

INSTALLATION PROGRAM

January 7, 2008

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

Invocation: David M. Howells, Sr.

Pledge to the Flag

Remarks

Mr. Howells thanked everyone for coming to the Installation Program.

Mr. Bausch congratulated those who won the election and will be taking positions on the dais. You will no doubt have a challenge. Our population is still over 100,000, but what has happened to our community? The first 60 years of his life you could put the number of homicides in one hand. What has happened in the last 10/15 years? You have a challenge ahead of you. We have a community in which people are afraid. Police are trying their best, but it takes more than the police to keep an eye on our community. Every neighborhood, everybody in the neighborhood, has a responsibility to make this their community, if they want to have a community – the type of community they want to have. I congratulate those who were elected. You have a challenge ahead of you. The Mayor and the ideas he has put forth in the last several years are in the right direction or changing direction for the City of Allentown. You need to work with him and with Council, if we're going to accomplish the many things being proposed. Thank you for the many years that I have had the opportunity to serve you, both as the County Executive for so many years and also on City Council. I'm not moving. I'm still here. You'll hear from me in the future. It has really been a pleasure for me to serve you, the public, for the past 12 years. I welcome the new persons coming on Council. It was a pleasure going through the campaign with them. They were positive. They were honest about their opinion. They made it an easy campaign. I've been in some campaigns that weren't so easy. In the end there's defeat. There's always a winner and always a loser. I just happened to be one who lost. I want to give my support to what the City is doing and what Council faces to do in the future.

Mr. Howells announced that Mr. Hershman is absent. He always had something to say.

Mr. Velazquez asked how everyone was doing. I hope you're excited about what's going to happen this evening. For me it's a little bittersweet because I decided not to run again. I offer my special appreciation and heartfelt thanks to my colleagues, who I served with. I offer best wishes to those who will be moving on, Mr. Hershman and Mr. Bausch. It has been 12 years that I have served on this Council dais, and I worked with Lou, either in the capacity as a Controller or a Councilperson, and of course, David Bausch as a Councilperson. I have respect for both of them. I believe in their hearts, they really love Allentown. They wish only the best for Allentown, and they want to see it to continue to grow. They want positive things to happen. It has been my pleasure to work with them, and I wish them well. I congratulate all the new Councilpersons as you move on to the dais as I exit. As David has suggested, there are challenges before us. I'd like to think I had a hand in some positive steps and moving forward into the future. There's a lot more to be done. I wish them well and to keep their eye on the ball. I cannot tell the citizens of Allentown how humbling it is to have people vote for me. You stand up and express your opinions about something and share your heart and ideas with them, and things you'd like to do, and they actually come out and pull a lever for you. That is a feeling I can't explain how it feels. I will miss that. I will not be leaving. I will be staying in Allentown and continue to be involved. I've made some decisions to take a break for personal reasons. I'd like to lose weight. I started in this position. My wife would like me to finish a project or two at home. It is primarily personal – first and foremost my family. We have a new granddaughter on the way – our first. Her name is Laurie. We expect to see her in a couple of weeks and hold her. Those are things I don't want to miss and you want to be there for and focus on. Allentown will continue to be an issue for me. Something I will support. I talked to the Mayor about continuing in some capacity – just staying involved – and, I intend to do that. Thank you to the citizens – those who had the confidence in me. It has been my pleasure to serve them. To Council 2008, I ask that you keep your eye on the ball. Remember, you represent all the citizens of Allentown – each and everyone. I understand the need to stay in touch with the supporters who got you here, remember there are those who don't have a voice that you may have, or that others may have. You also represent them. I ask that you keep that in mind as you act in this capacity. I think it's critical that we continue to understand who we represent – all the citizens of Allentown, not just a select few. I leave it to them to take us into the future. You'll see me from time to time. Rest assured, I'll be back.

Mr. D'Amore said this night is for my colleagues who are incoming and outgoing. We say good-bye tonight to 4 gentlemen who served this City long and very well. Marty, David – and I wish my friend, Lou was here. And, Frank Concannon, who is sitting in the crowd, our outgoing Controller, collectively over 100 years of public service between these 4 gentlemen. We say hello to our 3 new colleagues. I'm very excited about them joining us on this dais very soon – Jeanette, Michael and Peter. I hope they're all able to work together and be productive and move the City forward. I'm confident that's going to happen. With the thoughts of his own inauguration still in his memory, I know how special tonight is. Enjoy it! Soak it all up and congratulations.

