

**1 HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES  
January 13, 2015  
A G E N D A**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- The meeting was called to order by President Williams at 6:02PM.

**ROLL CALL**

- The City Clerk called the roll and 6 members were present during roll call, namely: Ben Allatt, Jeff Baltimore, Shamaine Daniels, Brad Koplinski, Susan Brown-Wilson and Wanda R. D. Williams. Sandra Reid was excused.

**INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Wilson.

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

- Robert Candidate said he was upset about what happened in France. He said that he is available to help the youth and can be reached at 877-9943. He said that his home burnt down and he cried, not because of the possessions, but the generations of memories.
- Mr. Boyd said that it's ironic that we are having two meetings at the same time. He said that the Mayor ran his campaign on blight, but he walks around Allison Hill and sees trash in alley ways and all over. He said the Mayor has the audacity to say to the community that they are doing a great job.
- Kimberly Monk asked for a follow-up on the process of the "zumbalicious" program.
- Eric Lomar asked how to get change on the parking situation on Vine Street.
- Tim Doutrich said that we should take a moment to wish Sandra Reid well. He said that he gives her a great deal of credit and wishes her well.
- Larry Mitchell said that he is a homeless veteran. He said that he became homeless because his contract was breached by ECI without any advanced notice and refused to pay his workers for the DGS project. He handed a letter to Council and asked for guidance.
- Daniel D. Graham congratulated Mayor Papenfuss and Police Chief Carter for taking a strong stance on the gun control regulations. He said that he agrees that these laws should still be in place and the NRA should not dictate policy.
- Allan Kennedy-Shaffer extended his sympathies to France and to the Murder victims in Harrisburg already in 2015. He said that citizens elect officials to figure out how to set policies and clean streets. He said for 2015 the city should ensure that the citizens have the trust of the citizens. He said these are simple measures to help move the city forward.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Upon Motion by Ms. Williams and no objections, the Legislative Session Minutes of December 23, 2014 were deemed approved.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- There were none.

## ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- There were none.

## ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There were none.
- Mr. Baltimore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Allatt to bring Bill 18-2014 As Amended from the floor. **The City Clerk read Bill 18 – 2014 into record** - An ordinance providing for residential and commercial 10-Year Tax Abatement and Exemption programs in the City of Harrisburg for qualifying improvements and new construction; designating the City's boundaries to be the qualifying boundaries for deteriorated neighborhoods in a residential property program; designating the City's boundaries as the qualifying boundaries for a commercial property program; providing for tax abatement and exemption schedules for qualifying improvements to and new construction of residential and commercial properties throughout Harrisburg; providing incentives for additional exemptions for job creation; ensuring minority business participation, prevailing wage and residential participation in qualifying improvement and new construction projects; authorizing an administrator of these programs; ensuring due process of applicants by authorizing the creation of a board of review; amending Chapter 5-503 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg to provide for these new programs, including the repeal of sections inconsistent with these new programs, and related matters.
- President Williams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wilson to Suspend the Rules to allow Mr. Grover to explain the Rules of Council & Procedures for voting on the reconsideration of certain amendments.
- Mr. Grover explained the voting process.
- President Williams called for the vote and the motion failed 3-3, with Ms. Williams, Mr. Koplinski & Ms. Daniels voting in the negative.

## ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- **The City Clerk read Bill 20 - 2014 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 Fifteen (2015) 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 Six (2006) tax levy for qualifying senior citizens.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.

## RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 127-2014 into record**- A Resolution confirming the appointment of Douglas L. Walmer, Esquire to serve as the Deputy City Solicitor for the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 128-2014 into record** - A Resolution confirming the appointment of Marta Rifin, Esquire to serve as an Assistant City Solicitor for the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 1-2015 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note in an amount not to exceed the sum of four million dollars (\$4,500,000.00).
- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 2-2015 into record** – A Resolution approving an agreement of sale with Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC for the trade in of four (4) fire trucks in exchange for a 1996 Sutphen Tower Fire Truck and Thirty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$38,000).
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 3-2015 into record** – A Resolution approving the adoption of Dauphin County 2011 Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the City.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Safety Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 4-2015 into record** – A Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for necessary funds for traffic signal control system upgrades.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Safety Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 5-2015 into record** – A Resolution approving the purchase of a 2005 International Recycling Truck from Shippensburg Borough.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 6-2015 into record** – A Resolution approving the purchase of a 2001 International Rear Loader Trash Truck from Conshohocken Borough.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 7-2015 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the approval, execution and submission of a Settlement Agreement between the Coordinator of the City of Harrisburg, the City of Harrisburg, the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Harrisburg, and the Assured Guaranty Municipal Corporation to allow for adjustments of the Debt Service requirements on Bonds guaranteed by the City of Harrisburg and facilitate the relating of related real property.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Allatt announced that there will be a joint Budget & Finance and Public Safety Committee Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM.
- Mr. Baltimore announced that his son dead lifted triple his body weight & he is proud.
- Ms. Daniels asked the administration why garbage was dumped on 6<sup>th</sup> & Emerald and she wanted an explanation as to why that happened.
- Ms. Williams announced that she will be having two Administration Committee meetings on January 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> both at 5:30PM.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- The Meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM.