

BETHLEHEM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
10 East Church Street - Town Hall
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Tuesday, October 6, 2026 - 7:00 PM

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by President Rachel Leon. Present were Justin Amann, Bryan G. Callahan, Michael G. Colón, Jo C. Daniels, Hillary G. Kwiatek, Colleen Laird, and Rachel Leon, 7.

PUBLIC HEARING - Intermunicipal Liquor License Transfer Application - Memo - Zoning Text Amendment - Data Centers

Prior to the consideration of the regular Agenda items, City Council conducted a Public Hearing as follows:

To accept public comment concerning proposed Ordinance amendments to Part 13, titled "Zoning Ordinance", to add a definition for a "Data Center" use; to provide for approval of Data Centers by special exception; to modify the zoning districts in which a Data Center is permitted; to add dimensional requirements for the location of Data Centers; to require the submission of certain studies as a condition of approving a Data Center use; and repealing any inconsistent ordinances.

Communication 6 A.: A September 28, 2026 memorandum from Cathy Fletcher, Director of Planning and Zoning, recommending approval of a zoning text amendment involving Data Centers. The City's Planning Commission voted 4-0 on August 25, 2026 to recommend these proposed changes to the City's Zoning Ordinance.

Communication 6 B.: A September 17, 2026 correspondence from Jill Seitz, Chief Community and Regional Planner of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission. The letter addresses areas such as the land use and review process, utilities and infrastructure, environmental impacts, setbacks, noise, emergency preparedness, decommissioning, and electronic waste. The conclusion from the review is that these amendments represent "a thoughtful and intentional response to a complex land use" and that they align with the LVPC's goals and guidelines.

President Leon stated that, under state law, municipalities cannot ban certain land uses, including data centers. She added that the proposed amendments define "data centers", allows them as a special exception in the Industrial Zoning District, and establishes applicable standards such as building height and setbacks. She emphasized that tonight's hearing is about adopting these added rules, not on the proposed data center at 2184 Industrial Drive. Consideration of that application will not come before Council for a vote but will be presented on November 12 to the Planning Commission. She added that the Pennsylvania General Assembly determines the scope of authority that the City has and reserves authority for other regulatory aspects relating to data

centers, meaning the City's power is limited. She encouraged the audience to contact state lawmakers to further empower officials at the local level in these matters.

Cathy Fletcher, Director of Planning and Zoning, repeated that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance, not determine the fate of the data center application recently received. She added that this application would be "grandfathered" under the existing Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) rules and would not be subject to changes that may be made by this proposed ordinance.

Ms. Fletcher next offered background on data centers, what state statute permits municipalities to regulate, and the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance. The size and energy demands vary.

Ms. Fletcher said that state law requires municipalities to allow for all land uses somewhere within its borders. The municipality can determine permitted locations for data centers, but it cannot be so restrictive as to effectively ban the use.

The proposed amendments would allow data centers in the Industrial Zoning District as a special exception. Such a proposal would have to be heard by both the City's Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board. She noted that most of the lots within the Industrial District are occupied. Few remain that could support data centers. The applicant also would have to submit the following: an environmental impact assessment, approvals for water utilization and wastewater disposal (already required under existing regulations), an energy management plan and approvals for electric utilities, an electronic waste and decommissioning plan, an emergency response plan, a thermal impact mitigation plan, compliance with spillover lighting regulations, and a noise study. Setbacks for data centers also have been increased above standard commercial uses. The maximum building coverage also has been reduced.

Council Comments

Mr. Colón asked the likelihood of what could be accommodated, given the size of a proposed facility, considering available property within the Industrial Zone.

Ms. Fletcher said it would have to be a small- to medium-sized data center. There are not lots large enough to accommodate the hyper-scale (largest) data center type unless a developer could purchase adjacent property, raze the structure, and combine lots to create a larger-sized property.

Mr. Colón asked what would happen if an applicant violated any aspect of the Zoning Ordinance.

Zoning Officer David Taylor said, unless there was something obvious found by the City, this would likely be the result of a complaint received, such as noise. The City would investigate. A violation notice would follow giving them 30 days to correct the problem. The applicant could be fined and taken to the magistrate if corrections were not made. Beyond that, the City could seek an injunction to force stoppage or correction in county court if necessary.

Mr. Callahan asked Director of Water and Sewer Resources Edward Boscola about the ability to provide water service.

Mr. Boscola said the City has excess water capacity ever since Bethlehem Steel Corp., which used about 8 million gallons daily at its peak, closed in the 1990s. The City could more than likely provide data centers with enough water. As for sewerage service, data centers are not likely to require much capacity. Considering the potential contamination of the water, Mr. Boscola said that depends on the cooling method used. Each project would have to be evaluated. Some cooling systems add chemicals to their water but those are generally closed systems that would not release the chemicals along with effluent.

Mr. Callahan next discussed electricity usage and said he does not want residents to pay to improve the power grid if the need is caused by one or more data centers.

Ms. Fletcher said the City can require the anticipated estimate in the application documents, but it does not have the authority to approve through zoning this aspect.

Ms. Laird wanted to clarify ramifications of tonight's vote. She said approving the ordinance would place new restrictions on future data center development. A vote against this ordinance would leave regulations as is, essentially leaving data centers as an unregulated industrial use within Bethlehem.

Ms. Laird also asked whether the City could require an applicant to continue to provide updated studies beyond those presented at the time of application.

Ms. Fletcher said no. If the matter involved electricity, any such requirement would have to be initiated by the utility.

Jill Seitz, of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, agreed that the City only has certain regulatory abilities. These are the responsibilities permitted by the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) through the Zoning Ordinance, such as noise. But other matters are regulated by the state, such as environmental regulations under the Department of Environmental Protection.

Ms. Laird also asked whether updated reporting could be required.

Ms. Fletcher believed these estimates and evaluations can only be required at the time of application. Updates are not required. The City would have to rely on complaints or observations by staff to investigate and seek remedies.

Ms. Laird asked whether the City could approve those conducting the required studies to ensure impartiality and accuracy.

Ms. Fletcher did not believe that was permissible.

Mr. Amann asked about noise levels.

Mr. Fletcher said that pre- and post-construction noise testing must be done to determine how much noise is attributable to the data center. This can be measured at the lot line.

Ms. Daniels raised concerns that, while there might not be many empty lots on which data centers could be built, there appear to be several existing warehouses available for sale that could become data centers. These also could be razed and the lots combined on which larger data centers could be built.

Ms. Daniels questioned that follow-up studies or results are not required.

Ms. Fletcher said that was correct. She repeated that the City is allowed to regulate some aspects through zoning, such as noise, but not others. She added that the studies sought at the time of application are to make certain that these aspects have been considered. The other aspects would be left to DEP and other state agencies to enforce.

Ms. Daniels said that the more important areas, the more protective areas as far as residents are concerned, seem to have limited or no quantitative standards or follow-ups. She cited the environmental impact study, adding that it is required but she sees no quantitative level of standard.

Ms. Seitz repeated that the MPC is very specific as to what can be regulated through zoning. These are the responsibility of other regulatory agencies, such as air quality or electric usage. The City asking for such studies at the time of application can be a strong hint or urging of a developer to responsibly provide for them.

Ms. Daniels also questioned water usage. She understood that the City's supply has increased since the loss of Bethlehem Steel as its chief customer, but she asked about the status of the reservoirs.

Mr. Boscola said the City's capacity is about 10 billion gallons. There is plenty of capacity.

She also raised concerns about contamination that data centers might bring.

Ms. Daniels was concerned that oversight of data centers is fragmented. She understood that zoning regulations only go so far and that other entities oversee water consumption, environmental protection and more. She believed the protections for the community are not present whether it is through these zoning and these amendments or any of the other agencies. The protections must be stronger. Studies are required, but there are few standards set, few specifics that must be met. She believed a lot more could be added to this ordinance. Other communities have these in place. The ordinance needs to be reworked.

Ms. Seitz repeated that zoning is only a part of the equation. Coupled with the protections added by other entities, the picture becomes larger. She again encouraged residents to contact state legislators to rework related state laws.

Ms. Leon summarized what she had heard. There currently are no restrictions on data centers in Bethlehem. Voting to approve this ordinance would add restrictions.

Ms. Kwiatek further summarized that the zoning requirements are just a piece of the puzzle. The other pieces include regulations set by agencies such as DEP and the Public Utility Commission. All must be adhered to by developers.

Ms. Fletcher added that the proposed changes were developed with consultation from the Law Bureau. This is as far as requirements could go legally.

