

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday May 24, 2016
A G E N D A**

CALL TO ORDER

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:10PM

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

- The moment of silence was led by Mr. Allatt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATION

- A presentation was made by students from (The Harrisburg School District) SciTech's Civic Engagement Club, led by Mr. Lenwood Sloan and Ms. Felton.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Mr. Boyd – said he likes a good show. He stated that Harrisburg's population is decreasing on a daily basis. He reminded Council and Mayor Papenfuse that he will continue to ask the question: what are we doing about the people who have nothing. He questioned if the Broad Street Market was actually solvent when they do not pay any money to the City. He noted that the Civil War Museum was also not paying rent the Mayor requested they pay. He asked why the City was allowing the elite to get away with paying nothing to the city. He said that the city residents elected councilmembers and the Mayor to help them. He said he was insulted by non-profit organizations telling residents they may be hired if the organization gets grants from the City. He said that the City is not Wall Street, but it is Harrisburg, PA.
- Reverend Frank Dudley – said that he gathers with his friends in the market and he is concerned about the slippery floors in the Market when it rains. He worries about handicap people falling because of a lack of railings to hold on to. He said that there should also be handicapped parking available on Verbeke Street heading west. He complained about the excessive vehicular traffic produced by the Millworks which makes it hard for handicap people to cross the streets near the market. He would like someone to look into the issues with the Market for handicap people.
- Winston Michael Ray – said that he is part of a campaign entitled Operation H.O.B.O (Homeless Ones Barack Obama).He said he just arrived in Harrisburg by way of New Orleans, Louisiana. He said he likes talking to the Lord, and that he was instructed to come up to Harrisburg and meet with Governor Wolf and local officials to end revenue segregation and economic Jim Crow in the United States of America. He said he has a \$100 Billion dollar marketing campaign. Seven billion people walking the planet, one billion of those seven billion will buy \$100 dollars, every year, worth of undeniable incontrovertible intelligence information. He asked for the whole world to watch on June 6th to announce that he will give the State of Pennsylvania \$2 billion dollars if Governor Wolf stands with him to proclaim that PA is the first city in the nation to publicly embrace the world wide Silver Rights Movement. He said he would like a response from the legislative body of their willingness to end revenue segregation.

- Justine French– stated that she has been an employee in Harrisburg for over 30 years. When she first started working, the employment tax for the City was \$10. In 2008 it was temporarily raised to \$54 dollars and she just recently found out the Local Services Tax was raised to \$154. She is always one to pay her fair share, but doesn't understand how some entities in the City are not paying their fair share. She hears grumbling in her office from her coworkers. She wants assurance that with the raised taxes, there is also a corresponding cut in spending.
- Daniel Graham – asked that the police monitor the music concert at Sawyers in order to ensure that the music is compliant with the City's Noise Ordinance. He said that he saw a small article in the Sunday's Patriot News on May 22nd that addressed Amtrak trains roundtrip from Pittsburgh to Harrisburg. He noted that nothing has been done yet but he is in support of the efforts. He requested that the additional state and federal funds be provided for the train from Harrisburg to Pittsburgh and a return train from Pittsburgh to Harrisburg between 2pm and 3pm in the afternoon. He recommends the trip to Pittsburgh via train for anyone who has not taken it yet.
- Christine Hughes – said that she had issues with the Harrisburg School District regarding her son's participation in prom and graduation. She said she was getting the run around from School District Officials. She said she was looking for help with dealing with school district officials.
- Alan Kennedy Shaffer – applauded the students from Harrisburg School District who partnered with City Council on the job shadowing and civic engagement. He thanked City Council for coordinating those efforts and added that it was great to hear directly from the students about their experiences. He voiced his personal support for Bill Cluck, who asks a lot of tough questions and knows how to get things done in the City. He advocated for Bill Cluck staying on the Capital Region Water Board and cited his ability to build partnerships with other entities within the City.
- Cedric McArthur – reminded everyone that the Arts Festival was the following weekend and he also thanked the City for their efforts in organizing the Dino-mite event. He commented on Bill 8-2016 dealing with the police complaint review process. He applauded the Administration for leading the effort. He suggested that there should also be a way for the Police to receive commendation requests from the citizens. In reference to Councilman Baltimore's mentioning of the Civilian Review Board ideas, he said that the City already has one. He said we are very lucky to have the entities in place for better relationships between citizens and police. He said that he is against Resolution 40-2016, and that he knows it puts him at odds against the administration's plans. He said that the administration has presented a false choice with these two candidates. He said the previous split vote indicates that Councilmembers are on to something being wrong with this situation. He said both are willing to serve and that Council should not have to choose between the two of them. He suggested that while there are vacancies on city boards he should not use his appointment power to cause conflict and placing it in the laps of City Council. He was also against clearing out the EAC. He suggested the lone member be allowed to finish out her term. He argued that the Mayor should use his appointing power to fill existing vacancies on city boards.
- Chris McGraw – was in attendance as a representative for the children and handicap people on Crescent Street. Due to the crime in the area, parents don't allow their children to venture off the block and therefore they play and ride their bikes in the street. He knows it is not safe but there really is not a better alternative. He said he brought this issue up a while ago to former councilmember Eugenia Smith. He said since then, three young children have been hit by cars. One was dragged under a car and had an arm broken. He said the Street consistently experience cars speeding all day long. Neighbors have discussed putting up stop signs placed at the south and north side of Crescent and Kittatinny Street(s) and Crescent and Swatara Street(s). He offered to help the City dig the holes for the signs. He also shared the plight of a handicap neighbor who struggles with moving his car on street cleaning days. He asked that something be done to help the legitimately handicap residents avoid ticketing during street cleaning.

- Norman White – is the General Manager and Head Coach of the Pennsylvania Ferrells Pro Development Football team. He proposed that City Island be considered for use as a field for his football team. He said they previously lobbied for the field but the Islanders had it under contract. He said three young men texted Mr. Dykes saying they just wanted to play football and no longer wanted to sell drugs. He said he recently met with Chief Carter and he asked the Mayor to do the coin toss at their Armed Forces day on June 2nd at City Island. He asked that City Council consider letting them have the field to help keep these young men off the street. He said the less the City has to put away, the more he has to play.
- Aaron Johnson – said that a talk needs to be arranged before a decision is made on the City Island Skyline facility. He said there is some history with that facility.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon Motion by Ms. Williams, with no objections, the Legislative Session Minutes of May 10, 2016 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Allatt reported on the Budget and Finance Committee Meetings of Wednesday May 11, 2016.
- Chair Johnson reported on the Public Safety Committee Meeting of Wednesday, May 18, 2016.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- **The Assistant City Clerk read Bill 14-2016 into record** – An Ordinance appropriating Community Development Block Grant funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Fiscal Year 2016 and authorizing expenditure of such funds.
- President Williams placed this in the Community and Economic Development Committee
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Bill 15-2016 into record** – An Ordinance appropriating Emergency Solutions Grant Program funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Fiscal Year 2016 and authorizing expenditure of such funds.
- President Williams placed this in the Community and Economic Development Committee
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Bill 16-2016 into record** – An Ordinance appropriating HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Fiscal Year 2016 and authorizing expenditure of such funds.
- President Williams placed this in the Community and Economic Development Committee