Mr. Guridy said I would like to offer my appreciation to Councilpersons Bausch, Hershman and Velazquez and Frank Concannon, who is also stepping out. I thank them for their hard work and contribution to the City. The City is a better place to live, work and play for everybody because of the contributions they have made for all of us. I think the community has chosen a new Council. Peter, Jeanette and Michael are going to be wonderful, and I'm looking forward to working with them, and working as a team, and making this City a better place. I always believe that we can work together and conciliate and look past parties and political arenas and work together for a better City, a better Allentown. I also wanted to take the opportunity – we have been working very hard to redevelop and get some community development, economic development. We have a new restaurant, Johnny Manana's and another one opened up today. I got gift certificates for Mr. Bausch, Mr. Hershman and Mr. Velazquez in appreciation for their service. Mr. Bausch is always a gentleman. He's one of the finest persons he's ever met, and he never says anything to offend anyone on this dais or in public. I will miss him. He was my boss a long time ago when Mr. Bausch was County Executive and I was a case worker. Marty has worked tirelessly. He's always been the voice of reason for the City. There are a couple of people I've emulated in my life – Lou Ramos who passed away – Marty has been a role model for me. We've had the opportunity to agree on a lot of things, or disagree, but we always stayed friends. He's a great family man. Lou is a character. He's a wonderful man. He means the best for the City. Sometimes he doesn't say it the right way, but he means well. I thank everyone for serving and thank the new people and new Controller for coming in and serving the City. I'm happy to serve with them.

Mr. Phillips said I and Marty have known each other for at least 30 years. They have had disagreements, but they always had respect. I respect some of the positions Marty has had to take, and it's always been about bringing people together and finding common ground. Mr. Bausch, you are involved in a lot of things, and you enjoy doing them, including your traveling.

Mr. Velazquez said I omitted to congratulate newly elected Controller, Bill Hoffman. I've worked many years with Frank Concannon. You've always had the City's best interest at heart. You will be missed.

Mr. Howells said I consider it a high honor and a distinct privilege to be able to serve the City. 30 years on the Police Department and 14 years on City Council. Second to none, I can't think of many other things I've enjoyed – the United States Marine Corps – I've enjoyed my time there and serving the citizens – that's just me, that's Davey Howells, that's just what I want to do. I look at the next 2 years – with the Council people who are coming on – and Jeanette, I hold you in high regard. Peter is not a bad baseball coach either, at Mountainville. You are certainly a welcomed addition here. Mike, it's good to have you. I know you're new to the City of Allentown, but you're a quick learner. You'll learn fast. You're a quick study, and you're way ahead of the curve from a lot of people who have lived here for a long time. To have the 3 of you sitting up here with the rest of us is certainly a privilege for us to have the 3 of you here. Bill Hoffman is taking over for a guy like Frank Concannon which is going to be pretty tough. He did his work, he knew his job and he did it well. He and Lou didn't always see the right way to do things, but you're your own man, contrary to what people might have said. I believe you are your own man; just like I believe the 3 newly elected Councilpersons are as well. It's hard to see David leave. I've known David since high school. He's a whole lot older than I am. I know David a long, long time. Marty and I, faithfully, spiritually shared a lot of ideas about things beyond this world. It's always a pleasure to talk to you about things of that nature. He's been an ally, a friend, a confidant, and all those wonderful things you can say about him. Lou unfortunately is not here. Lou has been a friend of mine, a great supporter of the Allentown Police Department. When I was police chief and Lou was Controller, there were never any questions about the needs we had, and we still have, in the Police Department. Lou is very much dedicated to this City. I don't believe you've seen the last of Lou Hershman. I believe you'll see him sitting back up here in 2 years. He's a friend of mine. I've known him for a long time. His kids went to Dieruff High School, just about the same time mine were going; about the same time Michael D'Amore was going to Dieruff as well. I'm sorry Lou couldn't have been here tonight. For whatever the reason is I pray he just decided not to come.

Reading of the Election Results

Swearing in of Council Members Elect

Jeanette Eichenwald was sworn in by her husband, Eduardo.
Peter G. Schweyer was sworn in by his wife, Jennifer.
William Michael Donovan was sworn in by his son, Will.

