is tied into the Delta Thermo Project. I voted against the Delta Thermo Project because it was totally unproven technology and environmentally unsound. I fully support this Clean Air Act within difference to the DEP and the legal staff so I will be voting yes for the Clean Air Act.

Mr. Davis asked Mr. Guridy to explain what we will be voting on.

Mr. Guridy stated that we will be voting on the Act itself. If we vote on it, it will take effect in 10 days. If we vote against it, then they will have an opportunity to place on the ballot and take to the county. The county will make a decision and then the county will decide to put it on the ballot or not.

Mr. Schweyer stated that it is the County Board of Elections.

Mr. Davis stated that we just got this information tonight.

Ms. Mota stated that she would like to learn more about this.

Mr. O'Connell asked if it was from the legal staff of DEP.

Mr. Davis stated that he has the one letter, but this other information from the city solicitor's office and Mr. Fegley.

Ms. Mota stated that she agrees. We just got this information.

Mr. Guridy stated that it is two different attorneys.

Mr. Davis stated yes, but with this new information I would feel very uncomfortable voting. I would like to make a motion to table this.

Mr. Guridy stated that we have to vote before the 24<sup>th</sup>. It started in April and now we are on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June.

Mr. O'Connell stated that we have to do it by June 21<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Mota stated that we can't table it then.

Mr. Schweyer stated that we can table it if Council doesn't vote on it, it still goes on the ballot as if we voted no.

Mr. Guridy asked Ms. Fruhwirth is that the way it works.

Ms. Fruhwirth stated that the Charter says if Council fails to take action and that can be either a negative vote or no action at all. Then it goes to the county.

Mr. Guridy stated that it would go to the county automatically.

Mr. O'Connell stated that we talked about this for several months and I think we owe it to Mr. Fegley and the people that signed the petition to vote yes or no and realizing if we approve it or disapprove it, it will go to the county board of elections and they will decide whether to put it on the ballot. Unless I am wrong, it is not a given that it will go on the ballot. Is that true? It is up to the Board of Elections of Lehigh County.

Ms. Fruhwirth stated yes.

Mr. Schweyer stated that Mr. O'Connell is right. The vote has significance if Council were to vote yes then it automatically gets enacted, but if Council were to vote no we send a signal not only to the residents of Allentown, but also to the Board of Elections that as a dais that the majority members of council are opposed to this for whatever reason. If we table it and take no action it is also a message and we are still getting information five days out. I also agree that tabling it is still sending a message because it is sending a message and the message very well could be. I will second that motion so we can talk about it. The unfortunate nature of the Charter is that we are under these deadlines and here we are still getting information five days out. If this was a Bill introduced by the administration, we could table it in perpetuity and get information like we did with the water. That is the way that the Charter was written. I don't believe anyone here is opposed to more monitoring. I don't have any philosophical problems with more monitoring and greatly oversight. I do have a problem in trying to adjudicate and try to make a decision based on two competing pieces of paper that were both dated today and there is a significant difference between the two.

Mr. Guridy stated that he did not hear the motion.

Ms. Mota stated that Mr. Davis did make a motion.

Mr. Guridy asked if Mr. Davis made a motion to table it.

Mr. Davis stated yes.

Mr. Glazier stated that it is a non-debatable motion.

Ms. Mota stated that she does not feel comfortable voting. She would like to learn more about this.

Mr. Guridy stated that the motion is to table it. We can make a decision.

Mr. Glazier stated the question to table is on the table.

Mr. Guridy stated that it is non-debatable. Does that mean that the public gets a chance to speak?

**Motion to table Bill 26 passed, 5 – 1 (O'Connell)**

**11. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:**

**Bill 32 Zoning Ordinance Amendment**

**Referred to CEDC**

An amendment to the City Of Allentown Zoning Ordinance to permit "Pocket Neighborhood Development" in the r-m medium density residential district, to establish requirements for a Pocket Neighborhood Development, and to amend the zoning map to change an area of land south of Cumberland St. that is east of S. Virginia St. to the R-M District.

**Bill 33 HARB PHMC Funding**

**Referred CEDC**

Amending the 2013 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) Dollars of funds received from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) for consulting services for the City's Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB).

**Bill 34 Drinking and Storm Water Protection Act**

**Referred to Public Works**

Amending the 2013 General Fund, Sewer Fund and Water Fund by transferring money from these Enterprise Funds to the General Fund to finance and create positions in the Office of the Ombudsman and the Storm Sewer Program under the Department of Public Works.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**CA-1 HARB**

Certificates of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts

**RESOLUTION PASSED, 6 – 0**

**13. RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING:**

**R 2 Sale Mack South Fire Training Grounds**

Authorizes the Administration to Sell a Portion of the City-owned Real Property located at 1902 Lehigh Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Mr. O’Connell thanked Mr. Dougherty for his memo to City Council explaining the various provisions for economic resolutions and legislative history. It was very helpful in making the decision for tonight’s meeting.

Mr. Guridy stated that Mr. Dougherty always does great. Keep it up!

Mr. Schweyer stated that we talk a lot about how the city needs to find ways to help create jobs. We have a population that with significantly high unemployment in the city and we look for ways to increase job creation. He asked Mr. Dougherty to talk about this project because it is a success story in south Allentown.

Mr. Dougherty stated indeed it is and it was of such importance. We are not talking about the proverbial niche’ jobs that so many people need to take in this economy. These are family sustaining jobs by every stretch of the imagination in terms of jobs for health network employees and it answers to the heart why we go to government both the legislative and executive branches and that is to provide opportunities for our citizens. Here was in his public sector experience the quintessential example of what ends that a government can go to, to create an environmental and to be a partner with the private sector and creating jobs. We are taking this extraordinary step of relocating our most vaulted and respected fire training academy and making room for the expansion of a business to Lehigh Valley Laboratory Network which is a for-profit entity of the Lehigh Valley Health Network to expand. Not only to expand, but to expand significantly. There are 150 current jobs there and the projections are from anywhere from 150 to 200 additional jobs that will be created by us. This is land that will be put on the tax rolls. These are new people coming to work in the city. Obviously, there will be some people settling here. It takes a partnership. This came to you in January and the mayor with your support has taking us all the way to the White House. The Secretary of Transportation got involved with this because Council and the Mayor thought this was of such importance for job creation and to demonstrate to the rest of the country that Allentown is open for business. After many hiccups along the road we are here before you today with the necessary approvals from the Lehigh/Northampton Airport Authority and the consent of the FAA to say that we have a deal. This has turned into a win/win for all and I was hoping that I would not have to come before you and say that we were losing the Health Network to a location outside of the city which we were under that deadline because again, with their own business to run they had imposed a deadline to us which was part reasonable of wanting action done by this summer. We were able to fulfill that obligation. Not only that, I think it is important to know the cooperation with the city departments here, the fire chief

specifically. I had called the operations team together when we heard the good news of the vote of the Airport Authority to sanction this deal and instead of getting grief they said this is what we do, this is why we are here. It was a joyful meeting in terms of yes it is a lot of work. We went from a projected one year vacation of the fire training grounds to 90 days in order to accommodate the Health Network. I can sit here today and assure you that the team will fulfill 90 days. We will be out of there and the Lehigh Valley Network will be ready to go.

Mr. Schweyer stated that one thing that I am going to ask, they are creating 150 – 200 good paying jobs which is always wonderful that they are doing it in the city and the property is going to be on the tax rolls. Maybe when the mayor meets with Dr. Mayo the next time perhaps there is some type of opportunity here so that our kids in the Allentown School District can figure out the training that they will need for these sorts of jobs, the lab technicians, the phlebotomist and good paying jobs. We don't have nearly enough phlebotomist in the Lehigh Valley. You hear it from the Workforce Investment Board and I hear at the hospital. It is always an issue and maybe we could clue everybody together and as jobs open up, at least we have a trained workforce for these sorts of positions.

Ms. Mota stated that is a great idea.

Mr. Guridy thanked Mr. Schweyer for pointing out that this is something that Mr. Dougherty can speak about right away. I agree that I would like to see new jobs in the city. The good news is that it is going to stay in the tax rolls and the money is going to stay in the city.

Mr. Dougherty stated that we get an opportunity to enhance our police academy while building the new fire academy on the same ground. We are going to build a public safety excellence.

Mr. Guridy stated good job and extend our congratulations to the mayor.

#### **RESOLUTION PASSED, 6- 0**

##### **R3 Right of First Refusal**

Authorizes the Administration to Execute a Right of First Refusal Agreement for the Sale of a Portion of the City-owned Real Property located at 1902 Lehigh Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

#### **RESOLUTION PASSED, 6- 0**

#### **14. RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING:**

##### **R 17 KOZ Resolution (333 Court St Atown Metal Works)**

**Referred to CEDC**

Authorizes exemptions, deductions, abatements and credits for real property, earned income tax, net profits, mercantile and business privilege taxes within a specific geographic area in Allentown, PA designated as a proposed keystone opportunity expansion zone ("KOEZ"), in order to foster economic opportunities, stimulate industrial, commercial, and residential improvements and prevent physical and infrastructure deterioration within areas of Allentown, PA, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, upon certain terms and conditions

##### **R18 Cancels July 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting**

Cancels the July 3, 2013 Council Meeting

#### **RESOLUTION PASSED, 6- 0**

## **15. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Glazier stated that the Resolution that was just referred to CEDC has two properties in it. It is conceivable because two of the legislative bodies have to approve these. I was wondering if one of those bodies should disapprove of one of those properties does that mean that both properties fail.

Mr. Davis stated that he brought that question up and they said if it does come to that and they approve one property and did not approve the other the Resolution could be amended.

Mr. Glazier stated that he says that because one property is already off the tax rolls and the other property is on the tax rolls and that may engender serious discussions for the various bodies that have to deal with it and I wouldn't want to see the other property not get this benefit and that is why I asked the question.

Mr. Davis asked if one of the properties were owned by AEDC.

Mr. Glazier stated that is the South Tenth Street property. The memo states what the value of the city real estate taxes is.

Mr. Davis stated that Metal Works.

Mr. Guridy stated that we can amend Bills.

Mr. Schweyer stated that we can also vote on a Resolution on first reading. At the CEDC meeting we can review it and at the following meeting we can amend it and introduce another one. We can have two separate Resolutions for each property.

## **16. GOOD AND WELFARE**

None

## **17. ADJOURNED: 8:23 PM**