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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 4, 2013
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
435 Hamilton Street

Council Meeting – 7:00 PM

1. Invocation: Cynthia Mota

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. Roll Call: Davis, Guridy, O'Connell, Mota, Guridy
Mr. Dale Wiles represented for the Solicitor's Office

4. Courtesy of the Floor

Mr. Ken Heffentrager, 733 N. 11th Street – vice president of the Tenants Association, stated he understands that Council does not have anything to do with ANIZDA, but the last ANIZDA meeting that was held was cut short. It was advertised that it was from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. This is the third time they cut people from speaking off and said we are done. He complimented the Redevelopment Authority for finally getting it together and unloading 12 properties and in one month that should be down to 20. I am glad to see the Redevelopment Authority has good people on board. We were happy to see the Hall of Shame. We question the person because they own one property and owe taxes. Owning one property and owing taxes does not make you a slumlord. We would like to add some on our own like Greg Meyers.

Mr. Lou Hershman, 405 N. Gilmore Street, stated that a year ago you guys were going to look into during Budget time the \$5 per capita tax. We only get \$130,000 out of that \$5 fee. Can you guys look to see if we can do away with that tax? It is a nuisance tax.

Mr. Guridy asked what tax is that.

Mr. Hershman stated that it is \$130,000. Berkheimer collects it for us and I don't know what we pay Berkheimer to collect it. He stated that the \$30 million bond issue, Mr. Schweyer was good enough to send me a section on the binding offer copy. My concern is that Council has to appropriate the money before it gets spent. Section 2015 proves that I am right. It is a Charter limitation. This agreement is subject to the City of Allentown Home Rule Charter regarding the appropriation of funds. You did not follow the City Charter.

Mr. Schweyer stated that he disagrees with Mr. Hershman. I have been arguing that our Charter has been terrible for years. I am not going to get into that debate. We had that conversation and you are entitled to your opinion.

Mr. Hershman asked Mr. Schweyer what is your opinion.

Mr. Schweyer stated that we had this lengthy conversation at the last Budget and Finance meeting. I am not going to get into this again with you.

Ms. Mary Kalan, 1539 Linden Street, stated that she and her husband own the home next to the home in the photograph that you are looking at there. When Mr. Clark took over that property in 2004 we had a number of serious ongoing problems. On the tenants side we had drug dealers and neighbors running around with guns chasing people buying drugs. We had kids playing on the roof and I called Children and Youth a number of times. Kids were shooting out from the back roof, knocking out the street lights and repetitive problems. We called the police and whatever agency we felt appropriate. There is blight and issues with the home itself. We have mice and

roaches because the home is not kept up. Our current problem is a sewer line or sewer in the home broke sometime last winter. The home was overcrowded and the smell was so bad that we could not stay in our home and neighbors came to our house asking what is that smell and to my knowledge it was not fixed. In April a 10 x 10 foot hole was dug in Mr. Clark's yard exposing the sewer pipe. The sewer pipe has not been fixed and the hole remains and now our yard has started to cave in and creating a sinkhole situation.

Mr. Guridy asked Mr. Dougherty to look into this. He will follow up with you and get back to you. Please give your number to the City Clerk.

Mr. Rich Fegley, 1002 S. Bradford Street, stated that he is assuming Council knows that the Allentown Citizens for Clean Air Ordinance was rejected by the Board of Elections last week. I am here to ask for Council's help. This was an ordinance and we followed the city's Charter and had our petitions signed and presented to Council for Council's vote. Council could have voted yes or no and if Council would have voted yes, it would have become law and if Council would have voted no it gets passed on to the ballot. The City's Charter SECTION 1002 INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM: A. Initiative. The qualified voters of the City shall have the power to propose ordinances to Council. If Council fails to adopt a *proposed* ordinance, the initiative process *gives* the qualified voters of the City the opportunity to adopt or reject *the proposed* ordinance at a *primary, municipal or general* election. Nowhere in here does it state that the Election Board has any authority from stopping it from going on the ballot. Some comments that I have in the time that I had to review their decision. The County Board of Elections basically left themselves very vulnerable to a challenge since they only justify their decision by saying that our Allentown Clean Air Ordinance does not properly recognize and account for the Department of Environmental Protection's mandated approval role. There is no such mandated approval role since the ordinance does not purport to create nor constitute a program that would replace DEP's Air Regulatory role. Basically, the county did not really understand what they were doing in their decision that it does not properly recognize and account for the Department of Environmental Protection's mandated approval role. That was literally all that was received in the letter. Our City's Charter states that the board is exceeding their authority. Where does it state in the city Charter that Lehigh County Board of Elections have the Authority to stop the initiative from being on the ballot for citizens to vote upon. The political process starts with the citizens, moves to the City Council and final to ballot to be voted upon the citizens. Council could have approved this ordinance in the law by voting yes and they could have rejected the ordinance by voting no which would have just moved the vote to be voted on by the citizen's at the next election. Again, nowhere in there it says the Board of Elections will stop this from getting on the ballot. There was actually a letter from Tim Benyo to Mike Ewall, an attorney that we are working with and in this letter it basically said the meeting on the 27th will only determine if the question meets the requirements to be placed on the ballot in November. Those requirements will be the county's requirements, not DEP requirements. I am basically asking for Council's help. We are going to have to seek legal counsel ourselves as Allentown Residents for Clean Air to appeal the decision by the Board of Elections. This will set a precedence that basically states citizens can go through the initiative process for an ordinance and Council could vote no or pass it on to the Board of Elections and somehow the Board of Elections can make a decision to keep it from being on the ballot. He asked what help he can expect from Council or if Council can make any recommendations as to how we can proceed.

Mr. Guridy asked does anyone have any recommendations.

Mr. O'Connell stated that was June 5th and I really thought that we were going to vote that night on the ordinance – Bill 26. We had a motion and a second to table it. If you recall Ms. Eichenwald was absent. It was 5 – 1 and I voted no and not to table it because I did want it to come to a vote that night. I support the Clean Air Act and I publicly state if it would have come to a vote that night I would have voted for the Clean Act Bill 26. How can we help you, we would have to look into that. Maybe Mr. Guridy has a comment. I understand what you are saying. I don't have an answer for you tonight, but think we could and should look into it.

Mr. Guridy stated that the reason we tabled it because at that time we have gotten a letter from the attorney or someone from the DEP stating that the state law supersedes the city law and we have no standing on it. We just got the letter and I think we had a vote on it that today and we had twenty-something days to make a decision and we decided to table it.

Mr. Fegley stated that was an opinion, recommendation, and fear. It was not fact. The opinion left Council unable to decide. Council basically said we will let the citizens decide. Therefore, it should go immediately on the ballot. The Board of Elections is there to make sure it goes on the ballot properly at the proper time and it will be worded properly and the citizens have access to the polling place, etc. It doesn't state that the Board of Election can step in and say where Councilman O'Connell is saying he would have voted yes, there is 2100 plus citizens that wanted to see that on the ballot and the Lehigh County Board of Elections stopped this from being on the ballot.

Mr. O'Connell stated that when we got that letter that evening, it was the night we were supposed to vote on it. It was an opinion that the Bill was fatally flawed and it went to the Board of Elections and the Board of Elections was saying that the local policy that Bill 26 would deliver would not supersede the state and DEP requirements. Was that the way it was explained to you?

Mr. Fegley asked by the County.

Mr. O'Connell stated yes, by the solicitor of the County Mr. Ashcraft.

Mr. Fegley stated not at all. It was explained that they would be voting on the wording and how it needs to go on the ballot and it turned out they were finding a technicality. That was what was stated in the letter in that one sentence.

Mr. O'Connell asked if the letter stated that the state code or law supersedes the local.

Mr. Fegley stated that Mr. Hanlon has a copy of the letter.

Ms. Paulette Hunter stated that she is concerned because she is a citizen and the only thing she has to go by is your Charter to say what I can and can't do in order to get a Bill or an Ordinance passed and this is the second time that we have went through and did what we needed to do based on the Charter and it came out that something was wrong with the Charter. I think there should be some kind of thorough review by someone on the Charter that you have in place because it is not effective. When we follow it, we find obstacles along the way. There should be some kind of review by someone that understands Charters and understands the flow of Charters so when it goes to the county there are no obstacles up there for us because we already knows what should be happening because right now there are two things that I know so far: We did the water and did what we supposed to do and it went up to the county and there was an obstacle. We did the air as we supposed to and there is an obstacle. We should do a full review of the Charter and see how a Charter supposed to run.

Mr. Guridy stated that you are right and I would go on a limb and say next year and I ask the support of my colleagues and Council to see if we can name a committee next year to look into the Charter. I don't know the intricacies in doing that, but I think it is something that we need to look at again. There are certain things that are in the Charter that I think that Mr. Schweyer said earlier that we should look at further. For a long time we have been talking about it and I think it may be time for us to refine it.

Ms. Hunter stated that all we have to go by is what is in the Charter to tell us what we can and cannot do. If we do what it says we supposed to do and all of a sudden there is an obstacle along the way that is not correct. There should be a clear flow, a visible flow, and a transparent flow of what is supposed to transpire so we can know the steps and do the right thing. Clean Air is very important to me and my son and for us to be at a standstill right now concerns me a lot.

Ms. Helen Hahn, 2016 E Highland Street, stated that along with what has just been presented I find this as a problem and it is with the budget. Is each councilperson required to know exactly what is in the budget: money coming in or money going out? Is it a financial committee that just works on it? There are too many confusing things.

Mr. Guridy stated that the budget is a very large document as you know. Most of us know what is in the budget. The intricacies in it, we do have a committee that advise us to it. In addition to that we have our city controller that helps out as well and a finance department with a finance director. Between all of us, we can come up with all the answers.

Ms. Hahn stated her problem is this bundling and when you start bundling different incomes together you don't understand what each one is for and then when money needs to go out, it goes out of the bundle and the specifics that are in there are no longer around. The people that are paying the bills, \$17 million in cash and this is in your own report, the CAFR Report. We are looking for the Stabilization Loan and we can't find it. You have to go from one department to the next.

Mr. Guridy stated that we went through it last week.

Ms. Hahn stated that we go through it a lot and you bundled it now and now it is in with the \$17 million cash flow. Do you know what cash means to me, I can spend it? It shouldn't even be there, but you just arbitrarily, it is there. We sit here meeting after meeting trying to get to the nitty, gritty on where the money goes.

Mr. Guridy asked Mr. Schweyer to explain that section. He is the chair of the finance department and that was discussed last week.

Mr. Schweyer stated that Mr. Hahn emailed us similar questions that Ms. Hahn is referring to and we did talk about it at the budget and finance meeting last week when we reviewed the CAFR, I regret that our budget and finance meeting was only scheduled for an hour. It was a result of the request from my colleague to switch times. The Stabilization Fund monies have been recorded on numerous occasions ever since Mr. Donovan was up here. It exists in the budget and it was detailed in the CAFR on page 22 under Cash and Cash Equivalent. When the question came up at this year's CAFR presentation, Tracey Rash our audit specifically said yes, it was fully accounted for and she pulled out the spot specifically in the CAFR. We have spoken with the city controller on numerous occasions that it is there in \$17,739,000. It has been accounted for publicly on more than one occasion. We are constantly trying to make the budget more and more transparent. Last year, we added a line of Mr. Hershman repeated believe that the Act 205 money, the .35 income tax that was adopted several years ago was specifically detailed in the budget. We added that and pulled it out of the EIT money. It is now in the budget for that. We have been attempting to increase the public review of the budget. When I started there was no budget and finance committee, we had no controller's report until after we were elected to City Council. Every request we had to make the budget more transparent we have done. We have now monthly reviews of the budget and the controller's report, a budget and finance committee that is responsible for that which did not exist before. We are continuously trying to update. To your point of the Stabilization Fund, in a meeting with the administration, Mr. Dougherty was there and Mr. Davis and Mr. Hanlon were there as well. We talked about this specific

line item. We talked about the repeated concerns of the public that don't believe the money is there. It is my intention to break it out more definitively. The money is there. It has been reported by the finance committee, the controller, and our auditor.

Ms. Hahn requested that they take it out of Cash Flow because \$17 million looks like we have money and money we like to spend. How do we supposed to keep track of where money arbitrarily go if we can't find it in your budget. It should be a line item and it should stay there.

Mr. Schweyer stated that we will continue to monitor it as we have. In the meantime as party of the budget next year our intention is to detail it more specifically so that every other member of the public can more easily find it in the budget. He invited Ms. Hahn, Mr. Hahn and Mr. Hershman to the budget and finance committee meeting. We review our cash flow statements and quarterly we are getting reports from the administration from line 46 adjustments to see if there are projects that the administration is not doing anymore.

