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**COUNCIL MEETINGS MINUTES
June 18, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 PM

- 1. Invocation: Pastor Maritza T. Dolich-Torres**
- 2. Pledge to the Flag**
- 3. Roll Call:** Davis, Eichenwald, Guridy, Mota, O'Connell, Schweyer
Dales Wiles represented the Solicitor's office

Mr. Guridy stated that Mr. Hendricks is excused since he is at a League of Cities Conference.

4. Courtesy of the Floor

Mr. Guridy stated please note the Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules on the Agenda. Basically, it tells you how you should behave, what not to say, how to say it, and how we run our meetings. I expect that everybody will abide by them. The Rules are simple and we want to give you the Courtesy Of The Floor to express your sentiment.

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Please observe the Rules of Council when addressing the body. A full copy of Council Rules can be found on the city website or by email if you contact Council office.

There are multiple opportunities to address Council. Individuals can speak during Courtesy of the Floor (addressing items not on the agenda) and during Bills and Resolutions on Final Passage and Introduction. When given the Floor, please go to the podium and state your name and address. All remarks must be directed towards the presiding officer or council as a body; not a particular Council member or elected official, the audience or city staff. Unless otherwise determined, individuals shall have three minutes to address council and individuals representing a bona-fide group shall have five minutes. Privilege of the Floor will not be extended for personal insults or personal attacks on any individual, name calling or other behavior that is inconsistent with the purpose and intent of conducting official business. Please address council as a body. Refrain from using offensive language, cursing and making noises while other people are speaking. Act with decorum. Remove your hat and turn cell phones off.

Mr. Kenneth Heffentrager, 733 N. 11th Street, stated \$1 Billion in redevelopment so what does it do for the 300 block of N. 9th, the 500 block of N. Elliger, the 8th Ward, the 10th Ward, the 1000 block of Liberty, or the 400 of N. 6th Street. This is a public safety and quality of life issue. He talked about slumlords that house people that live in poverty. Does the city have anything to do with the Allentown Housing Authority or is it a separate entity?

Mr. Guridy stated that it is a separate entity.

Mr. Lou Hershman, 405 N. Gilmore Street, stated that he read the Courtesy of the Floor Rules and they are written beautiful. Where is Council's end of the bargain? This came up and he wants answers, and he gets none. Can the Water and Sewer Authority influence the Third Class City Code. Can they reduce the water and sewer rates. He asked about the money for the Fairgrounds fence.

Mr. O'Connell stated the fence is a result of a pass-through grant from the feds, state and local. It was the 19th Street Project. It is \$900,000.

Mr. Hefele stated that as Mr. O'Connell mentioned the fence is really part of the larger improvements project in the 19th Street area all of which totaled about \$3.1 million. \$1.5 million of that is a state finance RACP, \$1.5 million came from the city's capital budget, and \$100,000 comes from the Lehigh County Agricultural Society.

Mr. Hershman stated that they are putting up \$100,000 for a \$1 million fence. What part of the capital budget.

Mr. Hefele stated it was several years ago.

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker, 844 S. 11th Street, stated that he thought this was interesting to follow rules and regulations. All capital projects must be reported on a quarterly basis. When is the last time you had an update or review of capital projects.

Mr. Guridy asked has Mr. Strathearn given us a report this year.

Mr. Schweyer stated that Mr. Strathearn has not given us a report this year. However, I will remind you that the Budget and Finance Committee is schedule for June 25th and we will review the entire Capital Projects procedures and go through all of those concerns.

Mr. Guridy stated that we do get a report from the Managing Director.

Mr. Hunsicker stated that it should be made available to the public. It says in such a form that it is available to the public. It should be a special meeting or attached to a meeting.

Mr. Guridy stated that we can certainly do that.

Mr. Dougherty stated that we will discuss that next week at the Budget and Finance Committee. It is also important to note that we haven't had any Capital Budgets in the last few years.

Mr. Guridy stated that if Mr. Hunsicker comes to the next Budget and Finance Committee meeting on the 25th we will be able to provide that information.

Mr. Tom Hahn asked about the \$1.7 million and the auditors.

Mr. Schweyer stated that a review of Capital Budget is scheduled for June 25th at the Budget and Finance meeting.

Mr. Art Villafane, 2030 W. Allen Street, requested a status report on stormwater issues in the west end. I was told at this meeting we will have some status on the expedited project.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that the study was completed from the Livingston Water Shed and I have a copy of it. I have to go over it with the administration. It will be available very shortly. Within the next month.

Mr. Dennis Pearson, 942 E. Tilghman Street, stated in taking a look on LCA's website I noticed a proposed project that was initially approved from this Council and city as far as creating a generation station which will use gases. Who was watching the store when they refurnished it and put it on backwards. Look on their website to see what is going on. An attorney with one of the transfer agreements gave a threat to one of our neighbors who in an early instance says he wants to improve our neighborhood. He is still out there acting as a bully. Don't give him any breaks anymore. It was a fire at Carisle Street at Mosser School building. On Flag Day, we had a nice ceremony at West Park.

Mr. Dougherty stated the microphone has been reported to our staff. I will look into that. He asked has the flag been replaced at Irving.

Mr. Pearson stated yes.

Mr. O'Connell stated that Mr. Pearson does an excellent job running the flag day contest for the School District and the Science Fair Project. Maybe we can get the Flag Day winners to come to City Council and read their speeches to us.

Mr. Pearson stated that they are going to the Allentown School Board to re-read their essays.

Mr. O'Connell stated that we need to do more with the community, recognizing them for doing a great job. We had the Central Basketball Team here and they are student athletes.

Mr. Julian Kern, 252 E. Walnut Street, asked when a property gets tagged unsafe structure, it says repair or raise immediately in 30 days and it sits for two, three or four years, why isn't anything done about the property. He asked about the property on 440 Havover Avenue. I don't understand why nothing is being done about the slumlords in the city. His girlfriends dad's property at 117 S. Gimore Street hasn't been inspected. It has been 13 years.

Mr. Guridy thanked Mr. Kern and stated that Mr. Dougherty is taking notes.

5. Approval of Minutes: June 4, 2014, April 16, 2014

Approved by Common Consent

6. Old Business

Ms. Eichenwald stated that at the last meeting she had two concerns and one concern, I see Ms. Giguere here and I would like to thank you for responding to me and answering my questions. It is always a pleasure having you as part of the administration. I did not receive an answer to my other question to Mr. Dougherty about the 336 N. 12th Street property and others like it. What happens to these blighted properties and how does the situation fit in with the administration's plan for urban redevelopment.

Mr. Dougherty stated that we will be happy to have a committee meeting under the Community Development Committee to discuss that at some point in the future.

Ms. Eichenwald asked if they had a date or not.

Mr. Davis stated not yet.

7. Communications

None

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Budget and Finance: Chairperson Schweyer

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 25th at 5:30 PM. We will discuss the monthly finances as per our custom and we are going to review the Capital Budget Process. At the last Council meeting as part of the minutes that we just approved, I gave the Preliminary answer to the question of the \$1.7 million. Since that time, I also met with a former finance director of the city who understanding of the processes discussed that as well and confirmed what I learned before that. We will review the causes of the Capital Budget deficit. We are going to talk about a legislative fix which may be a Charter amendment. It is not proposed at this point in time. We will talk about reporting in the future for Capital Projects and post online.

Public Safety: Chairperson Eichenwald

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for July 16th at 6:30 PM. I would like to discuss a budgetary concern and would like Mr. Dougherty to provide an answer by the July 16th Public Safety Committee meeting. It has come to my attention that there was a large sum of money from the Police Department budget that was transferred by the city and I voiced my concern with Chief Firtzgerald about the low number of police that are serving which is 201 which is the number that we struggled with after the retirement of so many police officers several years ago. She stated that \$500,000 was transferred from the Fire Department budget back to the city.

Mr. Schweyer stated that the Fire Police is part of the General Fund. I certainly want to know about the accusations. He asked Ms. Koval to take a look at it.

Mr. Guridy stated that if we can have that information prior to the meeting on the 25th.

Community and Economic Development: Chairperson Davis

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 9th.

Parks and Recreation: Chairperson Mota

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

Public Works: Chairperson O'Connell

The Committee has not met since the last meeting; there are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chairperson Hendricks

Mr. Guridy stated 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. There are no future meetings scheduled as of this time.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Schweyer stated that the Blighted Property Review Board met. With the new membership. I am the only member that is a holdover from the last time we met. We met on June 10th and it was a public meeting. It was an orginational meeting to go over the Rules and Policies. I suspect we will have a meeting in July to consider properties.

Controller's Report:

Ms. Koval stated that she put a report at everybody's seat about the Business License process flow. This is the actual findings, recommendations and responses from the audit that was conducted by the intern. This report was issued on June 10th and sent to Council. I gave you a written copy tonight.

Mr. Gurdy thanked Ms. Koval.

Managing Director's Report:

None

9. APPOINTMENTS:

None

10. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

None

11. RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

R20 Keystone Community Designation

Approves the Submission of the Application for Keystone Community Designation to the Department of Community and Economic Development, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Mr. Davis stated this was discussed at our last Council meeting and it was tabled because there were three questions that were brought up. The first one had to do with Blight Designation that was on the State Department's website. It just says that we don't have to declare the area blighted in order to get that designation and it eliminates that process. The other question was about the revenue and what we are going to do about the plan when it is finished in five years. It is a revenue stream to help us get future grants. The third question was about the permanent position. In 2011, that position was set up and was vacant for three years and it was fully funded now. The designation requires he spend at least 60 – 70 percent of his time on this project. If things don't work out he will go back to his full-time position in housing strategy. The committee recommended it 3 – 0.

Mr. Gurdy thanked Mr. Davis for his answers and responses.

Ms. Eichenwald thanked Mr. Davis for making sure those questions were answered. It makes it possible to approve this with greater satisfaction and understanding.

Mr. Heffentrager stated that he was satisfied Mr. Davis answered that. I don't understand, it should never have been tabled.

Mr. Davis stated that it was not the administration's fault. The information was there. I just did not dig deep into it.

Mr. Gurdy stated that we are looking for solutions and we got solutions.

RESOLUTION PASSED, 6 – 0

12. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

Bill 22 Allentown Special Fire Police Constitution By-laws

Referred to Public Safety

Amending Article 175, Special Fire Police by requiring Council approval of the by-laws and adding a section 175.10 CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE SPECIAL FIRE POLICE modifying the laws

R21 UAW Commendation

Congratulates the United Automobile Workers, Local 677, on their 75th Anniversary and Recognizes the contributions the Local has made to raising living standards and helping people in need and victims of disasters such as Hurricane Sandy and Katrina.

Mr. Schweyer stated that the United Auto Workers have been protecting the rights of their members for 75 years in Allentown. Most of you know them from their history with Mack Trucks. They have a number of smaller sites as well, the majority of which were and continue to be Mack Truck workers. They enjoyed an incredible run promoting workers rights. It has been a significant contributor for our community through the years. Their union hall is an icon in south Allentown on Mack Boulevard and I would appreciate a yes vote.

Mr. Davis stated that he is glad he had an opportunity to recognize them and the good deeds they had for the city.

Mr. Guridy agreed with them.

RESOLUTION PASSED, 6 – 0

R22 Approval for additional RACP funding for the ASA

R22 RACP Pass-Through Grant for the Allentown Symphony Association

Authorizes submission of an application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) Dollars in Redevelopment Assistance Capital Grant Funding for the Allentown Symphony Association Capital Project.

Ms. Giguere stated actually what this is an additional application. The Symphony currently has a \$750,000 RACP that they had been construction project proceeding providing different construction projects throughout their facility and last year they put in a business plan to the state for additional funding. The state has allocated an additional \$500,000, but we have to formally apply to it even though they said it was allocated. I was hoping that we were able to amend the existing contract. We have to go through the formal process of putting in an application which requires a resolution for \$500,000.

RESOLUTION PASSED, 6 – 0

R23 MLK Trail Phase I

R23 MLK Trail Phase I Funding Application

Authorizes Submission of an Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for a Grant of Seven Hundred Thousand (\$700,000) Dollars from the Multimodal Transportation Fund for the MLK Trail, Phase 1. The money will be used for trail design, construction of a paved multi-use trail, and continental crosswalks with hand activated light signals. The total project costs is \$1.4m with the remaining funds coming from the Green Futures Fund and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Ms. Giguere stated that various managers and directors met as a team to decide what we were going to apply for. It is the multimodal fund. It is a new funding source through the state. Craig on my behalf handed out to you some information on Act 89 which is the funding source for the multimodal fund. The state in its infinite wisdom came up with two ways to apply. One is through DCED, Commonwealth Financing Agency, and one is through PennDot. Identical Regulations, Identifcal Rules, but DCED is going

to get \$40 million this year and PennDot is getting \$20 million for a total of \$60 million across the state. We met as a team and worked with Fran and the Mayor. We were encouraged if we wanted to put in two applications, one under each funding streams. You will see three resolutions that are identical to another three and one is through Commonwealth Finance Agency and one is through PennDot. I also gave you a letter that gives a brief description of each of the projects. Here with us tonight is the project manager to talk about each resolution and the projects. PennDot projects are due June 30th and the DCED projects are due on the 20th.

Mr. Dougherty stated we ask your indulgence and thank you for putting it on the agenda. We don't like to breach the protocol of Council, but an opportunity to leverage an additional \$3.2 million on top of the \$1.4 million investment is worth it.

Mr. O'Connell thanked Ms. Gigure and asked if we get one grant, it negates the other. We can't get both.

Ms. Giguere stated that is correct. We are hoping to get one.

Ms. Eichenwald asked if huge sums of money will be spent once we have these grants, looking at a positive point of view. Do we then go through an RFP process. Has any of that begun. Has any RFP's been sent out or you waiting the recipient receiving of the grant before any RFP's go out. Will City Council be told who the winning bidders are once these projects are on its way?

Ms. Giguere said this requires a bidding process. Just like we do another capital project. I believe so, yes. Some of them are matching funds that are required in all instances. I would assume that once the projects, the grants and we are hoping that they are all approved. With a limited \$60 million across the whole state, we don't know which projects are going to be approved. Once approved, we have to appropriate the funds in the budget so that the expenditures can take place.

Mr. Guridy stated in regards to the matching grant. Is it in the budget or does it need to be transferred?

Ms. Giguere stated every Project Manager will talk a little bit about the project and where the matching funds are coming from.

Mr. John Mikowychok stated that the project we are putting forward is one that has been in the pipeline. The department had applied for and previously received two grant commitments, one for \$350,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources through their community partnership and conservation programs. C2 and P2 for short. The other commitment we received is from Lehigh County Green Futures for the same amount. We have \$350,000 from two entities. We wish to maximize how far we can construct the Martin Luther King Trail, extending it from its present location that really terminates in the vicinity of 15th. The concern there is that there are several intersections that need considerable treatments and upgrades. Because multimodal fund encourages people to apply for pedestrian upgrades, crosswalks, etc. and since we have a Connecting Our Community Study from 2010 that recommends this as a primary project we feel we have the planning documents in place to put together a good application. We are applying for an additional \$700,000 and that will enable us to maximize how far we can extend the trail essentially, paving an additional 1.1 mile and that will extend the trail so that it will run from Fountain Park on eastside of parking lot to Lehigh Parkway North. It connects us from 4th Street to Schreiber's Bridge.

Mr. Schweyer thanked Mr. Mikowychok. This is all familiar from a long-term goal standpoint from the connecting our communities. I remember being part of that project and reviewing, debating and ultimately passing. The design not done so I am not going to ask you what the crosswalks look like, or the elevation

changes around the Schreiber's Bridge. In the middle section just north of Allentown MetalWorks that is not going to rip up those existing railines. It won't impact our reindustrialization plan.

Mr. Mikowychok stated that it will run on the north side. It will be cross signals with the timers for 14 seconds.

RESOLUTION PASSED, 6 – 0

Mr. Guridy asked was the land already purchased for that. The land that we needed. Is it in the process.

Mr. Mikowychok stated the majority of the land except for the Allentown Metal Works is owned by the City of Allentown. That was the other issue. The hope is that we can negotiate a trail easement with AEDC.

R24 Downtown Traffic Funding Application

Authorizes Submission of an Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for a One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollar Grant from the Multimodal Transportation Fund for Downtown Traffic Signal Improvement

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that basically what we are looking at is the downtown traffic improvements that we have already begun with the Traffic Study that was done by TBD. The study that was done by McMann Associates. We have secured the \$1.4 million. We are trying to leverage this amount now and actually complete another 20 intersections. The \$1.4 million that you approved was able to take care of 35. We looked at it as Phase I that will utilize these funds to basically take care of Phase II. This will only address the issue with the arena, but with the other development that is taking place downtown.

Mr. Guridy asked were there any comments from the dais. When this is completed, will that be a public meeting somewhere. Are there any other street that they can change to two-ways.

Mr. Messinger stated sure, but if you want to look up at the screen right now, that actually entails the intersections in orange. The 35 intersections that are taking place with the 1.4 million and then the green dots at the intersection that we are proposing under this grant. It is only the 7th street cooridor. We are looking to do a study.

Mr. Guridy asked if it was a state street.

Mr. Messinger stated yes, that is a state road. The permits are held by the city. It is city property and city permit.

Mr. Guridy asked Mr. Messinger to keep him abreast on the development and any meeting that is going to specifically discuss this issue. He asked any comments from the public.

Mr. Heffentrager asked is this to take care of the traffic lights.

Mr. Messinger stated that this is actually to have a responsive system so that as the traffic patterns change throughout the day, the patterns will be able to change as the traffic changes.

Mr. Heffentrager asked if it would alleviate the horrendous condition on 8th and Allen Streets when you get on a Lanta Bus and you wait until the entire row of traffic somehow manages to backup.

Mr. Messinger stated that they work as a team and coordinate with each other.

Mr. Guridy stated as he looks at this. A resident who lives on S. 4th Street says one of the gates to the city is there any plan to look at the aesthetics of that area.

Mr. Messinger stated keep in mind it is a state road.

Mr. Dougherty stated that it has been on the city's radar screen and we have been working with Councilman Schweyer in addressing some of those needs. Looking for longterm planning or state money to do some major work along that corridor.

Mr. Schweyer stated that I had breakfast with Becky Brandley from LVPC yesterday, talking about this very issue.

Mr. Guridy stated you can talk to Representative Schlossberg.

Mr. Davis asked with the new Waterfront Development it is not going to include any of this. Is it a separate study.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated it is going to be a separate one.

RESOLUTION PASSED, 6 – 0

R25 Downtown Traffic Funding Application

Authorizes Submission of an Application to the Commonwealth Finance Agency for a One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollar Grant from the Multimodal Transportation Fund for Downtown Traffic Signal Improvement

Mr. Messinger stated that they are applying on both ends. This project fits both CDED and PennDot.