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- **The Assistant City Clerk read Bill 8-2016 into record** – An Ordinance to amend the Title 3, Chapter 3-301, Citizen Complaints, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg, to update the procedure related to the City of Harrisburg Citizen Complaint process in effort to make the process more accessible and thereby more inclusive.
- Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Allatt to amend Bill 8-2016 to include the following changes:
 - Line 133, striking “annual” and inserting “quarterly”.
 - Line 135 striking “The Internal Affairs Unit, under” and inserting “Under”
 - Line 136 striking “an annual” and inserting “a quarterly”
 - Line 137 striking “on or before April 1 of each year”
 - Line 138 striking “calendar year” and inserting “quarterly”
 - Line 140 striking “annual” and inserting “quarterly”
- This amendment passed 7-0.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- **The Assistant City Clerk read Bill 8-2016 (As Amended) into record** – An Ordinance to amend the Title 3, Chapter 3-301, Citizen Complaints, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg, to update the procedure related to the City of Harrisburg Citizen Complaint process in effort to make the process more accessible and thereby more inclusive.
- President Williams called for the vote and it passed 7-0.

RESOLUTIONS

- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 33-2016 into record** – A Resolution approving the Second Proposed 2016 Budget Reallocations.
- Mr. Allatt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Daniels to include the following change:
 - To insert Appendix D.
- This amendment passed 7-0.
- President Williams called the vote for Resolution 33-2016 As Amended and it passed 7-0.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 37-2016 into record** – A Resolution ratifying maintenance agreements with SECCO, Inc. to provide maintenance services for the mainframe cooling system in the City's Information Technology Department.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 38-2016 into record** – A Resolution ratifying the submission of a grant application to Federal Emergency Management Agency on behalf of the Bureau of Fire for the purpose of funding a Fire Prevention and Safety Program that includes a door-to-door education campaign and the installation of 3,000 smoke alarms in City residences.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Safety Committee.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 39-2016 into record** – A Resolution ratifying the submission of a grant application to the Department of justice on behalf of the Bureau of Police for the purpose of funding the reimbursement of bulletproof vests for the City's police officers.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Safety Committee.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 40-2016 into record** – A Resolution appointing Ms. Charla J. Plaines to serve on the Capital Region Water, a municipal authority, Board of Directors (the "CRW Board").
- President Williams called for the vote and this Resolution Failed 3-4 with Mr. Allatt, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Hodges, and Mr. Majors voting in the negative.
- President Williams asked for a motion to add Resolution 41-2016 to the agenda. It was moved by Mr. Allatt and seconded by Mr. Baltimore.
- President Williams called for a vote on the motion and this passed 7-0.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 41-2016 into record** – A Resolution authorizing and approving the finalization and execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") and related documents with the Pennsylvania Department of General Services (the "DGS") to provide expanded sanitation services to Commonwealth facilities.
- Mr. Majors recused himself from the vote due to his employment with the Commonwealth.
- President Williams asked for a motion to suspend the rules. It was moved by Ms. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Allatt.
- President Williams asked the Administration who the contact person is for the Administration.
- Mayor Papenfuse responded that David West, Deputy Director of Public Works would be the contact person.
- President Williams asked why the effective date would be April 1, 2016 if they have not approved it yet.

- Mayor Papenfuse responded that the Commonwealth was prepared to honor the date that the deal was agreed upon and pay retroactively to that date.