Mr. Tom Hahn, 2016 E Highland Street, stated that he would like to approach the bench to give additional information. On that paper is information going back to the only person on Council was at the meeting and if his memory is as good as he thinks it is, he will be able to explain or disagree with me on what the intent was for the lockbox and the money and the \$10 million, and the Moody. What happened when the city was in distress and needed and had to loan money to save money to show that they weren't in distress and what affect it would have on the EIT tax when we are not in distress anymore and the possible loss of \$4 million. He asked Council to come prepared at the next budget meeting to give us line items. One statement in there was change to a year later after the agreement. Line 3 was changed to 2007. The main issue here is when you invest \$5 million at 3 percent to offset the interest of 5 percent on the additional \$5 million for a total of \$10 million. We never saw how much interest it made. We never saw where the money went. Later on this year, we found out that in one line item that the \$5 million returned to \$4.8 and then it miraculously turned back to \$5 million with no interest from 2006 up to the year to date. Where is all that. Show us where that is.

Mr. Julian Kern, 252 E Walnut Street, stated that back to the Slumlord topic I don't understand why the city doesn't do more about them. Because of them, they are destroying our neighborhoods every day. There is more crime because them. They put more strain on city resources. Today, Mr. Joe Clark was arguing with Allentown Police Officers even though he was breaking the law and violating tenants' rights. I understand that he brings in a lot of tax dollars because how many properties he owns, but if you think over the long-haul of all the resources that are being used because of him, code enforcement, the police, the fire department you are probably spending more money than you are getting in because of him. I am tired of the mayor giving his same speech about how many tickets last year we are giving out. The mayor lied saying that there were 200 – 300 blighted properties and today he said to the Morning Call there were 300. At the City Council meeting they said it was 479. I would like to know how many properties that are blighted in the city. I don't know why something is not done with Joe Clark he has been here as a landlord for 40 years and you put a landlord that owns one property that we know of and Joe Clark owns over 100 properties and is destroying the city.

Mr. Al Wurth, 525 5th Avenue, Bethlehem – Sierra Club, stated that he wants to talk about the Referendum that was thrown out by the Lehigh County Election Board. It is quite clear to us that a Clean Air Ordinance before the voters would improve the quality. If you don't have continue emissions monitoring or more careful control or pollutants you won't have clean air. I would like to point out and speak as a political scientist. It is a choice of cleaner or less cleaner air. It is important as Mr. Fegley suggested that the city council act to represent the city and the rights of the city visa vie the county and the unelected and nonresidents of Allentown who have decided that autonomy of the City of Allentown is something that they

can throw out of the window and they perhaps thinks that this ordinance might challenge some of DEP's authority. As Mr. Fegley indicated that is something that should be put before the voters. For three people that don't live in Allentown and I am pretty sure they all live up wind and they are quite content to live there. They are not elected. They have thrown out first the Water that had 4,000 signatures and this one has over 2,000 signatures which have been validated by the city. The city is accepting precedence right now that three people that don't live here, don't vote here, don't pay taxes here in Allentown. I searched the election code and I don't know how they could pass on an Allentown city referendum. The next referendum might come from Council and if the Election Board decides no, we won't put that before the voters. You need to push back here to represent the integrity of the city and certainly the rights of your citizens and especially to represent the poor and working class folks who are going to breathe what is going out of this incinerator. This issue is about democracy and protection for the people and who the city represents. The city and city council needs to act on behalf of their citizens and push back. They overstepped their boundaries and if you let them push you around, you are not representing the citizens.