Mr. Guridy asked were there any comments from the dais or the public.

RESOLUTION PASSED, 6 – 0

R26 Legislation Jefferson Street Pedestrian Safety Funding Application

Authorizes Submission of an Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for a One Hundred Forty Thousand (\$140,000) Dollar Grant from the Multimodal Transportation Fund for Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming at Jefferson Street Project.

Mr. Messinger stated that this is an area of town that unfortunately has some speeding. It is a long stretch. No stop signs. When you get to Wyomming you get all the way to Lehigh Street in one shot. Basically, what we are looking at there is to do some type of traffic calming through markings. Sort of what we did on Hanover Avenue. Update the crosswalks and actually have crosswalks for those intersections in that area. At one of the worst areas that we have where there are a lot of people crossing by the church we basically want to put a flashing yellow light and a yield sign for pedestrians for safety.

Mr. Guridy asked any further comments from the dais or comments from the public.

Mr. Ernie Atiyeh, 521 W. Chew Street, thanked Mr. Schweyer and stated that the Little Lehigh Neighborhood Group is appreciative. If they would have known they would have probably been here tonight. That is a real problem in that area. I appreciate City Council and the administration.

Mr. Schweyer asked Mr. Messinger if he still wanted the Lanta bus stop moved further to the north on the other side.

Mr. Messinger stated yes.

Mr. Schweyer stated that we now controls that bus shelter.

RESOLUTION PASSED, 6 – 0

R27 Legislation Jefferson Street Pedestrian Safety Funding Application

Authorizes Submission of an Application to the Commonwealth Finance Agency for a One Hundred Forty Thousand, (\$140,000) Dollars Grant from the Multimodal Transportation Fund for Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming at Jefferson Street Project.

Mr. Guridy asked any comments from the dais or the public.

RESOLUTION PASSED, 6 – 0

R28 Legislation Union and Lehigh Street and Union and 6th Streets

Authorizes Submission of an Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for a One Million Seventy Thousand (\$1,070,000) Dollar Grant from the Multimodal Transportation Fund for intersections at Union and Lehigh Streets and Union and 6th Streets.

Mr. Messinger stated that this project in itself is Phase III. These are other improvements that we need for the intersections. It is not just the fact of having the responsive system added there. It needs to have a full traffic light placed at 6th and Union and Lehigh and Union currently where the detour is for the Eighth Street Bridge. All the extra traffic that will be coming in for the added jobs created downtown with the buildings and the arena. Right now, everybody on Lehigh Street can only make a right and traffic is going to be put on 6th Street. What we are actually trying to do is make a way for people to be able to get to all the garages to park at. Part of that will allow people to make a left on Lehigh Street to make a turn. Currently the intersection is not setup that way. That is one of the main reasons we need that. The added traffic meets warrants for a traffic light.

Mr. Guridy asked were there any further comments.

Mr. Schweyer stated that at the intersection for Lehigh and Union that is an intention to make a lefthand turn after this is done. Is there a reason why we can't put a three-way stop at 6th and Union?

Mr. Messinger stated right or lefthand turn. We are actually trying to work with PennDot now requesting a temporary light to be put at those intersections to take care of that.

Mr. Guridy asked when you are coming off the Eighth Street Bridge, now you are allowed to make a righthand turn and will that be permanent. That intersection at Lehigh Street, you are going to put a light there.

Mr. Messinger stated that is just for the detour right now. Yes, that is what the plan is.

Mr. Guridy stated that if you are coming onto 6th you are able to make that left. If you are coming on Lehigh, you will be able to make a left on Union then.

Mr. Messinger stated yes. It is for the weighfinding for all of the garages. We want to be able to split the traffic up and not be able to put everybody on 6th Street. If they would go west, they would actually go all the way up to 6th and Linden and drive up Linden Street and there are certain areas we don't want to have an increase in traffic. This will alleviate that.

Mr. Guridy asked anybody from the public.

Mr. Heffentrager stated that this one is to alleviate traffic. The last one was done because of safety concerns. The Jefferson one was being done for safety concerns. This one is for traffic. 12th and Sumner had the 50,000 crash for the year. It is like a speedway on Sumner.

Mr. Messinger stated that there is no study right now, but we can say that we can take a look at that intersection.

Mr. Guridy stated that he agrees with Mr. Heffentrager. I know that it is not part of this bill.

RESOLUTION PASSED, 6 – 0

R29 Legislation Union and Lehigh Intersection Improvements Funding Application

Authorizes Submission of an Application to the Commonwealth Finance Agency for a One Million Seventy Thousand (\$1,070,000) Dollar Grant from the Multimodal Transportation Fund for intersections at Union and Lehigh Streets and Union and 6th Streets.

Mr. Guridy asked were there any comments from the dais or the public.

RESOLUTION PASSED, 6 – 0

R30 Legislation Pedestrian Street Lighting Funding Application

Authorizes Submission of an Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for a Grant of One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars from the Multimodal Fund for Center City Pedestrian Lighting.

Mr. Hefele stated that this request to seek \$1 million on the PennDot side of things to install pedestrian scale street lighting on streets leading to and through the downtown area. We are talking about the lighting that is in front of Sacred Heart right now or the 900 block of Turner Street where we recently installed some of that lighting and 19th Street. The project really has its roots in the Center City Initiative Strategy which forms the basis for the Keystone Designation that you approved earlier tonight. One of the comments that we often hear from our partners in the neighborhoods is that the residential streets are dark and creates a seemingly unsafe environment. In response to that and in response to our desire to increase the connectivity and walkability between the residential neighborhoods and the downtown area to facilitate moving from employees to visitors for business folks. We began in earnest to look for money to fund the installation of this scale of street lights. Over the past two community development block grant programs, you have allocated a total of \$650,000 for this program. We haven't spent that yet. We will marry it with this program if it was successful to create a total project cost of \$1.6 million.

Mr. Guridy asked any comments from the dais, Mr. Atiyeh.

Mr. Ernie Atiyeh thanked Mr. Hefele and stated that it is very vital for Center City Allentown and its residents. It is very depressing to try to walk in these streets at nighttime with the trees covering the lights.

Ms. Eichenwald asked if the streets have been prioritized.

Mr. Hefele stated not as of yet. The first thing that we need to do when we start this before we hear of the grant is to assess each of the street and make a prioritization.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that she is talking about the individual grants.

Mr. Hefele stated no, we have not done that yet.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that when you make the submission do you submit it from other prioritization. She asked if the grant givers make the determination. The city can say if you give us the money, let's do this first.

Mr. Hefele stated that they all get submitted independently. He stated that he doesn't know how they are going to do that.

Ms. Giguere stated that is rare that a state body will do that, but it could happen.

Ms. Eichenwald stated that some of them seem so much more necessary than others. In all honesty the last one with the neighborhoods. They are dark and it seems that it is so much more important.

Ms. Giguere stated that we had a much larger list when we started. We narrowed it down to this group to what to apply for and the team has put a lot of work into the project and into these applications.

Mr. Guridy stated that when Rich was here I asked him how they figure out what lights are off throughout the city and I think he said they have a person that drives around at night and look at the lights. This is certainly something that is going to help our citizens. Do you still have the same person that goes around?

Mr. Dougherty stated that the topic is germane because we are preparing an RFP to go out, once the funding is identified to convert our street lights to LEDS. With the adoption of that technology comes software where we will know via fiberlines when an actual light is out and thereby eliminating the manpower and the resources to pay him or her to go out at night to look to know whether a light is out or not.

Mr. Guridy stated that he will talk to Mr. Dougherty about something that he loves. Any comments from the public.

Mr. Tom Hahn asked is it possible that the citizens or Council to request to have a list with the total amount of money for each project that we are talking about tonight that passed and the ones that passed at other meetings to get a total account so that when citizens like myself wants to follow the tracking of the money when it goes through a different department.

Mr. Guridy stated that I am always supportive when we get money for the state. We are actually getting a grant and we don't have to pay it back. If we are lucky enough to get the grants it will come before City Council for appropriation and you will have an opportunity to see where the money is going to go and how much.

Mr. Schweyer stated to Mr. Hahn this is a hope for money. These projects won't be done unless the state were to authorize one of these grants for each of these projects. I don't know if we have a list of all outstanding grant applications that we have for every project that is out there. Your point is well taken about existing Capital Projects and money we have allocated.

Mr. Hahn stated that there was a grant to change all the lightbulbs in Allentown a few years back and our community was included. There was a savings to the city for the street lights that were being replaced by a cheaper bulb and a better bulb. That program is over and the trees have grown.

Mr. Guridy asked is that included in this grant proposal.

Mr. Hefele stated that is an issue that will be handled during the design process.

Mr. Guridy stated that we will take that under consideration.

Mr. Dougherty stated that I did elude to a citywide LED change conversion that we are working on.

Mr. Guridy asked any comments on this Resolution.

RESOLUTION PASSED, 6 – 0

R31 HARB

R 31 Certificates of Appropriateness for Work in the Historic Districts
547-549 N. 5th Street, 416 N. Lumber Street, 453 N. 6th, 429 N. 11th Street

Mr. Heffentrager stated that he is confused on the property located at 453 N. 6th Street and the next one said 435 W. Hamilton Street 3rd floor. He stated that he read the wrong part.

RESOLUTION PASSED, 6 – 0

R32 Cancels July 2nd Meeting

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Mr. Guridy asked are there any comments from the dais. He asked Mr. Hanlon is there anything in the agenda that is pressing.

Mr. Heffentrager stated that we are eliminating a Council meeting and I have to wait months for a response from the city about anything that I previously asked.

Mr. Guridy stated that you should not have to wait for a Council meeting to get responses.

RESOLUTION PASSED, 6 – 0

Mr. O'Connell made a motion to suspend the Rules to Introduce Resolution 33.

R33 Communications Legislative Template

Referred to Public Safety

Approving the Memorandum of Understand for Regional Shared 9-1-1 Services with Northampton County.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Schweyer stated that we are also planning a shorter Budget and Finance Committee meeting prior to the next Council meeting, on July 16th. Mr. Dugherty and Mr. Hanlon, this was for your request to reexamine the reorganization of the Finance Department. That will be 30 minutes before Ms. Eichenwald's meeting for Public Safety.

Ms. Mota invited everyone July 12th from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM at West Park. We have Noches De Ritmo (Rhythm Night) and we are going to have music, dance and art.

15. GOOD AND WELFARE

Mr. O'Connell stated that some of our meetings in the past have been a little rocky and in my mind uncivil. It was extremely civil tonight and I thank the public for that. You have every right to come up and express your opinions and ask questions from your point of view and your perspective. I really want to thank the administration and your staff.

Mr. Guridy stated that he thinks that it goes for all of us. I feel the same way for both points with the administration and the public. I would like to take this second to make a quick comment on what Mr. Heffentrager said before. If there are questions that can be answered before the City Council meeting which it should not have to wait on questions that can be answered prior to the Council meeting.

Mr. Schweyer stated that today was a special day for Ms. Mota and I. It was the last day at school for the Allentown School District. This is the first year that our oldest daughter was in school. We had an outstanding experience and she had a wonderful year. On behalf of my wife and I, the school district did an outstanding job at least in our school and our experience. He thanked Mr. O'Connell and Ms. Eichenwald for the years of service in the Allentown School District.

16. ADJOURNED 8:40 PM