

**1HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION
Tuesday, January 12, 2016
A G E N D A**

CALL TO ORDER

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

ROLL CALL

- The City Clerk called the roll and all 7 members were present during roll call, namely: Ben Allatt, Jeff Baltimore, Shamaine Daniels, Destini Hodges, Cornelius Johnson, Westburn Majors and Wanda R. D. Williams.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

- The Moment of Silence was led by Mr. Johnson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Majors.

COMMUNICATIONS

- President Williams announced that an Executive Session was held on January 4th to discuss Legal Matters with the new Council Members. In addition, she announced the new assignments of committees for 2016-2017: Administration Committee – Wanda Williams, Budget & Finance Committee – Ben Allatt, Building & Housing Committee – Shamaine Daniels, Community & Economic Development Committee – Jeff Baltimore, Parks, Recreation & Enrichment Committee – Destini Hodges, Public Safety Committee – Cornelius Johnson and Public Works Committee – Westburn Majors.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Mr. Zeigler said that he has been a resident since 1980 and bought a property on 226 Charles Street in 1991. He said that he filed a complaint with the Codes Office when a fence and two gates were erected and blocked access to his property. He said that he is impacted the most because it is the only sidewalk to and from his home. He received a certified letter that the gates were to be moved, but an objection has been filed. He said that since then, he's heard that the issue has been in the Law Bureau. He asked for a resolution of this matter.
- Lewis Butts said that he is requesting a Camp Curtin Hallow Ground Designation. He said that Camp Curtin was important in history and it's a great story that should be displayed to the people of Harrisburg as a Landmark.
- Ron Chapel said that he salutes Mr. Butts and his request for the Resolution. He welcomed the new Council Members and congratulated Ms. Williams for being re-elected as Council President and Ms. Daniels as Vice-President.
- Samantha Moore said that she is a member of "This Stops Today Harrisburg". She said that they have hosted community meetings and developed a Citizens Complaint Review Board Proposal. She said that she hoped that they can work with City Council and the Police to establish policies and accountability agreements that will build greater trust between the Police and Residents of the City.
- Cindy Watkins said that she lives on Kensington Street and is there on behalf of her friend who lives on Penn Street. She asked why the trash cans are not being placed in the rear of the homes. She said that they are an eye sore to the neighborhood.

- Keith Lawson said that he has a complaint about City Council. He said not one time has he seen a Council Member in the neighborhood when they need help. He said that he is going to bring about 40-50 young people down to a City Council meeting because they cannot find jobs. He said that young people can't find jobs because they have criminal records and nothing gets accomplished. He said that until this issue is addressed, the crime is going to get worse and more people are going to get killed.
- Daniel Graham welcomed and congratulated the new members of City Council. He said that he was happy to see that new Police Officers and Fire Fighters are being hired. He said that the city needs more local bus services and more passenger rail services, especially to Pittsburgh.
- Clark Michelson from Gamut Theatre thanked City Council for their help in getting into their new home. He invited City Council to come to their next show called "Red Velvet". He invited the main actor (Tony Golden) to say hello. Mr. Golden said that he is honored to be in Harrisburg. He said that his show is very important because Ira Aldridge is a national hero. He said that the show depicts his struggle and how he came out on top. He invited everyone to come and see the show. Website: www.gamuttheatre.org.
- Mr. Boyd said that it is a great thing to talk about the arts, but before we talk about the arts we need to walk across this city and look at the disadvantaged. He said that we have one of the greatest shows that need to be told. He asked - what are you going to do about the homeless?

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon Motion by President Williams, with no objections, the Legislative Session Minutes of December 15, 2015 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- **The City Clerk read Bill 1-2016 into record** – An Ordinance establishing the budget for the Municipal Government of the City of Harrisburg for the year Two Thousand Sixteen (2016).
- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 2-2016 into record** - An Ordinance amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg, Title V, Licensing and Taxation, Part V, Real Estate Taxes, Chapter 5-501, Property Tax, by establishing for the year Two Thousand Sixteen (2016) a tax levy on land and improvements and providing for the distribution of taxes levied and assessed and providing for a tax rebate for the difference between the tax due and attributable to the year Two Thousand Sixteen (2016) tax levy over the tax due and attributable to the year Two Thousand Six (2006) tax levy for qualifying senior citizens.
- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 1-2016 into record** - A Resolution appointing Mr. Bill MacAvoy to serve on the Building and Housing Code Board of Appeals of the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 2-2016 into record** - A Resolution ratifying a professional services contract with SimplexGrinnell LP (“Simplex”) to provide emergency repairs of the fire sprinkler system in the Government Center.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 3-2016 into record-** A Resolution approving a purchase agreement with Pierce Manufacturing for the purchase of a 2017 Pierce Enforcer 500 Gallon Custom Pumper fire truck for Five Hundred Four Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy Four Dollars (\$504, 974.00) with a prepay discount of Twenty Four Thousand, Eight Dollars (\$24, 008.00) if the contract price is paid in full within 30 days.
- President Williams suspended the rules to allow Mr. Grover to further explain why the Administration is requesting a vote on this Resolution.
- Mr. Grover stated that they are in the process of check runs, the money is already allocated and they have a matching fund from the Fireman’s Relief Fund. If this Resolution is not acted on tonight, there is a chance of losing the discounted price.
- Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Allatt to make the following amendment: Whereas, the approval of this agreement is conditional upon the award of the matching funds by the Harrisburg Fireman’s Relief Association of the State of Pennsylvania.
- President Williams called for the vote on this amendment and this passed 7-0.
- President Williams called for the final vote as amended and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 4-2016 into record** - A Resolution ratifying the submission of an Application to the Commonwealth's Department of Environmental Protection for the purposes of purchasing two automated leaf collectors.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Works committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 5-2016 into record** – A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan and Lot Consolidation Plan submitted by Scott Sosso of Harrisburg Properties Associates to consolidate six lots at 838 South 20th Street, 825 Hudson Street, 835 Hudson Street, 840 Hudson Street, and 851 South 19th Street and develop an approximately 15,000 square foot adult daycare facility on site.
- President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 6-2016 into record** - A Resolution accepting the first annual report of the roll forward of encumbered 2015 budget commitments.
- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Baltimore announced that he will be having a Community & Economic Development Committee on February 4th at 5:30PM.
- Mr. Johnson announced that there will be an MLK Career Fair at the Hilton 1/18 at 10:30AM. In addition, he announced that Camp Curtin YMCA has a program called “Jumpshots not Gunshots” every Friday night for the youth of our city.
- Mr. Allatt announced that a Budget & Finance Committee Meeting will be held on January 28th at 5:30PM.

- President Williams announced that an Administration Committee meeting will be held on January 21st at 5:30PM. In addition, she announced that there will be an MLK Day of Service starting at 8:30AM at the Brethren House and those interested can call 232-9757 x105 for more information. She also welcomed two new city employees: Nelva Wright (Health Officer) and Rebecca Kunkle (Assistant City Solicitor).

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:49PM.