Remarks by Newly Elect

Jeanette Eichenwald said thank you all very much for being here. I am humbled by each and every vote I received from the citizens of Allentown. First and foremost, I wish to extend my appreciation and gratitude to my husband, Eduardo, and all 6 of my children, who are here this evening. She thanked her friends who have supported her in this endeavor. Tonight marks the fulfillment of a personal dream of mine, and I thank you all very much. To those who have sat here before me, especially David Bausch, Marty Velazquez and Louis Hershman, I extend sincere appreciation. Your years of dedicated service to this community stands as a role model, and I will always turn to you for your ideas and your concerns. I'm also gratified tonight that I see standing in the back David Jones and Robert Smith, who also had an office of Council people. It was a pleasure to work with you. I'm honored they're here this evening. It means a great deal. I look forward to serving with the Council people who remain, Julio, Davey, Tony and Michael. I look forward to my new colleagues, Peter and Michael. Together, we will stand upon the shoulders of those who were before us. They have charged us this evening with rewarding responsibility to make a difference in the lives of the citizens of Allentown. I love this City of Allentown. We raised our children. We participated in civic life of this wonderful community. Ordinary people – people like you and I can accomplish extraordinary things if we put our heart, our mind and soul to it. If we have the courage to dream that this City has been what we want it to be, what we hope it will be and what it should be. A pride in a prosperous downtown, safer streets, cohesive neighborhoods, beautiful parks and recreation areas, an educational system in which every child is given the utmost of opportunities, the hope for economic progress, not only for our long-established residents, but for our newer ones, as well. Seeing a city with diversity, a city filled with determination, and a city that offers the fulfillment of our dreams. It is safety in the City that has brought me to this place. It's not a state that's only pie-in-the-sky optimism. It doesn't ignore the enormity of the task, nor does it ignore the roadblocks that stand before us. It doesn't hide the predictable issues that we face, but it's a basic instinct in me that we can reach out and be something even better. We can accomplish it if we work for it, if we reach for it, and if we fight for it. There are challenges in every corner of this City. The challenges offer us opportunity to make it a better life for all of citizens, for each and everyone of us – for you and me that call this Allentown our home. There is an unyielding belief that we can create a city that will bring out the best in each of us, if you sense, as does she. Now is the time to throw off the shackles of apathy and to pay out debt to those who have inhabited and built the City before us, and to reach out and promise a future generation – I want to work with you. Together, beginning now, we can continue the progress made under our innovators. We can usher in a new era -- the journey toward an even stronger, safer and brighter Allentown. If you'll allow me just one moment of personal reflection, I dedicate this very special moment in my life in loving memory of my mother and father, as I walk and talk with you. Survivors of the Holocaust, they came to this blessed land from Vienna, Austria, where they had endured the greatest inhumanity of man. When my parents arrived in this blessed land, my father weighed 78 pounds. He was totally bone and almost (inaudible). He had within him the reward of determination and love, which they gave to me their only child. They talked to me about creating a world with which there was justice, in which they would be (inaudible). Everything I've done in my life, either directly or indirectly, has been for them and my beloved children. This new venture in my life, this time, is for my grandchildren. It's my hope and my prayer. You are only beginning the journey of your life. You will remember you stand with our grandmother, that no matter what your own lives are, always slide to the welfare of this community. Remember an individual can make a difference, and your tradition teaches you that you are not demanding (inaudible) of the best in the world but you are demanding to continue the journey for that end. May I grant them the wisdom, the strength and the fortitude to make a difference in the lives of all the citizens.

Peter G. Schweyer said I'm deeply honored and proud to be here tonight representing you as a member of City Council. This is an honor and responsibility that I take with the utmost seriousness and utmost sincerity. Helping me take the oath of office tonight is the love of his life, my wonderful wife, Jennifer. We were very blessed this year. 3 weeks before the primary – the night we were putting lawn signs up for me, she went into labor. They made a pit stop at Yocco's and 12 hours later, they were parents. Jen, you've been incredibly supportive and understanding throughout this whole process, you always remain a constant support. I love you and thank you. I also want to thank my mother, Georgette and her fiancé Gary Hodler, for their help and support, from knocking on doors to watching the baby when we needed them to. I would like to acknowledge the role that State Representative Jennifer Mann played. She couldn't join us this evening. She has been a tremendous mentor to me. Of course, everyone in this room knows she is my boss, too. I would be remiss if I did not say she is much more than that. She's much more than a mentor, she's also one of his very good friends. I thank her for everything she's done for me and my family. Through the last year I've spent a lot of time meeting people across this great City by listening to their concerns and ideas of how we can make Allentown a better place to live, work and raise a family. Throughout that campaign a number of themes arose. First, the good people of Allentown were emphatic that we had to change

the way the City conducts business. I will join, with my new colleagues, to help bring about leadership, civility and attention to details that our citizens expect and otherwise deserve. Second, they're looking to help us improve the quality of life in our City. This includes reducing crime, additional police officers and new prevention strategies. It also means working toward our parks system so they remain as strong tomorrow as they are today. It means working to enhance our arts and entertainment district. It also means making sure streets are clean and government services are provided at the highest level. I know each and every elected official in the City are committed to this, and I also know we're very fortunate to have department heads and bureau managers who are extraordinarily talented and who are committed to making Allentown a better place. I look forward to working with them. Lastly, I've confirmed my belief that Allentonians are proud people. They care deeply about the City and will do all they can to see it become the Queen City once again. I'm a center city kid. I was born and raised downtown and my father was a City worker for 33 years. Anybody who spends this much time in Allentown kind of carries with them that center city chip on their shoulder. I don't hide it. I don't apologize for it. As my wife can attest, we are Allentown. One thing I've learned is that all of Allentonians are tired of seeing our beloved City become a punch line by those who rarely, if ever step foot within our borders. The result of our City residents, and with the right leadership, I'm confident that each and every person up here – the Mayor and our new Controller – we will all help make Allentown successful. Tonight I would like to express my sincere thanks to the 4 outgoing elected officials whose collective service to our community is nothing short of remarkable. Mr. Concannon, I've spent a lot of time talking to you lately. Your wit is greatly appreciated. Mr. Velazquez, I'm still smarting over that defeat in the championship that Mr. Howells alluded to. I played baseball for Mountainville; Marty played baseball for Union Terrace. One thing I've learned is never walk his catcher. Mr. Hershman, a person I've known for a long time, who I have quite a great deal of respect for, and yes, I have read some of his memos. Mr. Bausch, I have a tremendous amount of respect for you. You're a dedicated public servant and a great man. I appreciate all you've done for our community. Each and every one of these folks have spent much of their lives working for their neighbors. That's really what public service is – working for your community and your neighbors. Gentlemen, on behalf of a grateful City, thank you for your dedication. Now to join these exceptional 6 people on City Council, and our new Controller, who are equally committed to Allentown, and I look forward to our times together. The campaign was an interesting experience and a wonderful experience. David, I didn't see you in the back and your father, as well. Thanking you for joining us this evening. Lastly, I'm quite excited about working with Mayor Pawlowski. I've known him for a while. I share a vision of Allentown as a place where people choose to live, work and raise a family. I unequivocally know that we can get there as long as we work together, and we're all committed to doing that. I would like to thank the people of Allentown very much for the faith and confidence you've placed in me. I'm honored and humbled by that. I give my word that I will discharge the duties of this office to the best of my ability and with the utmost honesty.

Mr. Howells said, Peter, normally, the last 10 or 12 years, the person who sat in that seat, could be quite argumentative. I think the Mayor will be welcomed with that seat change.

William Michael Donovan said I'm glad I'm behind the monitor. You are all very kind to welcome me so enthusiastically. I've heard the word humble twice, and they're my remarks, too. I'm humbled by your confidence, as I face the enormity of the task – not alone -- but with each member of this community, a stalwart community, a dedicated community, and I know I'm relatively new to this City, but it has impressed me with its history, and what I've learned of its history, and the number of Morning Call articles I've read from the '60's to understand the City throughout the campaign. I wanted to acknowledge our departing leaders, Councilman Velazquez. I'm sorry Lou could not be here tonight. David Bausch and Frank Concannon. I promise to follow in their footsteps with a strong and dedicated belief in this City. Many have paved the road to get here, and there are far too many to thank. I thank my wife, Diana. She writes a social column. This is not going in the social column. I was very fortunate to have Will come up from Washington to swear me in this evening. Also here are my stepdaughters, Devon and Tatia. My younger son, Ned, could not be here this evening, as well as my mother, Betty. She was here a week ago during the holidays. My late father would have been very pleased to see me here. I thought of him often the last few days, as well as during the election. If it wasn't for Frank, I wouldn't be here. Frank was the first person to encourage me. Denise is my treasurer, and she kept me honest and organized and on the right path. She always made sure this is the way we do it. Allentown has got to win changes tonight. We express our loyalty to the residents of the City. We face rapid changes and some serious challenges. We're heard that already. What are your expectations of us? What do we expect to achieve – what do we dream – what do all of us dream? Over the next 4 years as your representative, I will focus on expectations. They're important to him. I will strive to learn what we all want of us, and I hope they'll take the time to learn of me. My expectations are simple. Probably what I'm about to talk about is on the short list but it gives you an idea of where I am. First of all I'm glad that Jeanette knows that David and Robert are here this evening. Robert is very active on the school board, and I hope to see David Jones active in the City. That goes with his personal conviction. I expect to encourage new young leadership throughout the City to get involved, and to work to set a new standard for civility, trust and creativity. Sales produce jobs; jobs produce income; jobs produce wages. I expect to work with the Mayor to create opportunities for companies and organizations that sell goods and