Solicitor John F. Spirk, Jr. agreed. He said most of the regulatory power lies with the state. The City is limited to zoning restrictions such as setbacks, height, and noise. He believed the drafters of the changes were as “creative” as possible without testing the boundaries of overstepping authority. To do so would put in place unenforceable legislation with court challenges likely to be lost.

Ms. Laird noted that any application entering the submission process prior to new regulations being set can move forward under the original guidelines. She asked what the delay would mean.

She was told that the process would begin again. After new guidelines are drafted, another Public Hearing would be held following a 30-day comment period by the LVPC and City planners as well as two more readings of the ordinance.

Considering that budget hearings must be held before the end of the year, Ms. Leon estimated that the process would take at least four to five months.

Ms. Fletcher added that doing so would give developers additional time to submit new applications under the old rules.

Ms. Laird concluded that Council could pass this ordinance offering at least some added protections to close the door now and potentially further amend in the future.

Ms. Leon said she supports this ordinance because it puts further restrictions on data centers now. She would consider additional restrictions in the near future.

Public Comment

Shelby Carr

Ms. Carr supported passing this ordinance but urged that several amendments be made including that required reports come from independent, third-party professionals not affiliated with the developer, that a closed water system be mandated, that data center should pay for 100 percent of its power needs including any required new or updated infrastructure, and ensuring transparency about the process including prohibiting nondisclosure agreements with City officials.

Bret Becker

Mr. Becker said the benefits of data centers must outweigh the costs of problems created. It is well-documented that these facilities use large amounts of water and electricity. He also

cautioned against offering tax incentives to these facilities that will leave residents facing a disproportionate tax burden. He also urged requiring a bond to ensure proper closure if decommissioning becomes necessary if the venture is abandoned in the years to come.

Michael Pipestone

Mr. Pipestone said it was false to compare the golf course's use of 450,000 gallons of water per day to what a data center might use. A golf course would return the water with no change in the temperature; however, wastewater from a data center would be considerably warmer than when it entered. He also recommended post-construction studies to measure temperature and air quality. This ordinance should be supported as a starting point, but it should not be an ending point.

Frank Filiciotto

Mr. Filiciotto agreed that it would be best to pass this ordinance and work toward stronger amendments. He also said that artificial intelligence (AI) is largely unregulated. Since AI is generated with the help of data centers, it is dangerous to continue quick development of these, since no one knows the future of AI.

Daiyana Rodriguez

Ms. Rodriguez said that tax revenue is important, but it has to be in balance with the environment and wildlife. This community cares about that. She believes there is language in the SALDO that gives the Planning Commission power to limit or reject a proposal based on environmental concerns.

Laurel Chuss

Ms. Chuss lives on the lot closest to the proposed Industrial Drive data center. She is disappointed that the proposed regulations would not help her cause because the plan is grandfathered. She added concern about the environmental threats posed by a data center, including health concerns. She asked what is to gain by allowing data centers. They bring few jobs but require massive amounts of water and electricity. Ms. Chuss also questioned the effectiveness of enforcement by outside agencies, noting numerous complaints about a nearby food flavors factory, ongoing interaction with DEP, but continued lingering odors throughout her neighborhood.

Christian Maldonado

Mr. Maldonado encouraged passing this ordinance but believes more changes are needed, especially the fine structure for violations. The amounts mean nothing to data center owners and are not a suitable deterrent. Amounts should be increased.

Nancy Werkheiser

Ms. Werkheiser said the amount of electricity that will be needed at the proposed Industrial Drive data center is concerning to her. She believes the proposed amendment needs

more “teeth” to require compliance. She also recommended adding protections so that residents do not get stuck paying for increasing components of the power grid and similar protections. She encouraged passing this ordinance but working to strengthen it with amendments.

Owen Levan-Uhler

Mr. Levan-Uhler recommended either adoption of this proposed ordinance or to seek a curative amendment. A curative amendment would be permitted under the MPC and freezes related applications during a 180-day period in which a municipality has to “correct” its flawed regulations. Twenty-six other municipalities have enacted curative amendment proposals.

Carina Santana

Ms. Santana asked to see a list of municipalities that are extremely happy with data centers within their borders, implying that list would be short. She does not believe that communities derive benefits.

Harry Faber

Mr. Faber also said the proposed ordinance would be better than existing regulations and urged its passage. He, too, would like to see amendments. But he also raised concerns about environmental effects for workers in nearby warehouses and wildlife.

Grace Crampsie Smith

Ms. Crampsie Smith said the proposed ordinance does not go far enough. It leaves open the possibility that non-objective consultants would submit the necessary reports for application without thorough review or pushback. She also believed that this ordinance should be aligned with Governor Shapiro’s recent legislation regulating data centers.

Michael Bianco

Mr. Bianco recommended that City officials visit an operating data center to see conditions for themselves. They would hear the noise, which he referred to as a “constant hum”. Mr. Bianco also said that proposed evaporative cooling will not work in the Northeast because dry climate is necessary.

Sara McClelland

Ms. McClelland supported passing the ordinance as a starting point but not the end. She said that some data centers release wastewater with “forever chemicals” (PFAS), which are unsafe for the environment. These need to be considered.

Stephen Antalics

Mr. Antalics warned of the dangers of AI.

Sarah Liden

Ms. Liden also urged Council to “get something on the books” but continue to add strengths in the areas of thermal discharge, a double check of reports filed by an independent evaluator, and noise concerns.

Additional Speakers:

The following speakers offered similar comments that generally urged Council to pass the proposed ordinance and continue to work toward amendments in the near future to provide additional safeguards associated with data centers: Sean Tallarico, Darcie Wolf, Brandi Monfire, Cara Oberly, Theresa Bongiorno, Debra Condon, Maggie Riegel, and Kabir Gupta.

Ms. Leon announced that First Reading of this ordinance will occur later tonight under agenda Item 9 A.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 9:58 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 15, 2026

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. PUBLIC COMMENT (on any subject not being voted on this evening – 5 Minute Time Limit)

Harry Faber

Mr. Faber recited an original poem. He explained the significance by likening residents to bugs fighting against behemoth developers and other seemingly insurmountable forces.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT (on ordinances and resolutions to be voted on by Council this evening – 5 Minute Time Limit).

Harry Faber

Mr. Faber again urged Council to pass the zoning text amendment on data centers and quickly work to improve it.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Members of Council

B. Tabled Items

C. Unfinished Business

1. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Returned from Committee Without Recommendation – Consider Referral to LVPC and City Planning Commission for Recommendation or Other Action by Council

Ms. Leon said she is having discussions with Council Solicitor Stephanie Steward and other Council leadership to see how to proceed with this proposal. It is not currently on an agenda.

5. NEW BUSINESS

None.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

C. *Business Administrator – Memorandum – Allocations – 2026 Pension State Aid*

Business Administrator Eric Evans recommended a Resolution accepting Pension State Aid totaling \$5,103,391.51 and disbursed as follows: \$1,701,130.50 each for Fire and Police, and \$1,701,130.51 for the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System allocation. – Item 10 A.

D. *Captain Kuntz – Memorandum – 2026 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)*

Police Captain Blake Kuntz sought authorization to apply for the 2026 Edward Byrn Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. If received, the City would use the \$16,711 to upgrade the City's existing intersection camera network.

Motion to set a Public Hearing for 7:00 PM on October 20, 2026 in Town Hall: Kwiatek, Colón. AYE: Kwiatek, Laird, Amann, Callahan, Colón, Daniels, Leon, 7. Motion passed.

E. *Director of Procurement – 2026 Vehicle Auction*

Director of Procurement Sandra Steidel sought approval for vehicles to be listed for auction within the next 60 days. Council is to advise if any member wishes to discuss withdrawing any of the listed items. No objections were raised; all items may be listed.

F. *City Solicitor – Use Permit Agreement – 2026 Harvest Fest – Downtown Bethlehem Association*

Solicitor John F. Spirk, Jr. recommended executing a Use Permit Agreement with the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Business Association, as permittee, and Franklin Hill Vineyards, Inc., as sub-permittee, for the 2026 Harvest Fest. – Item 10 B.

G. *Director of Health – Budget Adjustments – Temp Help Account Adjustments – General Fund*

Health Director Kristen Wenrich recommended a budget adjustment increasing the General Fund from \$113,222,643 to \$113,234,038. The action is the result of the receipt of money from two grants but the loss of some money because an awarded grant expired without us. – Item 9 B.

H. *Director of Health – Budget Adjustments – Health Bureau Account Adjustments – General Fund*

Health Director Kristen Wenrich recommended a budget adjustment decreasing the General Fund from \$113,234,038 to 111,169,935. The action is the result of a grant received but the loss of \$2,079,388 in pandemic relief funding that expired before it could be spent. – Item 9 C.

- I. *Emily R. Paulus, Esquire – Request for Intermunicipal Liquor License Transfer – Gateway Licensee, LLC*

Emily R. Paulus, Esquire requested permission on behalf of Gateway Licensee, LLC to transfer license R-11842 from Ashley's Signature Restaurant at 229 N. 11th Street, Easton, to 413 E. 3rd Street, Bethlehem. A motion was made to hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 PM on November 4, 2026 in Town Hall. Laird, Kwiatek. AYE: Kwiatek, Laird, Amann, Callahan, Colón, Davis, Leon, 7. Motion approved

- J. *DCED Grants Administrator – Memorandum – Local Share Grants – Northampton/Lehigh and Monroe Counties – Southside Community Center*

DCED Grants Administrator Lori Gilio sought permission to apply for two Local Share Account grants, one for Lehigh and Northampton Counties and the other for Monroe County, for up to \$1 million each that would be used toward construction of the Southside Community Center, if received. – Items 10 C and 10 D.

- K. *DCED Grants Administrator – Memorandum – Local Share Grants – Lehigh/Northampton and Monroe Counties – Pass-through Grants*

DCED Grants Administrator Lori Gilio sought permission to apply for three Local Share Account grants as pass-throughs. The first would be on behalf of Via of the Lehigh Valley for \$671,855. The second and third applications would be on behalf of New Bethany, Inc. for \$500,000 each. – Items 10 E, 10 F, and 10 G.

- L. *Director of Budget and Finance – Memo – Gasoline and Electric Transfer – Budget Transfer*

Director of Budget and Finance Linnea Lazarchak recommended a budget transfer of \$180,000 made necessary by unexpected higher costs of electricity and gasoline. Item 10 H.

- M. *City Solicitor – Memo – Amendment of Fire Department Fee Schedule*

Assistant City Solicitor Matthew Deschler recommended amending the Bethlehem Fire Department's Fee Schedule. The fee schedule is intended to apply to Article 1733, which updates the International Property Maintenance Code. – Item 10 I.

7. REPORTS

- A. *President of Council*

President Leon announced that the Committee of the Whole met at 6 PM this evening to review the 5-Year Capital Plan. The proposed 2027 Non-Utility Capital Plan, which is incorporated into the 5-Year Capital Improvement Program, will be reviewed by Council during budget hearings later this year.

B. *Mayor*

No report.

C. *Committee Chairs*

7 C1. Mr. Amann announced that the Public Safety Committee will meet at 5:30 PM on October 20 in Town Hall to review results of the Fire/EMS operations study.

8. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

8A. *Bill No. 27-2026 – Amending Article 1733 – International Property Maintenance Code*

Sponsors: Leon, Kwiatek. The Clerk read the Bill titled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, COUNTIES OF LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ARTICLE 1733 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, TITLED “INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE”.

AYE: Kwiatek, Laird, Amann, Callahan, Colón, Daniels, Leon, 7. Bill No. 27-2026, now known as Ordinance 2026-27, passed on Final Reading.

9. NEW ORDINANCES

9A. *Bill No. 28-2026 – Amending Part 13 of the Zoning Ordinance – Data Centers*

Sponsors: Leon, Amann. The Clerk read the Bill titled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, COUNTIES OF LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING PART 13 OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM CODIFIED ORDINANCES, TITLED “ZONING ORDINANCE”, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING DATA CENTER USES.

AYE: Kwiatek, Laird, Amann, Callahan, Colón, Daniels, Leon, 7. Bill No. 28-2026 passed on First Reading.

9B. *Bill No. 29-2026 – Budget Adjustments – Temp Help Account Adjustments – General Fund*

Sponsors: Leon, Amann The Clerk read the Bill titled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, COUNTIES OF LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE 2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET.

AYE: Kwiatek, Laird, Amann, Callahan, Colón, Daniels, Leon, 7. Bill No. 29-2026 passed on First Reading.

9C. *Bill No. 30-2026 – Budget Adjustments – Health Bureau Account Adjustments – General Fund*

Sponsors: Leon, Amann. The Clerk read the Bill titled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, COUNTIES OF LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE 2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET.

Ms. Laird asked what led to a \$2 million grant not being spent.

Laura Collins, Director of Community and Economic Development, said the circumstances were not uncommon. A number of municipalities were unable to spend these funds especially as time passed after the pandemic. The parameters outlining how money could be spent relative to current needs were rather restrictive and became unrealistic.

AYE: Kwiatek, Laird, Amann, Callahan, Colón, Daniels, Leon, 7. Bill No. 30-2026 passed on First Reading.

10. RESOLUTIONS

A. *Approve Resolution – Minimum Municipal Obligation – Allocations – 2026 Pension State Aid*

Sponsors: Leon, Amann; Authorized to allocate \$5,103,391.51 of the 2026 General Municipal Pension System State Aid among the City's pension plans as follows: Police – MMO and Fire – MMO: \$1,701,130.50 each; and PMRS – MMO at \$1,701,130.51. AYE: Kwiatek, Laird, Amann, Callahan, Colón, Daniels, Leon, 7. Resolution 2026-161 passed.

B. *Approve Use Permit Agreement – 2026 Harvest Fest – Downtown Bethlehem Association*

Sponsors: Leon, Amann; Authorized a Use Permit Agreement with the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, by and through its Downtown Bethlehem Association as Permittee, and Franklin Hill Vineyards, Inc. as sub-permittee, for the 2026 Harvest Fest. AYE: Kwiatek, Laird, Amann, Callahan, Colón, Daniels, Leon, 7. Resolution 2026-162 passed.

Motion to combine Items 10 C through 10 G: Callahan, Kwiatek. AYE: Kwiatek, Laird, Amann, Callahan, Colón, Daniels, Leon, 7. Motion passed.

C. *Approve Resolution – Northampton/Lehigh Local Share Grant – Southside Community Center*

Authorized application for a Northampton/Lehigh County Local Share Grant and authorized execution of all agreements and documents by the Mayor and Controller.

D. Approve Resolution – Monroe Local Share Grant – Southside Community Center

Authorized application for a Northampton/Lehigh County Local Share Grant and authorized execution of all agreements and documents by the Mayor and Controller.

E. Approve Resolution – Lehigh/Northampton Local Share Grant – Via of the Lehigh Valley

Authorized application for a Lehigh/Northampton County Local Share Grant as a pass-through for Via of the Lehigh Valley and authorized execution of all agreements and documents by the Mayor and Controller.

F. Approve Resolution – Lehigh/Northampton Local Share Grant – New Bethany, Inc.

Authorized application for a Lehigh/Northampton County Local Share Grant as a pass-through for New Bethany, Inc. and authorized execution of all agreements and documents by the Mayor and Controller.

G. Approve Resolution – Monroe Local Share Grant – New Bethany, Inc.

Authorized application for a Monroe County Local Share Grant as a pass-through for New Bethany, Inc. and authorized execution of all agreements and documents by the Mayor and Controller.

Sponsors: Leon, Amann. AYE: Kwiatek, Laird, Amann, Callahan, Colón, Daniels, Leon, 7. Resolutions 2026-163 through 2026-167 passed.

H. Approve Resolution – Gasoline and Electric Transfer – Budget Transfer

Sponsors: Leon, Amann; Authorized that \$180,000 be transferred from Account #1001-42092, Coupon Interest, and distributed as follows: \$130,000 to Account 0507-42044, Facilities-Electric; \$30,000 to Account 0701-41023, Fire-Gasoline; and \$20,000 to Account 0702-40123, EMS-Gasoline. AYE: Kwiatek, Laird, Amann, Callahan, Colón, Daniels, Leon, 7. Resolution 2026-168 passed.

I. Approve Resolution – Amendment of Fire Department Fee Schedule

Sponsors: Leon, Amann; Authorized approval of the Bethlehem Fire Department Fee Schedule as set forth in Exhibit “A” to accompany the amended Article 1733. AYE: Kwiatek, Laird, Amann, Callahan, Colón, Daniels, Leon, 7. Resolution 2026-169 passed.

J. Approve Resolution – Certificate of Appropriateness – HCC – 306 South New Street

Sponsors: Leon, Amann; Authorized replace existing signage with a new projecting sign. AYE: Kwiatek, Laird, Amann, Callahan, Colón, Daniels, Leon, 7. Resolution 2026-170 passed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 PM.

ATTEST:

Tad J. Miller
City Clerk