Mr. John Ingram, 928 N. Cedar Crest Boulevard, stated that he came here because of the \$211 million that was transferred through your deal with LCA. I understand that you already paid off a few bond issues with some of that and I don't know what the balance is at this point. Being a financial kind of guy and being in the business of doing a lot of cash flow analysis in my business and discounted cash flows with 30 year projections included I am very concerned about the markets and where the markets will go and I am very concerned about making sure that you make the right decision in terms of the investment of the money that you are going to be investing: whether it will be the pension fund investments, or other investments that are in some others that are there waiting to be turned over for pension payments at a later date. The reason that I am concerned is that late July of last year the bond market peaked out and there are no questions about it. The 10 year Treasury note bottomed at 1.38 percent in late July and guess where it is today, 2.9 percent. It has gone up 130 basis points in a little over a year. Why do I feel confident that the bond market peaked out? I have experience trading the markets. Thirty years ago I was with Merrill Lynch and it led me to the field I am in now. I am confident because the Federal Reserve Board as you know has been going through a period of Quantitative Easing for the last few years, big time. They have been buying \$85 billion a month of US Treasuries, over a \$1 trillion a year. They accumulated over \$3 trillion of those purchases. They are now getting ready to do tapering and scaling back those purchases. They have made that clear, the economy has gotten stronger. A combination of the anticipation of that tapering along with strengthening the economy is causing interest rates to move up. I am concerned because the bond market is the latest bubble. The rates have been artificially depressed by Federal Reserve Board and now they are going to take that away. Interest rates are going to move up dramatically over so many years which will mean that the bond market is going to be the next collapse. Bond prices are going to collapse and interest rates are going to take off. The only question is the timing of it. Could it be 5 years from now? Could interest rates be at 10 percent, ten years from now, 15 or 20 percent? Don't forget, go back 30 plus years, the late 70s early 80s, inflation actually hit 14 percent and short-term treasuries went over 20 percent, mortgages went to 18 percent. Because of \$20 trillion in debt, \$17 trillion is federal debt, plus \$3 trillion that the Federal Reserve just added to in terms of purchasing these treasuries. This has been monetization process and we have gotten away with it and inflation has not reared its ugly head because of the slow economy. I had a meeting with the LCA about a month ago prior to doing the deal with you and I was concerned with them in regards to the bond issue and what I advocated was that they go with the longest term bond which in that case, they are selling and they were locking in the lowest possible rate for 35 years on that bond.

Mr. Schweyer stated that they will sit down and talk to you about this and include it in our Budget and Finance Committee meeting if you would like. We don't always have the three to five minute time period as well. That would be a really good place because our next Budget and Finance Committee meeting we are going to talk more about the deal. We will not have any sort of legislation and we still will be in the

formative discussions about that. Everything you are saying about the bond market is 100 percent pertinent and also stuff that we talked about. I would love your input if I could at that time because are going to be working on that whole financial package.

Mr. Ingram stated that he would be glad to offer his services. You are forming a committee, are you not?

Mr. Schweyer stated that we do it as part of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Mr. Ingram stated that he is talking about the committee that is mentioned in the Morning Call which is called the Aggregate Pension Board.

Mr. Schweyer stated that has been in existence for an extended period of time.

Mr. Ingram asked are you going to be adding to the board.

Mr. Schweyer stated no. He stated that Mr. Glazier is the Council representative on that.

Mr. Ingram stated that it is pertinent to what they are doing. He stated that if I could possibly make a presentation at the board meeting.

Mr. Schweyer asked Mr. Hanlon to make sure that Mr. Ingram gets in contact with Mr. Strathearn.

Mr. Ingram stated that he would like to illustrate how much bonds decline in value when interest rates go up. I would like to come to one of your Budget and Finance Committee meetings.

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker stated with the Stabilization let's get this off the table. You ought to make a line item because in your budget you have it as a fund. Either you have a fund or don't have a fund in my view. The way you are talking you are going to line item it. If you are going to put it on page 22, put it there. It should say Stabilization Fund, \$5 million and show if it is going to be in an interest or some kind of account that is going to make money. You should tell us where it is because over the last eight months since January no one knew where it went. You guys had a phone call and said that you approved it. We want to get off the Stabilization Fund and move on to other things that we have questions about. Do you agree that you are going to do this?

Mr. Schweyer stated yes. He stated that he will take it a step further. Two things that we are looking at would also include the interest and budgeting for the specific interest and also looking at the rule that all we need is a phone call for them to float it out. We are also going to look at the specific wording of that.

Mr. Hunsicker stated that you are going to talk about the \$160 million that you are going to put in there. You have to be concerned when you do this and I said six or eight months before you did this that you don't want to lose this EIT tax. You don't want to lose that .35 percent because that is \$4 million. If you get out of the distress mode, you have to keep it at a certain level where you don't lose that money because that will be a one or two mils tax increase and under the new number, it is \$3.2 million per mil based on a 100 percent value of your property. You are going to have some money for a year or two. A couple years down the road, you are going to be scratching. You have to pay for this stuff. Take some advice and stay on track. Watch what money you put, where you put it and as your equity people said at the Pension Board meeting. They have to watch where they put this money because when the market takes a dip and it will at some time. If you put \$160 million in and you take a 10 percent dip, you lost \$16 million.

5. Approval of Minutes: August 21, 2013

Minutes approved by common consent

6. Old Business

None

7. Communications

None

8. Committee Meetings

Budget and Finance: Chairperson Schweyer

The committee met last week and reviewed the CAFR. The CAFR found that there were three specific substantial deficiencies that are down from four last year. Two of the three are in the process of being addressed. Of the major accounting issues that were identified of the four last there are three this year that are already being addressed. It should be acknowledged at next year's CAFR. Reviewed our monthly financials and there was nothing specific that was brought out there. The revenues and expenses are very good, notwithstanding the changes as a result of the Water deal. The administration will be attempting in the next three to four weeks to provide us with an updated Budget as a result of the privatization of the water/sewer so look for increased activities with Budget and Finance as a result of that. It will be done as an Ordinance and not a Transfer. We had final reports from the controller's interns. We also did a review of the funding deal. There was again, \$211.3 million in which \$160 million of which was going to defease the unfunded liability that will be up to the Pension Board to deliver the investment. Two Million Dollars is the city's responsibility borne from the automatic meter reading program, there was \$29.3 million that was defeased worth of debt which is the water and sewer debt which saves of \$4.7 million of future interest payments. Of the \$211.3 million, there is \$20 million of unallocated funds. As a result of this year's shifting around with employment costs and excess cash reserves in the water and sewer fund, we will conservatively about \$10 million of new money available to us for the remainder of 2013. It is a grand total of \$30 million of money that is yet unallocated. Look for a continued effort to defease debt. The next meeting is scheduled for September 25.

Mr. Gurdy stated that he attended partial of the Budget and Finance meeting and it was a very good meeting.

Public Safety: Chairperson Eichenwald

The committee met this evening and has one item, Bill 39 on the agenda.

Community and Economic Development: Chairperson Davis

The committee has not met since the last Council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for September 11 for a pre-budget review). The next meeting is September 18th.

Parks and Recreation: Chairperson Mota

The Committee met last week and discussed the removal of the dams at the Robin Hood Bridge and Fish Hatchery; a meeting will be set up soon to review the pool usage and experience over the summer months and future courses of action. On August 30th it was a News Release that Mayor Pawlowski agreed on the removal of the dams. I would like to invite everyone to West Park of September 12th from 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM.

Mr. Gurdy stated that you ran a great meeting and Mr. O'Connell has a comment.

Mr. O'Connell commended Ms. Mota for an excellent meeting last week with Mr. Schweyer and myself. It was a very informative meeting and I just want to commend you. You did an outstanding job.

Ms. Mota thanked them for their feedback.

Public Works: Chairperson O'Connell

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; the next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 11th, but will be pushed back to September 18th and we have one item on the agenda, for 728 Union Street, an encroachment of a fire escape.

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.

Special Committee – Tax Exempt Properties – Chairperson Eichenwald

The Committee met a week ago and we are at the point and thank Ms. Kistler and Ms. Bowman. Our next step is the PILOT meeting and we are going to meet with Cedar Crest College and Muhlenberg College.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Davis stated that the administration has formed an oversight committee and they are taking four areas having to deal with new development, and housing. They also formed a housing taskforce that I will be a member of and they will meet September 17th at 8:30 AM.

Controller's Report

Ms. Koval stated that Mr. Schweyer's figures were correct. We still have some work to do on the unallocated funds that were left from the water and sewer lease. In regards to that the \$160 million, Council will have legislation to move that money from our funds to the Aggregate Pension Board and they will make the decision on how the funds will be invested. They will have been meeting continuously in information sessions that Mr. Glazier has been attending on investment strategies. We do have currently an investment strategist for the Pension Fund, that is Peirce Park and Cheiron (Actuary) is also helping us with that. At the last Budget and Finance Committee meeting we had two reports from my intern's in the Controller's Office. One was Marc Ross who did the engineering permit process flow and the other one Claire Jong who did the Recycling and Solid Waste process flow. We still have two interns that will be reporting to Budget and Finance Committee in mid-September for the Cash Flow in Treasury and Our Municipal Swimming Pools.