services beyond the borders of Allentown. Jobs bring hope; jobs bring enthusiasm; jobs enable the City. Finally, I expect an industrious Council to be conscious of its vast responsibility. The 7 of them should adhere to the style of government that listens intently. We should be organized; we must act to earn trust, and we must not act inadequate. We must work with the administration; we must work with residents also of the county, state, federal government to make this a wonderful City that my wife and I discovered. I am sure you have expectations of us. Share them, advise us, challenge our knowledge. Most of all accept our goal that it is to have a common expectation that we will have a safe and prosperous City. Progress begins only with mutual respect.

Organization of New Councilpersons

Election of President

Ms. Eichenwald nominated the President of City Council, David M. Howells, Sr. I do this with great respect and affection for Davey's many years in serving this City. First as a Marine and later on as a police officer, then as Chief of Police. As a police officer he gained respect and high regard from the state. He's offered extraordinary leadership over this past year. This year, as well know, we got 3 new Council members. With Dave Howells in this position is experience. So it is with admiration and respect, that I offer his name for the Presidency.

Mr. Schweyer said I would like to place forth the nomination of Michael D'Amore for the office of Council President. I've worked for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the better of 7 years. In my tenure as a state employee, someone who's been actively involved in this community, I can say unequivocally that I have never met a member of Council who has been more dedicated, more willing to work throughout the jurisdictions with dedication than Mr. D'Amore. I've known Mike for some time as a person of integrity, I trust his enthusiasm for the City, and I trust his creativity.

Mr. Howells said I thank Jeanette for all those kind words she shared with everyone else, but for a number of reasons I'm going to decline that nomination. I can share with you some of the reasons why. Personally, I'm involved in a lot of organizations, maybe as many as 15 at a time – chairman of this, president of that, board member of this and that – I've assumed some additional responsibilities within my church. We do not have a pastor, and have not had one for a while, and we are searching for one. It looks as though, as of last Sunday, we have a new one. Being on church council and being the chairman of the Worship and Music Committee, and all my responsibilities with the singing there – I sing with a group called Summer Harmony, and other groups – if you've ever heard of Summer Harmony – being president of this Council requires, and I hope that my colleague, and I'm sure he does, realizes – and I've talked to Mike about this – it's a tremendous amount of time spent being president of this body. My wife will be glad that I'll have more time at home because of that. Mike sat on this Council for the last 2 years, and he knows darn well how these meetings run. You almost have to be like a referee up here. Sometimes it's like being a referee of a three ring circus. The people have always been extremely polite and courteous and well mannered, which is a demand that I always make. No screaming, no hollering, no shouting around, don't bring in your signs and everything else. We run the meetings as polite as possible. Politeness of manner and evenness of temper – when people start raising their voice – those that truly know will have no need to shout. I'm sure he'll do that, he'll control this body. Giving up this position – I've been on Council for 14 years now, and I've probably been President 10 or 12 of those years. Do I mind leaving here? No, not really. Do I want this job because of power and prestige? No, I've had all that – being police chief and all those kinds of things. I've had my share of the limelight. I don't need it for that. I always wanted to make sure that the person who sat in this chair conducted himself or herself in a manner that is looked upon by all of you out there. I'll have a little bit more time. Maybe my golf score will get better now, too. As Council President, I'm in here often. I'm in here sometimes 8 hours a day; sometimes 3, 4, 5 days a week. I guess Mike can handle that as well. I want to allude to one thing. I think Tony said it. I wanted to echo that – for all those families who are out there, for all the candidates that ran. Families do pay a tremendously high personal sacrifice when they have a loved one running for office. It is well noted that a special tribute should be paid to all the families. I would say to the new Council – and they've been here – all these people new Council have been to Council meetings, and they know what's going on. They know how you have to really . . . I pledge my support to the new President and to the new 3 Council people, unequivocally, without any quivocation, literal reservation or whatever. I'm pledging my support. We will have to work together. We have to have good dialogue, honest dialogue. That's my pledge. There are no other nominations at this point? Nobody wants to make any more nominations?