- President Williams asked why Council was not given notice of this agreement prior to being notified by the media. Adding that she was reluctant to add the Resolution to the agenda due to the extremely late notice given by the Administration.
- Mayor Papenfuse responded that he requested the City Solicitor to send down the legislation along with the rest but that it was an oversight by the Solicitor's Office. He noted the positive attributes of the agreement, specifically citing the \$600,000 plus increased dollars via payments to the city.
- President Williams thanked Public Works Director Aaron Johnson and Deputy Director Dave West for their hard work on this issue. She inquired about the remaining outstanding accounts that have yet to be addressed.
- Mr. West responded that there were a couple hundred accounts outstanding. He added that we are actively going after these accounts. Mr. Johnson added that the role of the requested position in the Law Bureau was to do just that.
- Mayor Papenfuse said that to his knowledge there were no other large outstanding accounts. He clarified that Mr. Johnson was referring to individual property owners and not large accounts that are delinquent in their payments. He forecasted that there is a slight chance that the rates for residents could potentially be lowered in the future.
- Councilman Johnson asked the Administration if the City was on track with the revenue projections for this budget year.
- Mayor Papenfuse responded that the City is on track but the pending payment from the commonwealth would put the City ahead of projections and expounded upon the timeline and process of receiving the revenue from the Commonwealth.
- Councilwoman Daniels asked the Administration when negotiations started with the State.
- The Mayor responded that negotiations were started in January 2016.
- Councilwoman Daniels expressed displeasure with the lack of information transmitted to City Council regarding the ongoing negotiations with the Commonwealth while Councilmembers were asked to make major financial decisions on behalf of the City residents. She was concerned that the Administration was privy to information that was withheld from Councilmembers while votes took place on legislation that has major financial implications for the City moving forward.
- The Mayor responded that the agreement was recently reached recently. Stating that the audit for the commonwealth was commenced in January and that they were unaware of what the audit was going to yield and the amount of adjustment that would be needed to correct their account.
- Mr. West inquired how they were to proceed with notifying Councilmembers of ongoing discussions with other commercial accounts.
- Councilwoman Daniels responded that the issue is not with every account, but considerations should be taken to notify Councilmembers of such a large client such as the Commonwealth. She noted that her issue was with the magnitude of this contract being concealed until the last minute.
- President Williams added that the Administration could have elected to hold a confidential executive session to bring Councilmembers into the loop of what was taking place. She bemoaned finding out about such a large contract through the media. She asked that the Administration would utilize executive sessions to keep the legislative body up to date with ongoing situations like this negotiation in the future.
- Councilman Allatt added that the City consider balancing out the major increase in revenue with a reduction in payments for the residents.
- Mayor Papenfuse responded that the Administration would need a little more time to gather more data prior to proceeding with cost reductions for residents. He cited a pending audit, completion of phase 2 of the private accounts, and an assessment of long-term capital needs for sanitation. He suggested examining the rate chart along with the budget process for next year.
- Councilman Allatt responded that relief was needed for residents, noting the increased Local Services Tax.
- Council President Williams called for a motion to go back into session. A motion was made by Mr. Allatt and seconded by Ms. Daniels.

- President Williams called for the vote for Resolution 41-2016 and this passed 6-0, with Mr. Majors recusing himself from the vote.
- President Williams asked for a motion to accept the resignation of City Treasurer Tyrell Spradley. It was moved by Mr. Allatt and Seconded by Mr. Baltimore. President Williams called for the vote on the motion and this passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Daniels announced that she will be having a Building and Housing Committee Meeting on May 26, 2016 at 5:30PM.
- Mr. Johnson announced that he will be having a Public Safety Committee Meeting on May 25, 2016 at 6:00PM.
- Ms. Hodges announced that she will be having a Parks, Recreation and Enrichment Committee Meeting on June 7, 2016 at 5:30PM. She added that she visited the five City playgrounds that will be renovated with Ms. Jackie Parker and that participation occurred at each park with a high turnout at Royal Terrace. She thanked the Administration and citizens for their support of the endeavors.
- Mr. Baltimore announced that he will be having a Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting on June 8th and 9th at 5:30PM.
- President Williams announced that the Legislative Sessions for June 2016 have been changed and have been scheduled for the following dates:
 - Wednesday June 15, 2016 at 6:00PM and Wednesday June 29, 2016 at 6:00PM.
- President Williams congratulated Councilwoman Hodges for guest speaking for Women's Day at her church over the weekend.
- Mr. Grover discussed the process for replacing the vacancy created in the Office of the Treasurer once City Council accepted Mr. Spradley's resignation. He explained that the Legislative Body has 30 days to fill the vacancy and that the process is not dictated by law except that it happen at a public meeting with a public vote. He noted that after 30 days, the authority to fill the seat would expire and transfer to the County Court.
- President Williams responded that she would like to give Councilmembers an opportunity to think about it and she confirmed that the expiration date is June 20, 2016.

ADJORNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM