Easton, Pennsylvania  

September 7, 2017

A regular meeting of the Northampton County Council was held on the above date with the following present: John Cusick, President; Glenn A. Geissinger, Vice President; Mathew M. Benol; Matthew H. Dietz; Margaret L. Ferraro; Hayden Phillips; Seth Vaughn; Robert F. Werner; Linda M. Zembo, Clerk to Council and Phil D. Lauer, Solicitor to Council. Absent was Kenneth M. Kraft.

Prayer

Mr. Cusick led County Council in a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Dietz led County Council in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Dietz made the following motion:

Be It Moved By the Northampton County Council that the minutes of the August 17, 2017 meeting shall be approved.

Mr. Benol seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved by voice acclamation.

Courtesy of the Floor

Ms. Lin Erickson, 3564 Bethman Road, Easton, PA - requested County Council table the vote on the ordinance regarding Hotel Room Rental Tax funding designated for further development, tourism facilities and community development initiatives to allow a fair hearing of the DaVinci Science Center project and to allow time for them to work with the members of County Council and the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), as well as the County Executive, to identify the potential funding and how it might actually be structured.
Ms. Erickson advised the DaVinci Science Center project would measurably increase the number of visitors to the County and promote visitation to other cultural and historical sites, restaurants and retail establishments that would the result would in more hotel taxes generated and possibly major real estate investments. She further advised the proposed project would become an iconic destination for the County and the Lehigh Valley.

Ms. Erickson stated funding this project would make a strong statement to residents and businesses of this region's commitment to world class education and a stable economy.

Mr. Cusick advised for a matter of clarification, County Council would only be introducing the ordinance tonight so it could not be tabled until after the public hearing at the next County Council meeting.

Mr. Dean Browning, 2432 Congress Street, Allentown, PA – stated he appreciated the quickness that was exhibited in moving forward with the request to ask Senators Pat Toomey and Bob Casey to vote favorably for HB 3003 and HB 3004.

Mr. Browning advised HB 3004 dealt with illegal aliens that entered the country, committed crimes, were deported and then returned to commit additional crimes. He further advised HB 3003 dealt with sanctuary cities that provided havens for illegal immigrants that came to the country and committed crimes. He noted there were approximately 183,000 inmates in Federal prisons of which one in four were an illegal alien.

Mr. Browning stated in adopting this resolution he hoped it would inspire Senators Toomey and Casey to vote favorably for these bills when they came before them just as Congressmen Charlie Dent and Matt Cartwright did. He further stated the resolution indicated that District Attorney John Morganelli was strongly in favor of the action represented by these bills.

In answer to Mrs. Ferraro's question as to whether he saw any changes in these bills due to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, Mr. Browning replied that was a separate issue.

Mr. J. William Reynolds, 34 West Elizabeth Avenue, Bethlehem, PA – advised he was a Bethlehem City Councilman and wanted to thank County Council for their consideration of the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Law (LERTA), as
well as the County's past support of important projects within the City.

Mr. Reynolds stated approximately a year and a half ago the Bethlehem City Administration started talking to City Council about these particular neighbors that were traditionally blue-collar with middle class incomes, but were not any longer. He further stated the City Administration presented them a LERTA on October of 2016 and the Bethlehem Area School District and Moravian College President Bryon Grigsby felt the boundaries should be extended.

Mr. Reynolds advised this was part of a bigger strategy the City had entitled Northside 2027, which was similar to Southside Vision 2014. He further advised besides the LERTA they were reaching out to different community partners that were looking at different ways to invest in this area.

Mr. Reynolds stated they were having a Northside 2027 meeting at Moravian College at 4:00 p.m., on October 18, 2017.

Ms. Denise Maiatico, 58 Fairway Road, Lehighton, PA advised she was the Vice President of Meyer Jabara Hotels of the Lehigh Valley, and she wanted to ask County Council to give the DaVinci Science Center project thorough consideration because it was anticipated to drive a new demographic of visitors and hotel stays resulting in more hotel tax dollars.

Controller's Report

Mr. Stephen Barron, Controller, was not present at the meeting.

County Executive Report

Mr. John A. Brown, County Executive, stated the lawsuit that was outstanding against the P3 Bridge Project had been settled as the group bringing the lawsuit did not appeal the original opinion. He further stated there was no other pending litigation against the project.

With regard to the State budget, Mr. Brown advised the Governor mentioned that September 15th was the date where he anticipated not having funds available to continue to pay certain obligations moving forward so the Counties would be
facing some challenges. He further advised the Department of Fiscal Affairs was already taking measures in anticipation of not receiving any funding so the County was in good shape and would be able to function until there was a resolution to the State budget.

When Mr. Cusick stated County Council received a letter from Lower Mount Bethel Township regarding the bridge project, Mr. Brown indicated their concerns would be addressed during the design and development phase of the project, but they would not impact the project from moving forward.

In response to Mr. Cusick's question as to how the Administration was handling the casino grant issue, Mr. Brown advised for this fiscal year they were just taking it quarter by quarter. He further advised they received the first two quarters and were anticipating receiving at least the third quarter. He added they were making some considerations for it in the 2018 budget.

Presentation by Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority

Mr. J. Michael Dowd, Chairman of the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (Authority) Board of Governors, introduced Mr. Thomas Stoudt, the Interim Executive Director, who gave a power point presentation (see Attachment #1).

Mr. Stoudt stated approximately six months ago, the executive staff held a strategic retreat to establish the organization's priorities and in addition, developed a strategic framework for the organization and a new vision and mission.

Mr. Stoudt advised that the Lehigh Valley International Airport (LVIA) was the fourth largest in the State with four passenger airlines and 11 non-stop destinations. He further advised in 2016, they had 688,505 passengers and their air cargo increased 165%.

Mr. Dowd stated the Authority members had a much better idea of the finances than ever before and the airport was in significantly better shape than before.

Mr. Stoudt stated on November 18, 2016, Allegiant announced their air service to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, that began on February 15, 2017. He further stated Allegiant had announced that in January they would no longer be serving the Wilkes
Barre-Scranton Airport and were reducing their service in Trenton, which could favorably impact their service at LVIA.

Mr. Stoudt advised they held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Multi-Modal Transportation Center last month and were working very actively with some ride sharing services. He further advised they held a workshop for their Master Plan in April and planned to have another in October/November 2017 with a completion date of Summer 2018.

Mr. Stoudt stated in April 2016, they held a Board of Governors meeting at Braden Airpark and a resolution was passed to keep it operational and made a commitment to attract new tenants.

Mr. Stoudt advised with the money received from Northampton County, they have repaired some roofs on the four bulk hangers and pavement repair. He further advised they planned to do some site restoration, hangar floor and lighting work, office renovations, fencing and gates and utility connections for the modular terminal.

In answer to Mr. Cusick’s question as to whether they have addressed the issue of a fixed-based operator, Mr. Stoudt stated they had a fixed-based operation that was provided by the Authority, but they were continuing to work to further that mission.

With regard to some of their community engagements, Mr. Stoudt advised they held a Fly-In Drive-In on August 26th and would be holding a polo match on September 17th at Braden Airpark. He further advised at LVIA, they partnered with Lehigh Valley Health Network and opened a children’s play area in April.

Mr. Stoudt stated they had a ribbon cutting ceremony for a Transportation Security Administration Precheck in December 2016 and more than 4,600 people have registered. He noted they would be having another session in October.

Mr. Geissinger advised as a member of the Board of Governors he wanted to thank Mr. Stoudt and Mr. Dowd for all the work that had been done at all the facilities, but particularly at Braden Airpark. He further advised instead of disposing of it for a short term solution for an issue, they decided to fix a valuable asset for Northampton County.
In response to Mr. Cusick’s question as to what was going on with the land development around LVIA, Mr. Dowd stated they had a fiduciary responsibility to find the best possible use of their assets and their goal was to have development done by a developer that was sensitive to the interests and needs of a community.

Introduction of an Ordinance Entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE PROGRAM PLAN KNOWN AS "FACILITIES AND TOURISM ENHANCEMENT HOTEL ROOM RENTAL TAX GRANT PROGRAM" TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO EXPEND REVENUES PREVIOUSLY EXPENDED UNDER THE NOW-EXPIRED NORTHAMPTON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 484-2008, PURSUANT TO THE HOTEL ROOM RENTAL TAX ACT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA (16 P.S. 1770, ET SEQ) AND THE TOURIST PROMOTION LAW OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA (73 P.S. 401, ET SEQ)"

As there were no sponsors this ordinance was not introduced.

Introduction of an Ordinance Entitled, "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER, ARTICLE III COUNTY EXECUTIVE SECTION 304. SPECIAL PROHIBITION TO PROVIDE FOR TERM LIMITS FOR THE OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE OF THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, EASTON, PENNSYLVANIA"

Messrs. Cusick and Benol introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER, ARTICLE III COUNTY EXECUTIVE SECTION 304. SPECIAL PROHIBITION TO PROVIDE FOR TERM LIMITS FOR THE OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE OF THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, EASTON, PENNSYLVANIA

BE IT HEREBY ORDEIGNED AND ENACTED, by the Northampton County Council that:

SECTION I - PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER

A. A proposed amendment to the Northampton County Home Rule Charter shall be prepared for presentation as a referendum question at the May 15, 2018 Primary Election, said referendum question shall be prepared and acted upon
in accordance with the Northampton County Home Rule Charter, Article XI, and all applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

B. The proposed question is:

Shall the electorate of Northampton County approve a change in the Northampton County Home Rule Charter Article III County Executive, Section 304. Special Prohibitions, to impose term limits on the Executive of the County of Northampton, Easton, Pennsylvania, commencing with the term of office beginning January 2022.

Article III Executive, Section 304. Special Prohibition, shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 304. Special Prohibitions

(1) During his term of office, the County Executive shall not actively engage in any other business or occupation.

(2) No person shall be elected to the office of County Executive more than twice and no person, who has held the office of County Executive or acted as County Executive for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected County Executive, shall be elected to the office of County Executive more than once.

SECTION II - EFFECTIVE DATE

A. This ordinance shall become effective thirty days after the date of enactment.

Mr. Cusick advised the public hearing, debate and possible vote will be held at the September 21, 2017 meeting.

Mrs. Ferraro, Mr. Werner and Mr. Kraft introduced the following ordinance:


WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Pennsylvania passed Act 76 of 1977, known as the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Law (LERTA), which authorizes local taxing authorities to provide for tax exemption for certain deteriorated industrial, commercial and other business property; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Pennsylvania passed Act 42 of 1977, known as the Improvement of Deteriorating Real Property or Areas Tax Exemption Act (Residential LERTA), which authorizes local taxing authorities to provide for tax exemption for certain deteriorated residential property; and
WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem and the Bethlehem Area School District have approved an amendment to the area defined in the City of Bethlehem Codified Ordinance #342; and

WHEREAS, the County Council of Northampton County, in accordance with said Act, have held a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, at said public hearing the City of Bethlehem having jurisdiction in and about the County of Northampton and its subordinate governmental units and other public and private agencies and individuals presented to the Northampton County Council their recommendations concerning the location of the boundaries of deteriorated neighborhoods in deteriorating areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the County Council of Northampton County:

I. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning set forth below:

A. "Deteriorated area" means that portion of the City which City Council has determined to be physically blighted in Resolution No. 2017-103 pursuant to Ordinance 2017-13 and Act 76 of 1977 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as amended (72 P.S. 4722 et seq.), passed April 18, 2017, which amends Ordinance 2016-23, and Act 42 of 1977 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as Amended (72 P.S. § 4711-101, et seq.).

(a) This ordinance shall terminate on December 31, 2022 for the deteriorated area(s) adopted April 18, 2017 pursuant to City of Bethlehem Resolution No. 2017-13 and City Ordinance 2017-103.

(b) No later than August 1, 2022, the Mayor of the City of Bethlehem shall submit a written report to the Northampton County Council which shall inform the Northampton County Council as to how this Ordinance has been administered, the effects of this Ordinance on the community and include any suggestions or recommendations for this Ordinance's re-enactment, modification or repeal.
(c) Any property tax exemptions granted under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be permitted to continue according to the exemption schedule found in Section 342.03, unless any such property tax exemption is rescinded in accordance with the default provisions of this Ordinance, even if this Ordinance expires or is repealed.

B. "Becomes assessable" means immediately following issuance of the state and local occupancy permits.

II. ELIGIBLE AREAS

The Northampton County Council hereby determines that the following areas of the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County Pennsylvania, contain "deteriorated" areas as defined in Act 75 of 1977, 72 P.S. §4722, et seq. and act 42 of 1977, 72 P.S. § 4711-101, et seq. and are eligible for tax exemption under this Act:

PART I:

BEGINNING AT A POINT SAID POINT BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE LEHIGH COUNTY AND NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOUNDARIES WITH THE NORTHERN MOST CORNER OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL N6SW3C 1 6 0204E AND THE WESTERN MOST CORNER OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL N6SW3B 7 2 0204. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2623949.283 FEET EAST AND 481245.886 FEET NORTH.

THENCE SOUTEAST IN TWO COURSES ALONG THE WESTERN AND SOUTHERN PERIMETER OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL N6SW3B 7 2 0204. FIRST SOUTH ALONG THE WESTERN BOUNDARY LINE TO A POINT LOCATED AT 2624089.750 FEET EAST AND 480749.156 FEET NORTH. SECOND, EAST FOLLOWING THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY TO A POINT BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL N6SW3B 7 2 0204. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2624211.250 FEET EAST AND 480745.407 FEET NORTH.

THENCE IN A STRAIGHT LINE, IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE STREET CENTERLINES OF W LAUREL ST AND MAUCH CHUNK RD. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2624220.303 FEET EAST 480760.896 FEET NORTH.

CONTINUING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF W LAUREL ST TO A POINT BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINES OF W LAUREL ST AND MASSLICH ST. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2625997.619 FEET EAST AND 480799.964 FEET NORTH.
THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF MASSLICH ST, NORTH TO A POINT BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINES OF MASSLICH ST AND W DURHAM ST. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2626002.056 FEET EAST AND 481025.339 FEET NORTH.

THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF W DURHAM ST, EAST TO A POINT BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINES OF W DURHAM ST AND RADLEY ST. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2626587.524 FEET EAST AND 481023.355 FEET NORTH.

THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF RADLEY ST, SOUTH TO A POINT BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINES OF RADLEY ST AND W LAUREL ST. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2626587.524 FEET EAST AND 480798.372 FEET NORTH.

THENCE AGAIN ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF LAUREL ST IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION, CROSSING OVER THE EAST/WEST GRID AXIS OF N NEW ST AND CHANGING ITS NAME FROM W LAUREL ST TO E LAUREL ST. CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF THE UN-OPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY OF LAUREL ST AND AGAIN ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF E LAUREL ST TO A POINT BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINES OF E LAUREL ST AND GRENA DIER BLVD. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2627852.065 FEET EAST AND 480803.272 FEET NORTH.

THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF GRENA DIER BLVD TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINES OF GRENA DIER BLVD AND E FAIRVIEW ST. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2627851.786 FEET EAST AND 480353.521 FEET NORTH.

THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF E FAIRVIEW ST, EAST TO A POINT BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINES OF E FAIRVIEW ST AND LINDEN ST. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2628933.053 FEET EAST AND 480359.273 FEET NORTH.

THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF LINDEN ST, NORTH TO A POINT BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF LINDEN ST AND AN EXTENSION OF THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY LINE OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL N6S E4C 17 1 0204. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2628932.322 FEET EAST AND 480473.098 FEET NORTH.

THENCE EAST, FOLLOWING THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY LINE OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL N6S E4C 17 1 0204, TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL N6S E4C 17 1 0204. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2629150.337 FEET EAST AND 480475.375 FEET NORTH.
THENCE IN A STRAIGHT LINE EAST, CROSSING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF PULASKI ST TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL N6SE3D 19 5 0204. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2629169.087 FEET EAST AND 480475.469 FEET NORTH.


THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF MAPLE ST TO A POINT BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINES OF MAPLE ST AND AN EXTENSION OF THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY LINE OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE2A 8 13 0204. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2629387.704 FEET EAST AND 479713.514 FEET NORTH.

THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY LINE OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE2A 8 13 0204 AND EXTENSIONS THEREOF, TO A POINT BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE BOUNDARY LINE EXTENSION WITH THE INTERSECTION OF THE EASTERN BOUNDARY LINE EXTENSION WITH THE CENTERLINE OF EDGE ST. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2629557.087 FEET EAST AND 479714.219 FEET NORTH.

THENCE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF EDGE ST TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINES OF EDGE ST AND E NORTH ST. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2629561.822 FEET EAST AND 478886.002 FEET NORTH.

THENCE WEST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF E NORTH ST TO A POINT BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINES OF E NORTH ST AND MAPLE ST. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2629561.822 FEET EAST AND 478885.155 FEET NORTH.

THENCE AGAIN ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF MAPLE ST, SOUTH TO A POINT BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINES OF MAPLE ST AND E BROAD ST. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2629395.575 FEET EAST AND 478405.729 FEET NORTH.

THENCE WEST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF E BROAD ST TO A POINT BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF E BROAD ST AND AN EXTENSION OF THE WESTERN BOUNDARY LINE OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE2D 10 3 0204E. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2629552.587 FEET EAST AND 478406.909 FEET NORTH.
THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WESTERN BOUNDARY LINE OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE2D 10 3 0204E TO A POINT BEING THE COMMON POINT OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE2D 10 3 0204E WITH THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE2D 10 10 0204. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2629556.197 FEET EAST AND 478120.956 FEET NORTH.

THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY LINE OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE2D 10 10 0204 TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE2D 10 10 0204 AND IN A STRAIGHT LINE IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION TO A POINT BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINES OF MAPLE ST AND E WALNUT ST. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2629396.342 FEET EAST AND 478123.464 FEET NORTH.

THENCE CONTINUING WEST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF E WALNUT ST TO A POINT BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF E WALNUT ST AND PULASKI ST. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2629170.495 FEET EAST AND 478121.567 FEET NORTH.

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF PULASKI ST TO A POINT BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF PULASKI ST AND AN EXTENSION OF THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY LINE OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 18 7 0204. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2629169.552 FEET EAST AND 478290.489 FEET NORTH.

THENCE SOUTHWEST ALONG THE EXTENSION OF THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY LINE OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 18 7 0204 AND SOUTHERN CONNECTING BOUNDARY LINES OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCELS P6NE1C 18 7 0204, P6NE1C 18 6 0204, P6NE1C 18 5 0204, P6NE1C 18 4 0204, P6NE1C 18 3 0204, P6NE1C 18 2 0204 AND P6NE1C 18 1 0204. TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 18 1 0204. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2528985.837 FEET EAST AND 478249.156 FEET NORTH.

THENCE IN A STRAIGHT LINE, CROSSING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF LINDEN ST TO A POINT BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 17 7 0204. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2628914.337 FEET EAST AND 478217.531 FEET NORTH.

THENCE CONTINUING IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY LINES OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCELS P6NE1C 17 7 0204 AND P6NE1C 17 6 0204E. TO A POINT ALONG THE EASTERN BOUNDARY LINE OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 17 5 0204 AND BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 17 6 0204E. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2628762.837 FEET EAST AND 478195.625 FEET NORTH.
THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EASTERN BOUNDARY LINE OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 17 5 0204 AND AN EXTENSION THEREOF, TO A POINT BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE EXTENSION OF THE EASTERN BOUNDARY LINE OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 17 5 0204 AND THE CENTERLINE OF E WALNUT ST. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2628763.133 FEET EAST AND 478119.457 FEET NORTH.

THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF E WALNUT ST AGAIN, WEST TO A POINT BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF E WALNUT ST AND AN EXTENSION OF THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 17 3 0204. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2628493.612 FEET EAST AND 478117.829 FEET NORTH.

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EXTENSION OF THE WESTERN BOUNDARY AND THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 17 3 0204 TO A POINT BEING THE COMMON POINT WITH THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 17 2 0204. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2628492.587 FEET EAST AND 478250.406 FEET NORTH.

THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARIES OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCELS P6NE1C 17 2 0204 AND P6NE1C 17 1 0204, TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 17 1 0204. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2628431.587 FEET EAST AND 478249.750 FEET NORTH.

THENCE IN A STRAIGHT LINE IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION, CROSSING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF PENN ST TO A POINT BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 16 4 0204. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2628411.087 FEET EAST AND 478260.438 FEET NORTH.

THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARIES OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCELS P6NE1C 16 4 0204, P6NE1C 16 3 0204E, P6NE1C 16 2 0204, P6NE1C 16 1 0204, P6NE1C 16 1A 0204 AND P6NE1C 16 9 0204. TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 16 9 0204. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2628232.587 FEET EAST AND 478260.500 FEET NORTH.

THENCE IN A STRAIGHT LINE IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION, CROSSING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF HIGH ST TO A POINT BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 15 8 0204. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2628153.087 FEET EAST AND 478235.125 FEET NORTH.
THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARIES OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCELS P6NE1C 15 8 0204, P6NE1C 15 7 0204, P6NE1C 15 6 0204, P6NE1C 15 5 0204, P6NE1C 15 4 0204E, P6NE1C 15 3 0204 AND P6NE1C 15 2 0204. TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 15 2 0204 ALONG THE EASTERN BOUNDARY LINE OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 15 1 0204. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2627911.587 FEET EAST AND 478223.531 FEET NORTH.

THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EASTERN BOUNDARY LINE OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 15 1 0204 AND AN EXTENSION THEREOF, TO A POINT BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE EXTENSION OF THE EASTERN BOUNDARY LINE OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 15 1 0204 AND THE CENTERLINE OF E WALNUT ST. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2627911.875 FEET EAST AND 478114.210 FEET NORTH.

THENCE AGAIN ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF E WALNUT ST, WEST TO A POINT BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINES OF E WALNUT ST AND PINE ST. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2627835.277 FEET EAST AND 478113.492 FEET NORTH.

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF PINE ST TO A POINT BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF PINE ST AND AN EXTENSION OF THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 14 5 0204. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2627835.219 FEET EAST AND 478232.652 FEET NORTH.

THENCE NORTHWEST ALONG THE EXTENSION OF THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 14 5 0204 AND THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARIES OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCELS P6NE1C 14 5 0204, P6NE1C 14 4 0204, P6NE1C 14 3 0204, P6NE1C 14 2 0204 AND P6NE1C 14 1 0204. TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 14 1 0204. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2627651.587 FEET EAST AND 478267.000 FEET NORTH.

THENCE IN A STRAIGHT LINE IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION CROSSING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF CENTER ST TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 13 5 0204. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2627571.587 FEET EAST AND 478229.969 FEET NORTH.

THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARIES OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCELS P6NE1C 13 5 0204, P6NE1C 13 2 0204, P6NE1C 13 1 0204E AND AN EXTENSION THEREOF, TO A POINT BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE EXTENSION OF THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY LINE OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARCEL P6NE1C 13 1 0204E AND THE CENTERLINE OF SCHOOL ST. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2627376.576 FEET EAST AND 478227.194 FEET NORTH.
THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SCHOOL ST TO A POINT BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINES OF SCHOOL ST AND E WALNUT ST. SAID POINT LOCATED AT 2627377.706 FEET EAST AND 478111.165 FEET NORTH.

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III. EXEMPTION AMOUNT

A. The amount to be exempted shall be limited to that portion of the additional assessment attributable to the actual cost of improvements.

B. The exemption shall be limited to that improvement for which an exemption has been requested in the manner set forth below, and for which a separate assessment has been made by the Assessment Division of the Department of Fiscal Affairs of Northampton County (hereafter referred to as Assessment Division).

IV. EXEMPTION SCHEDULE

Subject to the conditions, requirements and limitations set forth in this Ordinance, taxpayers making assessable improvements to deteriorated property located in the deteriorating area may apply for and may be granted a real estate tax exemption limited to the amounts in Sections II (A), (B) and (C) as set forth above, subject to the following schedule:

A. Subject to Paragraph C., New Construction Improvements

(1) For the first year immediately following the date upon which the improvement becomes assessable, 50% of the eligible assessment shall be exempted.
(2) For the second year immediately following the date upon which the improvement becomes assessable, 50% of the eligible assessment shall be exempted.

(3) For the third year immediately following the date upon which the improvement becomes assessable, 50% of the eligible assessment shall be exempted.

(4) For the fourth year immediately following the date upon which the improvement becomes assessable, 50% of the eligible assessment shall be exempted.

(5) For the fifth year immediately following the date upon which the improvement becomes assessable, 50% of the eligible assessment shall be exempted.

(6) For the sixth year immediately following the date upon which the improvement becomes assessable, 50% of the eligible assessment shall be exempted.

(7) For the seventh year immediately following the date upon which the improvement becomes assessable, 50% of the eligible assessment shall be exempted.

(8) For the eighth year immediately following the date upon which the improvement becomes assessable, 50% of the eligible assessment shall be exempted.

(9) For the ninth year immediately following the date upon which the improvement becomes assessable, 50% of the eligible assessment shall be exempted.

(10) For the tenth year immediately following the date upon which the improvement becomes assessable, 50% of the eligible assessment shall be exempted.

(11) After the tenth year the exemption shall terminate.
(12) The exemption from taxes granted under this Ordinance shall be upon the property and shall not terminate upon the sale or exchange of the property.

B. **Subject to Paragraph C., Substantial Rehabilitation Improvements**

(1) For the first year immediately following the date upon which the improvement becomes assessable, 50% of the eligible assessment shall be exempted.

(2) For the second year immediately following the date upon which the improvement becomes assessable, 50% of the eligible assessment shall be exempted.

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(11) After the tenth year the exemption shall terminate.

(12) The exemption from taxes granted under this Ordinance shall be upon the property and shall not terminate upon the sale or exchange of the property.

C. County's Fifty Percent (50%) Exemption is Contingent Upon Annual Payments by City of Bethlehem

(1) The 50% exemption set forth in Sections II (A) and (B) above, are contingent upon the City of Bethlehem's annual contribution of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) to the defined deteriorated area to improve generally the conditions of said area. County Council recognizes that the City's annual payment of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) justifies its ten percent (10%) abatement under this portion of the LERTA program as opposed to the fifty percent (50%) abatement provided for by both the Bethlehem Area School District and the County of Northampton.

(2) In the event the City of Bethlehem fails to make the above said Fifty Thousand Dollar ($50,000.00) payment in any calendar year then, in that event the eligible real estate tax exemption set forth in Sections II (A) and (B) above shall be reduced to an abatement of ten percent (10%) for the remaining duration of the effective period of this ordinance.
V. PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS

A copy of the request for exemption, on forms prescribed by the Northampton County Director of Fiscal Affairs, shall be forwarded to the Assessment Division, the Lehigh County Board of Assessment Appeals and the Bethlehem Area School District by the City. Upon completion of the improvement, the taxpayer shall notify the City and the Assessment Division so that the Assessment Division may assess the improvements separately for the purpose of calculating the amount of assessment eligible for tax exemption in accordance with the limits established in this Ordinance. The City will then obtain from the Assessment Division the amount of the assessment eligible for exemption and will notify the taxpayer. The Director of the Department of Fiscal Affairs is authorized to make refunds, if applicable, only after the Assessment Division has notified the Director of Fiscal Affairs of its separate assessment upon the improvement for which an exemption is requested. Appeals from the reassessment and the amount eligible for the exemption may be taken by the taxpayer of the City as provided by law.

VI. TERMINATION

Unless otherwise repealed by the Northampton County Council, this Ordinance shall terminate on December 31, 2022. No later than August 1, 2022, the Mayor of the City of Bethlehem shall submit a written report to the Northampton County Council which shall inform the Northampton County Council as to how this Ordinance has been administered, the effects of this Ordinance on the community and include any suggestions or recommendations for this Ordinance’s re-enactment, modification or repeal. Nothing contained herein shall act to prohibit the Northampton County Council from enacting a similar ordinance after December 31, 2022. Any property tax exemptions granted under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be permitted to continue according to the exemption schedule found in Section IV even if this Ordinance expires or is repealed.
VII. HEARING BOARD

A Tax Abatement Hearing Board (hereafter referred to as Board) shall consist of the Business Administrator of the City of Bethlehem, the Director of Fiscal Affairs of the County of Northampton, the Director of Fiscal Affairs of Lehigh County and the Business Administrator of the Bethlehem Area School District, for resolution of differences between the approving authority and the owner-taxpayer of the improved property on matters concerning interpretation and execution of the provisions of this Ordinance.

Three members shall be selected at large for their interest in accomplishing the objectives of this Ordinance and shall serve until December 31, 2004.

VIII. RULES AND REGULATIONS

In accordance with the provisions of the Northampton County Home Rule Charter, Section 302, the County Executive of Northampton County is authorized and empowered to prepare, promulgate, execute and enforce rules and regulations made pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance.

IX. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any of its sections, clauses or sentences shall be held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional, such provisions shall not affect or impair any of the remaining sections, clauses or sentences. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Northampton County Council that this Ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional sections, clauses or sentences had not been included herein.

X. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect on thirty (30) days after the date of enactment and shall remain in effect thereafter from year to year, unless repealed, until December 31, 2022.
XI. All ordinances, and parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Mr. Cusick stated the public hearing, debate and possible vote will be held at the September 21, 2017 meeting.

Consideration of a Resolution Amending Resolution No. 124-2016

Mr. Geissinger introduced the following resolution:

R. 87-2017 WHEREAS, on August 15, 2017, County Council was informed by the Department of Fiscal Affairs that an amendment is needed to correct resolution No. 124-2016, which was adopted on December 1, 2016.

IT IS, THEREFORE, HEREBY RESOLVED, By the Northampton County Council that resolution No. 124-2016 shall be amended as indicated hereafter (sections marked with strikeout have been deleted and sections marked with bold underline have been added):

Number 124-2016

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that two (2) full time positions of Clerical Technician III, pay grade RU-15-1A, salary $28,877, in the Department of Fiscal Affairs, Recorder of Deeds Division, shall be eliminated, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that one (1) full time position of Accountant II, pay grade CS-25-1A, salary $51,463, in the Department of Fiscal Affairs, Recorder of Deeds Financial Planning and Control Division, shall be created, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

The vote: Geissinger, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Phillips, "yes"; Vaughn, "yes"; Werner, "yes"; Benol, "yes" and Cusick, "yes".
The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Consideration of a Resolution Amending Resolution No. 126-2016

Mr. Geissinger introduced the following resolution:

R. 38-2017 WHEREAS, on August 16, 2017, County Council received documentation to amend resolution No. 126-2016, which was adopted on December 1, 2016.

IT IS, THEREFORE, HEREBY RESOLVED, By the Northampton County Council that resolution No. 126-2016 shall be amended as indicated hereafter (sections marked with strikeout have been deleted and sections marked with bold underline have been added):

Number 126-2016

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that one (1) full time position of Deputy Aging Administrator, pay grade HS-46-1A HS-43-1A, salary $65,923 $57,769, in the Department of Human Services, Area Agency on Aging Division, shall be created, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

The vote: Geissinger, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Phillips, "yes"; Vaughn, "yes"; Werner, "yes"; Benol, "yes"; Cusick, "yes" and Dietz, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Consideration of a Resolution Supporting HR 3003 and HR 3004

Mr. Phillips introduced the following resolution:

Number 89-2017 WHEREAS, HR 3003 No Sanctuary for Criminals Act was passed by the House of Representatives and amended the Immigration and Nationality Act to prohibit any Federal, State or local government from prohibiting any government entity, official or employee from complying with the
immigration laws or cooperating with Federal law enforcement of such laws; and

WHEREAS, HR 3004 Kate’s Law was passed by the House of Representatives and provides that an alien who has been excluded, deported, removed or denied admission or who has departed the United States while under an outstanding order of exclusion, deportation or removal and who subsequently crosses or attempts to cross the border into the United States shall be fined, imprisoned not more than two years or both; and

WHEREAS, HR 3003 No Sanctuary for Criminals Act and HR 3004 Kate’s Law were both passed by the House of Representatives with bipartisan support. Congressman Charles Dent (R-PA 15th) and Congressman Matthew Cartwright (D-PA 17th) representing Northampton County voted in favor of both pieces of legislation; and

WHEREAS, in his October 1, 2003 testimony before the House Subcommittee on Immigration, Border, Security and Claims; Northampton County District Attorney John Morganelli testified as to the substantial negative impact of illegal aliens on crime, national security and the direct cost to taxpayers.

