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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 16, 2009 - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**COUNCIL MEETING - 7:30 PM**

**1. Invocation:** Jeanette Eichenwald

**2. Pledge to the Flag**

**3. Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Councilpersons Eichenwald, Howells, Phillips, D'Amore, Guridy, Donovan and Schweyer were present.

**4. Courtesy of the Floor**

Dennis Pearson, 942 East Tilghman, said Allentown will be hosting the Pa. Labor History Society, in 2011 and suggested placing a marker in the City memory of the former 7<sup>th</sup> Street Labor History Temple.

**5. Approval of Minutes: September 2, 2009**

**6. Old Business**

Mr. Donovan suggested looking at the regulations on the use of the pavilions at Cedar Beach Park.

**7. Communications**

**8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**

Budget and Finance: Chairperson Donovan

The Committee met last Tuesday at the West End Youth Center and reviewed the contours of the budget; the next meeting is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM and will include Bill 70 which repeals the residency requirement for those selected from among the policemen of the City to the Police Pension Board, the August Financial Report, a discussion of the transfer process and a review on budget options should revenues fall short of projections. He noted the city is falling short on revenues this year.

In response to a question on the Mayor's financial plan, it was noted 1.1 million was received for sewage capacity and discretionary funds are being examined closely, but the selling of the property is a concern.

Public Safety: Chairperson Howells

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; a future meeting is scheduled prior to the next council meeting at 6:45 PM.

Community and Economic Development: Chairperson Schweyer

The Committee met this evening and forwarded items on tonight's agenda; a future meeting has not been scheduled. Mr. Schweyer noted he has a framework for dealing with the pigeon issue which will be introduced at a future date.

Parks and Recreation: Chairperson Phillips

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; a future meeting needs to be scheduled to review park permits, special event permits, and rules and regulations relating to noise and traffic in the park system.

Public Works: Chairperson Guridy

The Committee met this evening; a future is being set up to take a tour of the Public Works facilities.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chairperson Eichenwald

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting; a future meeting has not yet been scheduled but we have one appointment to the ACIDA Board for our consideration.

Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chairperson D'Amore

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

## **OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ad Hoc Ethics Committee – Councilperson Donovan said the committee has met and has recommended looking at Philadelphia's campaign finance and contracts, reenergizing the ethics board, employee participation in political activity, gifts to elected officials, and the posting of campaign finance reports.

## **9. APPOINTMENTS: None**

## **10. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE:**

### **[BILL65HEALTHIMMUNIZATION.DOC](#)**

Amending the 2009 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Eleven Thousand and Sixty-Seven (\$11,067) Dollars from Pennsylvania Department of Health Division of Immunizations to the Health Bureau's Immunization Program budget, and Six Thousand (\$6,000) Dollars from Maternal Family Health Services, and Twenty Five Thousand (\$25,000) Dollars from The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors and Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars from Lehigh County Children and Youth to the Health Bureau's Nutrition & Physical Activity Program budget. The total supplemental appropriation for these three programs would be Fifty Two Thousand Sixty-Seven (\$52,067) Dollars

The bill passed, 7-0.

The following bill was removed from the agenda until the Solicitor's Office gets a response from an adjoining property owner.

### **[B66ANNSTVACATION.DOC](#)**

Providing for the vacation of South Ann Street from East Hamilton Street to East Maple Street in the Fourteenth Ward of the City of Allentown

### **[B68PENN STATE PCCD GRANT8.DOC](#)**

Amending the 2009 General Fund Budget to provide for the supplemental appropriation of Thirty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Three (\$37,863) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the Weed and Seed Strengthening Family Programs

The bill passed, 7-0.

### **[B69BROWNFIELD HDR \(2\).DOC](#)**

Amending the 2009 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Fifty-Eight Cents (\$3,349.58) from the Environmental Protection Agency for Brownfield Redevelopment Projects

The bill passed, 7-0.

## **11. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:**

### **[B71RV EXEMPTION.DOC](#)**

Referred to Public Safety

Amending Article 532, Limitations on the Parking of Trucks and Trailers by providing for the loading and unloading of Recreational Vehicles and Truck Campers

### **[B72JAG GRANT.DOC](#)**

Referred to Public Safety

Amending the 2009 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Seven Cents (\$150,947.77) from The Department of Justice, Joint Justice Assistance Grant, Award Number 2009-SB-B9-2087 to the Joint Justice Assistance Grant Program of the Police Department to provide for Computer Related equipment and software and Crime Analysis Consulting Services. This ordinance also reflects pass through grants to South Whitehall Township, \$30,565.30, the Borough of Emmaus, \$11,951.95 and The Borough of Fountain Hill, \$11,560.55

## **12. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**CA-1** Certificates of Appropriateness

### **[CA1CERTIFICATESAPPROPRIATENESS.DOC](#)**

The resolution passed, 7-0.

**13. RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING:**

[R65LEHIGHCOUNTYENCPLANTS&STRIP.DOC](#)

Encroachment for Plants and Bollards in Sidewalk/Planter Strip at 455 Hamilton Street as requested by Lehigh County.  
The resolution passed, 7-0.

[R66ENCROACHSECBOLLARDS.DOC](#)

Encroachment for a Security Crash Bollards at 455 Hamilton Street, requested by Lehigh County/  
The resolution passed, 7-0.

**14. RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING:**

[R67MLKPROPERTY.DOC](#)

Referred to Public Works

Resolution by the Council of the City of Allentown to Cooperate with the Salisbury Township Board of Commissioners in Planning the Acquisition of a Parcel of Real Property at 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd, Lying Partially Within Both Municipalities, and, upon Purchase by Said Municipalities, to be Converted to Watershed Protection Lands in Perpetuity, in Accordance With PA Dept of Environmental Protection Initiatives.

- 15. NEW BUSINESS
- 16. GOOD AND WELFARE
- 17. ADJOURN

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