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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 3, 2013
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
435 Hamilton Street

Council Meeting – 7:00 PM

1. Invocation: Julio A. Guridy

2. Pledge to the Flag

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

4. Courtesy of the Floor

Mr. William Hoffman, 1518 W Pennsylvania Street, stated that we are not allowed to speak about the water and sewer lease and it is unfortunate due to the events of yesterday. You asked Council to waive that rule and allowed them to speak today.

Mr. Guridy stated that they really don't want to do that. They want to follow the Council rules. If you have good suggestions you could do that offline.

Mr. Hoffman asked about the schedule now and what would happen now, the 17th and the 24th.

Mr. Guridy stated that what we are going to do is and he talked to the administration. On the 17th, we will have the mayor doing a presentation and he will also have his consultant from the PFM and probably if we have the time talk a little bit about the SOP. On the 22nd, we will have a report from the Pennsylvania Economy League. Council hired them to do a peer review on the agreement that has been presented to us and the findings. They will do an analysis. The 24th is the date they are looking to vote on this proposal. On the 17th, 22nd, and 24th, the public is welcome to come and talk as much as you like, discuss and ask questions about this issue.

Mr. Schweyer stated that the 17th will be a committee of the whole and at that time is it your attention to review Bill 24 - the Water Ordinance and R12 and will be a committee meeting.

Mr. Guridy stated yes. Ordinarily, what we do with an Ordinance or Resolution we would send it to a committee. This one we are going to refer to the Committee of the Whole and everybody on Council will be here to discuss it.

Mr. Glazier inquired whether LCA will be at any of these meetings.

Mr. Guridy thanked Mr. Glazier and stated that LCA will be here at the three meetings coming up. They will certainly be here before we vote.

Ms. CeCe Gerlach, 956 W Walnut Street, asked who the ANIZDA board accountable to. Who do they report to? Today there was a meeting scheduled for 5:00 PM which was cancelled and this was not the first time the meeting has been cancelled, rescheduled and moved several times. For a public entity that is not effective in getting public input. She stated that the Community Benefits Coalition is actively working to bring benefits to the

citizens: jobs, housing, cultural arts and how are we supposed to get our voices heard and our input into the NIZ if they are cancelling meetings all the time. The community deserves to have their voices heard.

Mr. Guridy stated that they not accountable to Council, however, we do approve their appointments. Their chairperson is Sey Traub. Mr. Schweyer was involved in the development in the beginning and maybe he can shed some light. That is a fair complaint.

Ms. Gerlach stated that it is even fairer and because she went to the 3rd floor Conference room and knocked on the door and there was quorum with four board members there. Was it a sub-committee, an executive session?

Mr. Schweyer thanked Ms. Gerlach for her service on the school board. ANIZDA has nine board members so four would not make quorum. ANIZDA is an industrial development authority and not all different from ACIDA and it operates similar to other industrial authorities. There board members are officially made official made by the administration and council approves them and at that point in time they operate like an independent public authority. In terms of lodging a complaint, I would be perfectly fine through Mr. Guridy to relay that to their executive director and board chair. It would be appropriate for their solicitor or Sey Traub to reach out to Ms. Gerlach to have that conversation with them.

Ms. Gerlach stated that a complaint is nice, but we want action.

Mr. Schweyer stated that Council doesn't make them do anything. He stated that city council has no authority to go up to them and say they need to do this way. They are an authority and an authority is quasi-governmental and I know you know how this works. We will go to them, and ask them to reach out to you and will interceded on your behave. We can't force them to do anything more than we can force the Redevelopment Authority to do things or the Housing Authority. They are their own independent authority. It was created by state government and how the state law was written we had to do it this way.

Mr. O'Connell stated that he did get your message Ms. Gerlach about the skyscraper and will call you. That is a long way off with a lot of hurdles. I call you tomorrow or Friday.

Ms. Gerlach stated that she still would like to fight it now.