IT IS, THEREFORE, HEREBY RESOLVED that the Northampton County Council supports HR 3003 and HR 3004 and encourages both Pennsylvania United States Senators Patrick Toomey (R-PA) and Robert Casey (D-PA) to vote in support of them.

Mr. Phillips advised District Attorney Morganelli was agreeable to the mention of his testimony in the resolution, noting he had written and spoken on different aspects of illegal immigration.

Mr. Phillips read the following message from District Attorney Morganelli:

“I cannot be present on September 7th; however, I have been against sanctuary cities/counties for 17 years and I support Kate’s Law. In Northampton County, as chief law enforcement officer, I have advised local and State police that we work with ICE. This has been in place for many, many years.”

As there were no further questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.
The vote: Phillips, "yes"; Geissinger, "yes"; Vaughn, "yes"; Werner, "yes"; Benol, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes" and Ferraro, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Children, Youth and Families

Mr. Werner stated in June 2017, Mr. Kevin Dolan, Director of Northampton County’s Children, Youth and Families Division, spoke about the issues facing his division. He further stated on September 6, 2017, Mr. Phillips, himself, State Representative Robert Freeman, Ms. Catherine Allen, Director of Administration; Ms. Rose Faryna, Deputy Director of Administration; Ms. Allison Frantz, Director of the Department of Human Services, met with the following members of the Children, Youth and Families Division: Mr. Kevin Dolan; Ms. Julie Bator, Program Specialist; Ms. Lisa Hand, Program Director, and Ms. Patricia Himmelwright, Assistant Administrator; to not only discuss these issues, but how to solve them.

Mr. Werner advised they were requesting to simplify the current Civil Service program as utilized and to combine and reduce current risk assessment plans that caused many problems because they were lengthy. He further advised they wanted to move the office for hearings back to Northampton County because they were currently being held in Berks County.

Mr. Werner stated they planned to review with the State Department of Human Services some key issues regarding home assessments, how licensing was done and the training.

Mr. Werner advised Northampton County’s Children, Youth and Families Division had received high accolades and it was imperative that County Council back and support efforts above and beyond the local levels to get these problems resolved for the caseworkers and the people who were struggling to take care of these children.
Capital Projects and Operations Committee Report

Mr. Phillips stated there would be no Capital Projects and Operations Committee meeting in September, but a hurricane was coming to the area so he wanted Mr. Stan Rugis, Director of Public Works, to speak to it.

Mr. Rugis advised he had worked with the Administration to build a strategy in terms of having Operations and Maintenance personnel on site during the duration of the storm. He further advised they were not only anticipating heavy rain, but also heavy winds.

Economic Development Committee Report

Ms. Ferraro stated the Economic Development Committee met earlier in the evening where discussions were held regarding the 2018 Hotel Room Rental Tax, the 2005 Hotel Room Rental Tax, the Community Investment Partnership Program and the City of Bethlehem LERTA. She further stated an update on DCED was also provided.

Mr. Cusick advised he was glad to hear the County was following through with AirBnB and the hotel tax. He further advised the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania was looking to do something Statewide instead of having individual Counties make agreements with online hoteliers.

Solicitor’s Report

Mr. Lauer stated Mr. Phillips had asked the Procurement Office whether or not the County had a contract with a certain vendor and if so, what were the terms and in response the Administration asked him why he wanted to know that information as contracts were an Administrative function and not a legislative function.

Mr. Lauer advised Mr. Phillips then asked him whether it was appropriate or lawful for members of County Council to make such inquiries to the members of the Administration. He further advised members of County Council had every right to make that type of inquiry per Section 202 (8) of the Home Rule Charter, which specifically gave County Council the right to require periodic and special reports from elected officials and their subordinates and Section 202 (13) gave County Council the right
to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents and any other evidence at investigative hearings. Therefore, he concluded that County Council had every right to make that inquiry and the Administration had the obligation to respond.

Mr. Cusick stated if a member of County Council felt they were being obstructed by the Administration, they could file a Right-to-Know request.

Mr. Brown advised the same legislation indicated it was the Executive and his Administration that administered the information under question. He further stated the request that was made by Mr. Phillips was answered by a clarifying question as to the reason for that information. He added for efficiency, the Administration had a right to determine how inquiries would be vetted overall and how that information would be communicated back to County Council.

Mr. Brown stated they worked very hard to provide as much information to County Council on a regular basis, but there were times when certain inquiries could be overdone. He further stated this was not a matter of the Administration not providing information, but the protocols for providing information.

Mr. Phillips advised if a member of County Council asked if the County had a contract with a vendor and the terms, they should be provided an answer.

2018 Hotel Room Rental Tax Recommendations

Mr. Tim Herrlinger, Director of Community and Economic Development, stated he wanted to address some items in their 2018 Hotel Room Rental Tax recommendations that were presented to County Council.

Mr. Herrlinger advised they were recommending that funding for Miracle League and Stephens Place be set aside in the General Fund on a regular basis because it was felt they belonged in a competitive environment for tourism dollars as they were social benefit organizations.

Mr. Herrlinger stated they were also recommending County Council set aside $100,000 a year for a number of years for the Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society and take
it out of the competitive environment as it was an important organization for the County.

Adjournment

Mr. Geissinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Benol seconded the motion.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously by acclamation.

Linda M. Zembo
Clerk to Council
Agenda

- Strategic Framework
- Executive Summary
- Independent Audit Report
- New Air Service
- Non-Stop Destinations
- Multi-Modal Transportation Center
- Airport Master Plan Update - LVIA
- Braden Airpark
- Community Engagement
- Public Access
Strategic Framework

Vision:
To be the best regional airport system in North America.

Mission:
As a customer-centric organization, we will operate our facilities safely and efficiently, grow and develop in an innovative, agile and competitive manner, and work closely with our stakeholders and partners to make our region the community of choice for businesses and residents.
# Strategic Framework

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Executive Summary

- Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) is the 4th largest airport in Pennsylvania
- 4 passenger airlines (American, Delta, United, Allegiant)
- 11 non-stop destinations
- 688,505 passengers last year (FY2016) – highest since 2013
- Air Cargo increased 165% in 2016
Independent Audit Report

- Crowe & Horwath, LLP

- Unqualified Opinion

- Financial statements don’t require any qualifiers or disclaimers

- LNAA has improved and evolved in financial reporting
New Air Service

- November 18, 2016
  - Press conference at PPL Center
  - Allegiant announced service to Fort Lauderdale, FL

- February 15, 2017
  - First flight to Fort Lauderdale
  - “Love is in the Air” promotion
  - Winner received (2) round-trip tickets
Non-stop destinations

American Airlines
Charlotte, NC
Philadelphia, PA

UNITED
Chicago, IL
Newark, NJ (bus)

Allegiant
Orlando / Sanford, FL
St. Petersburg, FL
Fort Lauderdale, FL
Punta Gorda, FL
Myrtle Beach, SC (April-October)

DELTA
Atlanta, GA
Detroit, MI

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customer service
- Important for passengers and
- Uber and Lyft
- LNA is still negotiating with
  - Ride Sharing Services

- Services
- LANTA and Trans-Bridge bus
- Feet closer to Main Terminal
- Rent-A-Car Operations are 700
- Dedication of "Bert Daday Drive"
- Ribbon Cutting in August 2017

Multi-Modal Transportation Center
Airport Master Plan Update - LVIA

- Regional Context
  - Evaluated LVIA's role and impact on regional market (employment, traffic, access corridors)
- Alternatives Analysis
  - Evaluation to determine 20-year forecast requirements.
- Public Workshops
  #1 – April 20, 2017
  #2 – October / November 2017
- Completion Date: Summer 2018

More information available on FlyLVIA.com.
Upgrade
Breden Airpark could get $2.7 million

Airpark Terminal
$325K Grant approved for Breden

Breden Airpark - Headlines
Braden Airpark

- Board of Governors Meeting at Braden Airpark
- Approved Resolution #5083 – “Keep Braden Airpark Operational”
- General Aviation Advisory Committee (GAAC) – April 2016
Braden Airpark

- $250,000 from Northampton County
  - Roof repair on all (4) bulk hangars
  - Runway crack sealing
    - Site restoration
    - Hangar floor & lighting, Office Renovation
    - Fencing & Gates
    - Utility connections for Modular Terminal

- $250,000 from LNAA
  - Install a Temporary Modular Terminal
  - Demolition projects:
    - Existing Terminal, (2) hangars, barn, house
Resurface hangar floors. Repair includes removal of existing coating and blemish repair. Refinish includes two coats of epoxy, sand base, and final urethane topcoat.

Demolish existing house, barn, and 3-bay T-hangar

Demolish existing terminal building

Demolish existing 2-bay T-hangar
Braden Airpark – Timeline

- Demolition of Buildings & Hangar Improvements
  - Project Bid (September 1st – September 22nd)
  - Board of Governors Approval (September 26th)

- Hangar Improvements & Modular Terminal
  - Construction Duration (October 7th – November 20th)
  - Install Modular Terminal (December 1st – December 15th)
    - Terminal Design to begin in January 2018
Braden Airpark

- $325,000 Capital grant from the PennDOT Bureau of Aviation
- Construction of a new general aviation terminal
- LNAA will match grant amount: $325,000
- New Terminal: $650,000
- $1.16 million investment into future improvements
Community Engagement

- Polo Match at Braden Airpark
- Sunday, September 17th
- Three-year partnership with Equilibrium
Community Engagement

- Partnership with Lehigh Valley Health Network

- Children’s Play Area
  - Unveiled in April 2017

- Mamava Lactation Station
  - Located in Wiley M. Departure Terminal
Community Engagement

- 3rd Annual “Wings for All”
  - May 2017

- Partnership with The ARC of Lehigh and Northampton Counties

- Impacted 225 individuals and families

- Received “Volunteerism Award” from Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley (Sept. 2016)
Community Engagement

- TSA Precheck
  - Ribbon cutting in December 2016

- LVIA has hosted (3) Open Enrollment Sessions

- Over 4,600 people have registered for program

- Next session – October 2-13
Public Access

- Board of Governors Meetings Live Stream
  - Available on Flynvia.com
  - 1,483 views on YouTube (since April 2016)

- Next: Board of Governors Meetings
  - Tuesday, September 26th
  - 5:00 p.m.