Mr. Guridy asked will the interns be presenting to Council

Ms. Koval stated yes, they will.

Mr. Schweyer stated that they did a fantastic job.

Managing Director's Report

None

Mr. Schweyer asked Mr. Dougherty how we are doing with the issue on S. Jefferson Street. Is Public Works moving forward on the issues that we discussed.

Mr. Dougherty stated yes, we met with Rick Holtzman and with weather permitting he hopes to trim the trees on Jefferson, from the Parkway to Lehigh Street in order to help with the street lights and get the brush out of the way. We are doing it with justification of Public Safety and it gives us the right to get in there and trim those trees.

Mr. Schweyer stated that there was a vehicular/pedestrian accident. A resident was leaving her Block Watch Meeting at Little Lehigh and she was struck by a car and the administration has been proactive in working with me and some of the neighbors and residents to try to address vehicular and pedestrian safety there as part of the safer schools.

Mr. Dougherty stated that you should see action this week.

Mr. O'Connell stated to Mr. Dougherty that residents called him about issues at Martin Luther Kind Drive and we talked about it yesterday and another one or two talked about the 15th Street Bridge and safety factors. He thanked Mr. Dougherty stating no sooner that he gave it to Mr. Hanlon, Mr. Dougherty was on the phone with me and I got back to the residents and they took care of both of them.

Mr. Guridy thanked Mr. Dougherty for working hard and getting that camera on 4th Street and Washington. Now they want one on Washington and Meadow. It was needed. The same resident called about a property that the grass was cut. It is very high.

Mr. Dougherty stated that he actually spoke to Tom Harper about that yesterday and he received a phone call from a neighbor that was very diligent about monitoring the size of the grass.

Mr. Guridy asked if the city could talk to the owner to see if he is planning to do something with that property and if he needs the support of the neighbors in the neighborhood.

9. APPOINTMENTS:

Erick Bernhard	Plumbers Examining Board	06/04/2016
Joseph Cocca, Jr.	Electricians Examining Board	01/25/2016

RESOLUTION PASSED, 5 – 0

10. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

Bill 39 Communications 911 Fund Budget Amendment

Amending the 2013 E9-1-1 Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Forty Five Thousand (\$45,000) Dollars as a result of a disbursement by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) for the purpose of participating in a Regional Shared Services Assessment of the 9-1-1 System.

Mr. O'Connell stated that was in Public Safety tonight and Mr. Hilbert gave us a fine explanation and enlightened us on the collaboration mission. Mr. Hilbert does an outstanding job, very trustworthy, dependable, very loyal, and committed to the city. Bill 39 will take \$45,000 and it passed favorably 2 – 0.

11. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

Bill 41 Trexler Fund Appropriation

Referred to Parks and Recreation

Amending the 2013 Trexler Fund and the 2013 Capital Projects Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Hundred Twenty Five Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty Six Dollars and Seventy Three Cents (\$225,926.73) to the Trexler and Capital Funds to provide for the annual receipt of capital improvement funds from the Trexler Trust designated by Court Order dated April 19, 2011.

Ms. Mota asked will this be a Bill for Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Hanlon stated that it is for Parks and Recreation.

12. CONSENT AGENDA:

None

13. RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING:

None

14. RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING:

Mr. O'Connell made a motion to suspend the Rules and introduce and vote on Resolution 27.

The Motion was approved by Common Consent.

WHEREAS, Council appoints the following, as Patrolmen, in the Department of Police, at a base salary of \$46,856 per annum. All appointments are contingent upon the candidates receiving Police Civil Service Approval, passing physical and psychological examinations as stipulated in the Police Civil Service Rules and Regulations and obtaining and maintaining a valid state certification from the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission.

Robert T. Busch
Annandale, NJ

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Allentown, hereby authorizes the Mayor to appoint the above, as Patrolmen, in the Department of Police.

Mr. Schweyer asked will Council vote on this, this evening.

Mr. Guridy stated yes. He asked were there any comments or questions, it is for R27.

RESOLUTION PASSED, 5 - 0

15. NEW BUSINESS

None

16. GOOD AND WELFARE

None

17. ADJOURNED: 8:20 PM