Ms. Katherine Hoffman, 1649 Linden Street, stated that she is a homeowner in Allentown and have been since 1990 and lived here since 1987. I have voted in every election and every primary. I have to pay better attention to what is happening in the city. Anyone that is up for reelection on city council and went along with the mayor and didn't approve the people having a say, I am not going to vote for you. She spoke about the Morning Call article about the fracking industry in the Business Section about a company opening a port in Maryland and is going to take Pennsylvania Natural Gas and liquefy it at the port and sell it to India and China.

Mr. Christopher Gogo, W Tilghman Street, stated that with regards to respect we need to have respect for our Council. He stated that the issue of homelessness in Allentown is been at critical mass at all times. The shelters within the city limits are always full when it is cold. They are even full when it is not cold and the only emergency shelter in town that takes men and women and doesn't discriminate if you are gay is on the floor of Saint Paul's Church on Walnut at the site of the new skyscraper. That save haven shelter has closed its doors as of Easter evening because it is not cold anymore. The same thing happened in Bethlehem where they have a much more sophisticated volunteer run shelter system. Our brothers and sisters that are homeless will once again be sleeping on the street, under the bridge and in the woods. If we think about respect, how could we not respect the most vulnerable among us? We need better answers, better solutions and better accountability, especially with regards to special commissions. He thanked Ms. Gerlach for mentioning the ANIZDA issue.

Mr. George Schaller, 622 ½ N. Park Street, stated that we know the water war is won. This is six weeks manufacturing specs and six months. What are we drinking? We had a moratorium on my block in 2007 where

the fire was that closed my block down for a whole two years. I know there are leads line under my block because I went into the holes and scraped them.

Mr. Guridy asked do you expect us to give you an answer.

Mr. Sheller stated yes. You are selling the water.

Mr. Guridy stated that there are no scientists here, but we can certainly if you want to leave it here and we can find out.

Mr. Sheller stated that you should come out to my house and test the water. I have two children.

Mr. Guridy stated that he is not coming to his house.

Mr. Kenneth Heffentrager, 733 N. 11th Street – vice president of the Tenants Association of Allentown, stated that when he started coming to the meetings in 2011 what that gentleman talked about was exactly what I spoke about. It is disgusting. The Rescue Mission is for men only. It is a sixth month waiting period for the Sixth Street Shelter. We had three tenants in the past week that said they walk out their door to go to work in the morning and there was homeless sleeping in their hallway. For the ANIZDA, that is the fourth cancellation since they have been created and one of the ladies there is very standoffish when you ask a question. The real estate tax list he is not sure what the Redevelopment Authority intended to do with all the properties that they attained which is 57 properties and when you go through the Lehigh County Assessment you come up with only 52 properties and five they can't find records on and \$1.9 million are spent on these properties dating back to 1993. We drove around the city and looked at them all and some are grass lots and others are houses and for twenty years the city and school district are not collecting taxes. Why are we holding on to these properties? He stated that Richard Smith has gotten away with seven years on not paying taxes on the West end Hotels.

Mr. Ernie Atiyeh, 451 W. Chew Street, asked about checking with PEL about Allentown residents starting their own water and sewer authority.

Mr. Guridy stated that he spoke to them today and they are going to provide an analysis on the 22nd.

Mr. Atiyeh asked are they still looking into it.

Mr. Guridy stated that they were waiting for the bids to come in and the bids came in yesterday.

Mr. Atiyeh stated and you said we will know on the 22nd.

Mr. Guridy stated that is correct.

Mr. Schweyer asked if their report be released prior to that and put on the website. Are they going to have that report ahead of time and that we could provide publicly and put on the website.

Mr. Guridy stated that as soon as we get it we will make sure that it would get on the website.

Mr. Daniel Rust, formerly known as White Boy Entertainment Local Artist and Performer, stated that between skyscrapers, hockey rinks, and water systems, being in Allentown my entire life and watching the city grow and also seen it crumbling in a lot of ways. Before we start building a skyline, build on the foundation of this city. I am talking about our schools and realize that there are two different boards, but if we are going to run a city the city should take some of that money and invest into the schools. The streets and the trouble walking the streets at night should also be taken care of. The old Allentown curfew needs to be reinstated to get our minors off the streets at night. I love that Allentown is a 250th old city and older than the United State of America and I take

pride to saying that I have been here all of my life. I grew up in the Allentown School District and it is a heavy concern as an artist seeing the arts being cut.

Mr. Glen L. Hunsicker, 844 S. 11th Street, asked the finance committee members if our budget is imbalanced as of the ending date of last month.

Mr. Schweyer stated that it is.

Mr. Hunsicker stated that there was a sheet on one of the pages in the back of the budget for 2013 called the Stabilization Fund and it has \$4.8 million. Is that still in existence or put back into the budget to balance the budget as of the date?

Mr. Schweyer stated that concern came up in addition and was a question that Mr. Hershman had asked. I was prepared to talk about it during my budget and finance report during committee meetings. I will talk about it now. We did discuss that very issue and the Budget and Finance Committee meeting. The stabilization fund was passed there was a provisions that allowed the administration to use those funds provided that they give notice to council and in fact, they did give notice to council prior to them taking a dollar out of it the administration did give advanced notice to council.

Mr. Hunsicker asked what date was it.

Mr. Schweyer stated that I do not know off top of his head. I received a phone call and received an email and Mr. Hanlon was notified as well. Council was properly notified and they have to replenish it by law by the end of this year. Ms. Koval and I talked about it today that we were told that at the end of April or the beginning of May will the time it will be replenish and it will be replenish by the end of this year.

Mr. Hunsicker asked if it would be replenished by the taxpayers.

Mr. Schweyer stated by the General Fund.

Mr. Hunsicker asked if they did take the \$4.8 million.

Mr. Schweyer stated that he does not know the exact number, but it was close to it.

Mr. Hunsicker asked did Mr. Schweyer know where it was transferred to.

Mr. Schweyer stated that it went to the General Fund. It will be on the agenda every month with our monthly Budget and Finance meeting until such time it is paid in full.

Mr. Hunsicker asked will it come back as stabilization, again.

Mr. Schweyer stated exactly and it was going to be part of my report.

Mr. David McGuire, 223 N 19th Street, asked Mr. Guridy about Item #24 on the agenda which is called Water Ordinance.

Mr. Guridy stated that it is an ordinance to change the rate of the water from what it is to what it is going to be.

Mr. McGuire stated to change the water rates from what.

Mr. Guridy stated from what it is currently to what it would be once the agreement is passed, if it is passed.

Mr. McGuire stated that if he understands correctly, this is a bill about the water rates on something that hasn't even happened, but we are not allowed to discuss it.

Mr. Guridy stated that when we introduce an ordinance or a resolution, we could introduce it, but can't discuss it. We send it to a committee. This resolution and the ordinance will go to the committee of the whole and on the 17th we will be discussing that.

Mr. McGuire asked does he understand it correctly that when there is an ordinance like this, there is to be no discussion by the public.

Mr. Guridy stated that it is an introduction.

Mr. McGuire stated that no public opinion is submitted in this sense.

Mr. Guridy stated that you are correct.

Mr. McGuire stated that he wrote a note about the schedule for these things on the 17th the mayor and PFM and Mr. Koplisch may talk about Standard Operating Procedures, on the 22nd it will be the Pennsylvania Economy League will presumably discuss publicly its analysis of whatever happens on the 17th, and on the 24th there will be a vote. Does such an agreement by council require one vote by council or two votes by the council?

Mr. Guridy stated that they will not discuss it publicly, but there will be a report. That is the plan. There is a resolution and an ordinance so there will be two different votes.

Mr. Schweyer stated that Mr. McGuire is asking if there will be a committee vote and a final vote as with any other bill.

Mr. McGuire stated that the ordinance or the resolution and the substance of the matter however it gets there finally comes to vote # 1 and two weeks later, vote #2 which takes place at which time council decides to have vote #2.

Mr. Schweyer stated that all bills have to be considered and voted twice, once in committee and once for a final up and down yes or no vote. I had asked a similar question earlier, April 17th will serve as the committee vote for B24. B24 will have to be considered twice by council, the same as any of bill. Resolutions can be considered once or can be considered twice. It is the purview of the president of council or committee. Mr. Guridy has scheduled R12 for two considerations as well on the 17th and the 24th.

Mr. McGuire thanked Mr. Schweyer for the clarification and education. How can council vote on the 17th on anything connected with the issue that we cannot speak its name while on the 22nd that in which council has sought an opinion from the Pennsylvania Economy League which will then be presented to council and presumably to the public. How can the council know what the Pennsylvania Economy League will be? How can you vote before that?

Mr. Guridy stated that what most likely will happen as they did in the past for issues like this is it will be forwarded to council perhaps without a recommendation or some people are going to be speaking to Pennsylvania Economy League in the meantime if they feel that the majority feel that they want to vote on it and feel educated enough and convinced on the way they want to vote, they can vote. On an issue like this, I foresee it, and I may be wrong that it probably be forwarded to council.

Mr. McGuire stated that it is good that it is forwarded to council so that they can consider it in advance, but we the public lacking the opportunity to speak on which you promised us that is a PEL statement and analysis as well as other things. You're missing the opportunity to have transparency and having us move along by another

two, three, or four weeks should not change the axis of the earth or the movement of stars. I just urge you to be more transparent. Many people came tonight to speak on an issue that we cannot speak about and it was on the agenda and I think that it is common sense that people would understand or think about hearing something tonight.

Mr. Al Wurth stated that he doesn't live in Allentown, but is interested in some of the issues that are facing the city. I am a professor too like Mr. McGuire and I am a professor of political science and I have some questions regarding the way that the council is preceding. I am still not clear on the two votes, one vote. You have a choice of having two votes or four votes and there could be more than four votes, but some are by committees. I am reading there is a resolution on the second reading and there is a resolution on the first reading on 13 and 14 on page 2 and then this is called an ordinance. Do ordinances need two readings?

Mr. Schweyer stated yes. Ordinances need two readings.

Mr. Guridy stated that we don't have to actually vote. We can forward without a recommendation.

Mr. Wiles stated that council has its own set of rules and they can vote and the normal process is usual something comes up and it is referred to committee, the committee considered it or they either recommend it, don't recommend it, but oftentimes they forward it to council for a second consideration and then council would vote on it. There are ways that they can suspend the rules and vote to change some of the ways that they take action.

Ms. Helen Hahn, 2016 E. Highland Street, asked about the stabilization loan because she was troubled about the answer that was given. Several years ago, in council the administration came in here frantic that Allentown had a serious condition with a bond rating and all that was going to solve the problem was a \$10 million loan. Council talked about it and the administration got its \$10 million and the stock market crashed and this money was put in an area that it was not going to be touched. Five million was used and five million was not supposed to be touched. How are you paying this \$10 million back?

Mr. Schweyer stated that he was not here when the ordinance was crafted. What I can do is respond of the process and procedures.

Mr. Guridy stated that he was here and she is absolutely right, but it was a catch to that. The issue was that it could not be used as long as council notification to it. Council has to be able to give the ok to it.

Mr. Glazier stated that city funds are not invested in the stock market. They have to be invested in a much more secure and might be certificates of deposit of some duration. Those certificates of deposits, depending if the city may go out and bid on those, you may be getting a quarter percent or half percent. The stock market may go up, up, up, but has no bearing on the interest.

Mr. Schweyer stated that all of our debt is paid by the General Fund. The administration did follow the letter of the ordinance to notify us and an estimation of repayment.

Mr. Lou Hershman, 405 N. Gilmore Street, asked are you going to provide the concessionaire agreement. The cash balances are off by \$4.8 million. Where will the \$4.8 million goes. Any time money is received, the budget should be amended so that it is expended.

Mr. Guridy stated that we usually put it in the General Fund.

Mr. Don Ringer, 1801 Liberty Street, asked about the Nineteenth Street Revitalization Project. He stated \$3 million, it's a good project and it's needed, but the amount of money being wasted. You are replacing concrete that has been installed three times in the last three years and this is all public and private money. The

Allentown Fairgrounds is getting money to replace a fence. Does anybody in the city scrutinize what is happening out there?

Mr. Dougherty stated that Mr. Ringer is wrong. He has been canvassing business owners out there and rallying this same message which we find offensive. Council has been duly informed, consulted and the project is going forward and the project is great.

Mr. Ringer stated that he thinks that the project is great too. He stated that he is not harassing business people.

Mr. Dan Mest stated that at the new Jackson Street Community Park people are still dumping trash in an un-gated lot.

Mr. O'Connell stated to Mr. Mest that he thought he had a conversation with Mr. Rick Holtzman about these issues.

Mr. Mest stated that the conversation was not only of that and the playground and the easy access for the public to get into the lot. A couple tons of dirt will remedy that and it's cheap.

Mr. Guridy stated to Mr. Dougherty to make sure you get the appropriate person in there.

Mr. Dougherty stated that they are aware of Mr. Mest's issues and will take appropriate action where necessary.

Mr. Schweyer stated to Mr. Guridy that Mr. Mest asked that his address be redacted from the record.

Mr. Mest stated that the light is still out in the park.

Mr. Alan Howells, 3430 Broadway, stated that he is here talk to about what got us into this mess in the first place which is the police pension and somehow an administration back or two the police were permitted to work overtime amount of hours at the last month of their job and their retirement fund was based on that last month's work of work which some of them are retiring with quite a bit more of what their salaries were for.

Mr. Dennis Pearson, 942 E. Tilghman Street, stated that the east side will receive less services once they don't have water and sewer. We have a big problem coming up with the police and somehow we have to manage the withdraw of all the top management team by the end of the year and get people inline to take over their positions. The pension fund should have been allowed to be taken over by some group and take out of Allentown hands. He stated that he saw some activity at Irving Park today and assumes that was activity for the fire station. The fire station has not been built yet.

Mr. Rich Fegley, 1002 S. Bradford Street, asked Mr. Schweyer if he was looking into the Rules of the Charter. He stated that he could not find it. I look at several other Council Rules around the country and in reading several most of them have the rule that if the item you are going to speak about in an open forum in the beginning such as this time now is on the agenda, you don't speak on it until that time comes up as an agenda items. I read in the rules that the public has the right to speak.

Mr. Hanlon stated that it is a tradition, not a rule.

Mr. Guridy stated that the Rules of council were since I have been here.

Mr. Fegley stated those rules are not rules if they are not written down. It's by tradition.

Mr. Guridy stated that they have been following the same procedures as long as he can remember. Citizens don't speak on an item under introduction.

Mr. O'Connell stated to Mr. Fegley that you have come to many meetings and as stated whether it is a rule or tradition and the fact that it is stated before every meeting by the president of City Council that if there is an item on the agenda, it cannot be discussed at courtesy of the floor.

Mr. Fegley stated that none of us knew that was the rule and council stated that these are the rules that I made up and are you going to follow my rules. He asked everyone to walk out.

Mr. O'Connell stated that he said a few minutes ago that the rules or traditions and what Mr. Guridy states that the item for introduction cannot be discussed.

Mr. Fegley stated that is not a rule in the City Charter. That is not stated in the City Charter.

Mr. Tom Hahn, 2016 E Highland Street, asked why we can't present our PowerPoint after listening to PowerPoint's of everybody else. Why we can't put our PowerPoint together, our numbers, and our details and have our reasoning's put into the PowerPoint.

Mr. Guridy stated that Council allowed that in the past. If you have a PowerPoint that you want to bring to us Mr. Hahn you can do with the time of five minutes.

Mr. Glen Hunsicker, 1051 N. 19th Street, stated that Ms. Gerlach spoke about the ANIZDA. He asked what does LCA stands for and they are going to run our water possibly. Traditional who do they report to?

Mr. Schweyer stated Lehigh County Authority.

Mr. Guridy stated that it is an authority and have a board, and is appointed.

Mr. Hunsicker asked how many people in the room go to an authority meeting and know when the authority meetings are. It is not too many. Authorities basically run by themselves. They have a board appointed either by a mayor, commissioners and authorities operate independently.

Ms. Kimberly Velez, 1030 N. Leh Street, stated that she is no longer a candidate for running for city council. Not only does our council wants to forbid us from speaking at these meetings by having traditions and trying to remain in control of what goes on here. They also try to control the election process and who gets on the ballot and who doesn't.

5. Approval of Minutes

Minutes are not available for approval, will be available at the next meeting.

6. Old Business

None

7. Communications

Mr. Guridy stated that Council held an executive session on Tuesday, April 2nd on the lease of a city asset. Council will meet as a Committee of the Whole on April 17th at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers to discuss the water and sewer concession agreement, and standard operating procedures.

8. Committee Meetings

Budget and Finance: Chairperson Schweyer

The committee met to discuss a number of Bills for consideration and had a conversation about the Stabilization Fund. They discussed how to better get a handle on Account 46; the next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Public Safety: Chairperson Eichenwald

Mr. Guridy stated that the committee has not met since the last Council meeting; the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 1st.

Community and Economic Development: Chairperson Davis

The Committee has not met since the last council meeting. The next committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 29th, time to be determined.

Parks and Recreation: Chairperson Mota

Mr. Guridy stated that there has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 17th.

Public Works: Chairperson O'Connell

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

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chairperson Glazier

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

Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chairperson Guridy

The Committee has not met; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Special Committee – Tax Exempt Properties – Chairperson Eichenwald

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

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Schweyer stated that the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission met last week and there was one issue relating to the City of Allentown about the continued development of the Waterfront. It passed overwhelmingly. It was about three no votes. They had a conversation about trails, the bridges and transportation improvement. The next meeting is sometime next month.

Mr. Guridy stated that they Allentown Housing Authority had a meeting last week and we sent the minutes. We had an executive session in that meeting and more will be coming out in regards to personnel.

Controller's Report

Ms. Koval stated that she agrees with Mr. Schweyer about the 46 Accounts that we talked about at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting. The consensus we came to with the administration and council will work for the inquiries that council had about the 46 accounts.

Managing Director's Report

Mr. Dougherty stated that he implemented new procedures to keep council informed about how we attack adverse weather in this city. I provided memos and briefings to council about this deployment plans. The people that really make it happen is next to me: Craig Messinger, the Deputy Public Works Director; and Mark Shahda on the front lines. I wanted to take this opportunity today for them both to brief you and Mark specifically on the end of our winter season, summarize that and compare it to years past.

Mr. Craig Messinger thanked council and stated that one of the major things that we spoke about before is transparency. I would like to bring that to Public Works and periodically speak to different superintendents from the different departments throughout Public Works and let you know what is going on. There are information sheets in front of you about different winter seasons from 2009 to the present to show you how much we do spend on snow and different situations and also the 2013 streets program.

Mr. Mark Shahda stated that on our first summary the total snowfall was 21.4 inches and our normal average is 31 inches, well below our average. Below, are some of the costs associated with fighting the snow. Over the years, in 2009 and 2010 the bottom-line have increased due to larger snowfalls.

Mr. Messinger stated through the years, unfortunately, Public Works worked separate and anything with that and things don't work well or people doing double work. What we have done is create a cohesive team so that we could whether it's a snowstorm or a hurricane or whatever emergency comes to us we are ready to do it.

We have an EOC Center that was recently updated to handle anything, is it a health issue or whatever comes to the city we are ready to sit down, go to the room and act of whatever emergency we might have.

Mr. Gurdy asked if it was a separate department and now you are working with all the departments.

Mr. Dougherty stated interdepartmental departments and teams.

Mr. Messinger stated that he was superintendent of Streets for ten years and we tried our best to do what we could and we needed a position to get us to work together.

Mr. Glazier stated that the numbers are interesting on what we spent for snow this year compared to what we budgeted. Are we over, under or about we you expected.

Mr. Messinger stated under. If you look at the overtime part of it, most of our snowstorms came Friday night through the weekend.

Mr. O'Connell stated that there have been articles in the paper and on the news about the salt brine. What does it do to your brake lining?

Mr. Messinger stated that any salt calcium chloride and we don't use magnesium chloride or some of the other ones, but all that cause rust on the vehicles. It is the steel that is used on some of the cars. Eighteen Hundred gallons of salt brine and we can go out and do the same area and treat about an inch or 1.5 of snow as it would take about 2 ten loaders of salt and that 18 gallons that we put out used about 2 tons of salt versus 30 tons of salt.

Mr. Shahda stated that attached on the other summary we have a tentative 2013 street program. At this point we have 22 total streets and 30 alleys scheduled for resurfacing and the total cost to complete that program is \$820,635 and we provided a listing of streets and alleys that are scheduled for paving. It will be assessable on the city's website on the homepage.

Mr. Gurdy asked the specific dates that you are going to do that.

Mr. Messinger stated that the program that we put together for when we plan on it, if you take a look at the right-hand side in yellow that is going to designate where we going to get to and when we going to get to. We gave the program to UGI and they tried a plan as best as possible. We have a general idea of how it is. We send a letter to the residents letting them know what is going on and what to expect.

Mr. Schweyer stated that \$820,000 is about a third about what we do need. Mr. Young routinely tells us that we should be doing at least 8 miles a year to keep up with it and we achieve half of that due to budgetary constraints. He asked about the district numbers and that it seems that there are six districts. We have the four PSA (Police Service Areas) which were designed for a particular reason. At some point in time at the very least for planning purposes it might be more consistent for council and the public for us to be able to align. He stated that they do a tremendous job.

Mr. Ernie Atiyeh, 451 W. Chew Street, stated that he is president of the Allentown Presidents Council and they meet once a month and discuss city issues. I have to commend Mr. Shahda and Mr. Messinger and Mr. Dougherty. This past year, we have been very satisfied with their performance.

Mr. Gurdy stated that he follows Mr. Atiyeh's lead on that. You do a great job and I am impressed. The area on Hanover Avenue and how that looks and we were dealing with a situation that was dangerous for a while and is a lot safer now. He thanked Lauren for bringing in the money.

9. APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Glazier stated that we have appointments to the Fire Civil Service Board. He thanked them for agreeing to serve and some of you serve on more than one board.

Reappointments Firemen Civil Service Board - Ibolya Balog and Randolph Keller

Ibolya Balog	Fire Civil Service Board	01/23/2016
Randolph Keller	Fire Civil Service Board	06/03/2016

Resolution passed, 5 – 0

10. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

Bill 13 RACP Grant - Allentown Housing Authority

Amending the 2013 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$1,500,000) Dollars as a result of a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the City of Allentown in the form of a RACP pass through grant to the Allentown Housing Authority.

Mr. Schweyer stated that these were all pass-through grants, Bill 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 and we will consider them independently, but they were all recommended favorably unanimously 3 – 0. He thanked Lauren for her tremendous and herculean efforts in managing all of this and me working with her for Sacred Heart. This is by no means easy and she does a tremendous job with it. We really do appreciate it. Bill 13 specifically was \$1.5 million for Cumberland Gardens.

Mr. Kenneth Heffentrager asked where does the money originate from. Where does it come from? It comes from the state.

Mr. Schweyer the Redevelopment Capital Assistance Program has a number of steps to it. In an effort to try to streamline it, the money is bonded money. The state borrows money for this purpose, The state has \$3.5 - \$ billion worth of debt for RACP. To get the money is a process where legislators has to add stuff to the capital budget like we have with our capital budget and that is voted on and signed into law by the governor and as money becomes available it is a competitive process to drawdown those funds. This got funded and has a pass-through for it.

Mr. Heffentrager asked if it was a pot of money just sitting there. Does Pennsylvania earmark so much money into this and different organizations are taking grants. I see the school district, and Casa Guadalupe. They are different types of organizations, do they have to do housing and rebuilding only.

Mr. Schweyer stated that it is bricks and mortar, development and redevelopment, and property acquisitions. The only people that can receive the money are municipalities or authorities. They have to qualify and the state has a very rigorous process. The state has to agree that we only could use it for this dollar figure.

Mr. Heffentrager asked could we get a grant to hire more code enforcement officers.

Mr. Schweyer stated that this program is just for bricks and mortar and equipment.

Ms. Giguere stated that the projects have to be a minimum of a million dollars with a dollar for dollar match.

Mr. Guridy stated that he will be abstaining from B13, B15, and B16. With B13, I am with the Allentown Housing Authority Board; B15, I am the president of Casa Guadalupe.

Ordinance passed, 5 – 0

Bill 14 RACP Grant - Allentown School District

Amending the 2013 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Million Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$3,750,000) Dollars as a result of a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the City of Allentown in the form of a RACP pass through grant to the Allentown School District.

Mr. Schweyer stated that this was the 4th and Allen Streets project that is ongoing and was recommended favorably 3 – 0.

Ordinance passed, 4 – 0

Bill 15 RACP Grant - Casa Guadalupe

Amending the 2013 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) Dollars as a result of a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the City of Allentown in the form of a RACP pass through grant to Casa Guadalupe.

Mr. Schweyer stated that it passed 3 – 0 and had a very nice presentation from the executive director from Casa Guadalupe.

Mr. Gurdy stated that he apologize that he could not make it, but heard that she did very well.

Ordinance passed, 4 – 0.

Bill 16 RACP Grant - Allentown Housing Authority

Amending the 2013 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$750,000) Dollars as a result of a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the City of Allentown in the form of a RACP pass through grant to the Allentown Housing Authority.

Mr. Schweyer stated this was Overlook Park Homeownership Phase Project recommended favorable 3 - 0.

Ordinance passed, 4 – 0

Bill 17 RACP Grant - Allentown Symphony Association

Amending the 2013 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Five Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand (\$525,000) Dollars as a result of a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the City of Allentown in the form of a RACP pass through grant to the Allentown Symphony Association.

Mr. Schweyer stated that they had the director of development and did a wonderful job. It was recommended favorably 3 - 0.

Ordinance passed, 5 – 0

Bill 18 RACP Grant - EP Allentown - Alvin H Butz

Amending the 2013 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Million (\$3,000,000) Dollars as a result of a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the City of Allentown in the form of a RACP pass through grant to EPC Allentown/Alvin H. Butz Inc.

Mr. Schweyer stated that it was recommended favorably 3 – 0. It was for the expansion for the Butz building at 840 and we had a CFO from Butz to discuss the project.

Ordinance passed, 5 – 0

11. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

Bill 19 Reprogram Certain funds.doc

Referred to CEDC

Amending the Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan for the Twenty-ninth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh years of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) which re-programs Two Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Three (\$243,653) Dollars of unexpended funds, and the 2012-2013 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) year which reprograms Four Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Fifty-Three (\$499,053) Dollars of unexpended funds.

Bill 20 Establish CDBG account.doc

Referred to CEDC

Providing for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009; and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended; for the purpose of undertaking programs of housing and community development within the City

Bill 21 Rental Rehabilitation.doc

Referred to CEDC

Providing for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown from the repayment of loans made through the Rental Rehabilitation Program.

Bill 22 Capital Projects Transfer.doc

Referred to Budget and Finance

An Ordinance to amend the 2013 Capital fund for the purpose of transferring funds and closing out completed projects.

Bill 23 City Drainage Improvements.doc

Referred to Budget and Finance

An Ordinance to amend the 2013 Capital fund for the purpose of transferring funds and the consolidation of the Drainage Improvement Projects

Bill 24 Water Ordinance.doc

Referred to Committee of the Whole

An Ordinance repealing Title Three of Part Nine of the Codified Ordinances of Allentown and adopting the rates and charges for water as set forth in the Allentown Water and Sewer Utility System Concession and Lease Agreement dated as of _____, 2013 by and between the City of Allentown and the Lehigh County Authority (the "Concession Agreement").

Bill 25 Detailed Sheets.doc

Referred to Budget and Finance

Amending the Administrative Code by requiring budget detail sheets to be submitted concurrent with the Mayor's presentation of the budget to City Council and the public.

12. CONSENT AGENDA: None

13. RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING: None

14. RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING:

R 10 Enterprise Zone Program 5 Years

Referred to CEDC

Authorizes the submission of a grant application for operating funds for the City's Year 5 Enterprise Zone Program

R 11 HUD Action Plan

Referred to CEDC

Approves the Submission of the Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

R 12 Approves Lease

Referred to Committee of Whole

Authorizes the Administration to Enter into an Agreement with COMPANY for a Lease Concession to operate and provide water and sewer service for the City of Allentown

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. GOOD AND WELFARE

17. ADJOURNED: 9:28 PM

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