Mr. Howells said the nominations are closed.

Michael D'Amore was elected Council President, 7 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Mr. Howells said one reason I voted for Michael is because this is my old seat when I wasn't Council President.

Mr. D'Amore said it's a great honor to be handed this position of leadership by a unanimous vote by my colleagues. I was seeking this office, but never expected the support of everyone. As Michael said, it's been said before, but it's true. It's very humbling, especially if I'm going to follow a man like David Howells. When I was growing up in Allentown, he was the police chief and someone they looked up to, and he's still someone to be looked up to. I'll be seeking your guidance as I assume this position. Thank you to all my colleagues for all of your support.

Election of Vice President

Mr. Guridy nominated Mr. Phillips for Vice President.

Mr. Phillips accepted the nomination.

Mr. Donovan said I'd like to nominate my friend, Julio Guridy.

Mr. Guridy declined the nomination.

Mr. Phillips was elected Vice President, 7 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Mr. Phillips said it is nice to be part of a leadership like this. Accomplishments are not about self, but about the entirety of the whole, and this is what that leadership is and to make this City as prosperous as it once was.

Swearing in of City Controller: William Hoffman

William Hoffman was sworn in by his son.

Welcoming Remarks from Mayor Ed Pawlowski

Mayor Pawlowski thanked all the outgoing Councilpersons for their many years of service. They've all made a difference in changes for the better. Marty, you'll be missed. You were a valued and well respected member of this body. You brought a new degree of professionalism to Council, especially in the area of Human Resources, which is your field. You have always been thoughtful and deliberative in your approach to issues and your opinions have helped in creating a quality legislation, and we wish you happiness in what we hope is a very temporary leave for an elected office. I look forward to seeing you in a leadership role sometime in the near future. David Bausch, you have been our statesman with a long history of committed service to Allentown and Lehigh County. For 12 years, you have served the City with honor and distinction. You have set the bar for others to aspire. You have lived your commitment to the City by living in the heart of town and serving on numerous boards and committees and constantly devoting yourself to the improvement of our community. We hope you will remain involved and continue to contribute to the rebirth of this City, which you have devoted so many years of dedicated service. Thank you for all your years of service. I wish Lou was here, because I actually had nice words to say to him. I wanted to wish him the best. Whatever our differences were, we were united by our love for Allentown. What we had in common in our vision for a new Allentown was far greater than what divided us politically. I wish Lou well in all his future endeavors, and I thank him for his commitment to Allentown over the past several decades. Now to the new Council Members. I offer my sincere congratulations and wishes for the future. I also want to congratulate the new Council President, Mr. D'Amore and new Council Vice President, Mr. Phillips. Jeanette, Peter, Michael and Bill – my door is always open to you. The citizens of Allentown are best served by an open and honest discussion of the issues facing us. I believe government works best in the collaborative process. It is my hope that there will be many unanimous votes on issues that will find their way across all of our desks. Of course, there will be times when we will not agree, and you will cast votes against something put forth by the Administration. And, there will come a time when you may pass a piece of legislation that will cause me to exercise my veto power. If because, we sometimes disagree, that does not mean we must be disagreeable. We owe it to the good people of the City to conduct ourselves in a professional manner. The people of Allentown don't want to hear or read about acrimony. They see no value in a contentious relationship between the Administration and City Council. They simply want us to lead and make Allentown a better place to live, work, invest and play. I hope the good feelings and expectations that fill this room tonight continue to pave the path for a better City. Thank you for your commitment to serve this great City. I look forward to working with you over the course of the next several years and welcome to City Council.

Announcements

President D'Amore announced there is a reception upstairs in Council Office. There will be coffee and some tasty treats. There will also be a reception at the Allentown BrewWorks; or, go to both.

President D'Amore said the next meeting of City Council will be held on Wednesday, January 16th. We hope to see all of you there.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Michael P. Hanlon
City Clerk