

**1 HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
February 25, 2015
A G E N D A**

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by President Williams at 6:14PM.
- President Williams announced that there was an Executive Session prior to the start of the meeting, for Legal matters.

ROLL CALL

- The City Clerk called the roll and all 7 members were present during roll call, namely: Ben Allatt, Jeff Baltimore, Shamaine Daniels, Brad Koplinski, Sandra Reid, Susan Brown-Wilson and Wanda R. D. Williams.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- There was none.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Sandra Johnson said that she is the instructor for zumba class. She thanked Council President Williams and Joyce Davis for their help. She said there were a lot of obstacles to overcome, but they came to a resolution yesterday. She said that she told Ms. Parker and Kevin Sanders that money was not a problem for her. But, her contract was done December 31st and the Mayor told them that if they found a building that the city will fund the class. Ms. Davis said that her program will be funded under M.O.S.E.L.F and they will help her search for grant money. Again, she thanked Ms. Williams and Ms. Davis for their help in resolving this issue.
- Charisse Grayer said that she is a city employee and worked in Parks & Recreation since the age of 18. She said she is a very dedicated and hard worker. She said that there is a lot of things that went on with zumba and she believes that she was “the block.” She thanked Ms. Williams, Ms. Joyce and M.O.S.E.L.F for resolving the issue. She said that we cannot create a positive community if we do not educate and make them healthy.
- Ron Chapel welcomed back Sandra Reid. He said that the parking meeting seemed like a “secret meeting.” He asked why the meeting was downtown, making people pay to park. He warned residents to be aware of “outside developers” who are trying to run city council.
- Mr. Boyd congratulated zumba. He said that he is not a proud resident of this city. He said that this is the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. center and he has never seen an elected official even utter his name. Mr. Boyd said that the day is coming when this city will be destroyed by the “outsiders.” He asked when they will hold a public meeting about the Broad Street Market.

- Allen Kennedy Shaffer applauded all of the people that came out for the zumba program. He welcomed back Councilwoman Sandra Reid. He said that last night people paid to park to attend a meeting about parking. He said as a city, we need to do better about the parking situation. He asked the Mayor and City Council to continue to fight the parking issue to lift the burden off the residents. In addition, he asked them to be cognizant when fighting the gun laws.
- Jeremy Domenico said that he wished the city had this much support about trash & blight like they have tonight for zumba.
- Stacey Christ thanked City Council for listening to them about zumba. She is glad that a resolution was found about their issue. She welcomed women and men in the area to attend their zumba class to support health.
- Charita Chambers thanked Ms. Williams for coming to their zumba session. She welcomed everyone to come to the class, because it helps with self-esteem. She said Sandra Johnson is wonderful and she has learned so much from her.
- Gloria Rasnell thanked Ms. Williams for being in their corner. She said that she is 55 years old and Sandra has taught her so much about zumba. She said that Sandra takes her time and really cares about the women in her class.
- Michael Burden said that he does the sound for zumba. He said that it initially started off as just a “gig” but it turned into a community event.
- Lauren said that zumba is a special program with Sandy. She said that she never felt so welcomed by an exercise program.
- Tamara Geary said that she met Sandy & Charisse three years ago when she was almost 300 lbs. She said that when she joined Sandy’s class she was inspired because they are like a family and support each other.
- Guy Whitney said that zumba has been a huge help for him mentally. He said that he liked to dance and have fun and the class helped him become more stable as a person. He said that Sandy has inspired him to want to teach on his own.
- Adrienne Wilson said that she is “zumbalicious.” She said since June, she lost 54 pounds. She thanked Sandy for her support.
- Tiffany said that she was the walking definition of the word lazy. She said she is happy to get healthy and see her kids do zumba. She thanked Ms. Williams for extending the program.
- Rachel Petroy said that she is a Messiah College nursing student. She said that the zumba program is very diverse with people from all backgrounds and it’s so unique. She said as a college student, there are no exercise programs that she can afford. She said that Harrisburg has the worst crime rate in the state. She said that this generation is the only generation who is not going to “outlive” their parents. She said that this program is fundamental for the health of our future generations.
- Laquanna Stuart thanked whoever made it possible to keep the zumba program moving forward. She said that she lost 40 pounds. She said Sandy is a wonderful person and she motivates you.
- Donna Wallington Thomas said that she had two open-heart surgeries and Sandy has really helped her get healthier.
- Rose Butts said that zumba helped her to firm up and she lost close to 30 pounds. Her Doctor said that if it wasn’t for zumba she wouldn’t be healthy. In addition, she asked if the city could fix the lights on Whitehall Street at the park. She said it was dark and she fell and broke her ankle.

- Angelita Perez said that as a single mother of two, it is about \$1300 a month to raise them. She said zumba has so much health benefits. She said that this zumba class is her only adult time that she has during the week.
- Mr. Koplinski asked for the address, to donate to the program.
- Ms. Reid said that she will donate as well.
- Charisse Grayer said that we all need to pay attention to everything else that is going on with the city and support City Council.
- Sandra Johnson announced that the class is Monday, Wednesday & Friday at Foose School at 6:30PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The Legislative Session Minutes of January 27, 2015 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- **The City Clerk read Bill 1-2015 into record** - An ordinance providing for additional authority to diminish blight; amending Section 9-303.99 of the Codified Ordinances regarding penalties related to municipal waste collection; and supplementing Chapter 11 of the Codified Ordinances to authorize improved enforcement of blight and waste provisions.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 2-2015 into record** – An ordinance amending Chapter 8-107 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg known as “Property Maintenance Code” by increasing the fines that may be imposed upon a person who fails to comply with the Property Maintenance Code Requirements.
- President Williams placed this in the Building & Housing Committee.

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 8-2015 into record** - A Resolution approving a professional services contract with Aquatic Facility Design, Inc. to prepare sealed plans and technical specifications for the restructuring of City Pool 2 main pool expansion joints and sand blasting and painting of the main and wading pools.
- President Williams placed this in the Parks & Recreation Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 9-2015 into record** - A Resolution approving first proposed 2015 Budget Reallocations.
- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 11-2015 into record** - A Resolution approving the transfer of property located at 28-36 North Cameron Street and 38-40 North Cameron Street to the Harrisburg Redevelopment Authority for sale or other disposition related to planned business development along the Cameron Street Corridor.
- President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 12-2015 into record** – A Resolution ratifying an Animal Protective Services Agreement with the Humane Society of Harrisburg Area to provide services for the City’s Animal Control Program.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 13-2015 into record** – A Resolution ratifying a professional services agreement with Larry L. Eikenberry to provide technical assistance necessary to submit crime statistics to the Pennsylvania State Police I.T. Department, for required 2014 reporting.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 7:07PM.