

**1HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
March 10, 2015
A G E N D A**

CALL TO ORDER

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:03PM.

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 absent.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- There was none.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Ron Chapel said that he would like to address some issues with the parking situation. He said that he recently noticed that there is “selective enforcement” going on with cars parking by PHEAA and asked if the city could look into it. In addition, he said that he questions the Mayor’s “ethical fairness” regarding letting certain Council Candidates speak at the book store without letting them all speak.
- Mr. Boyd said that if Dr. King were alive today, he would shake his head in shame. He said that he has been waiting 19 months to hear an answer about the Broad Street Market and he continues to wait.
- Scott Portzline of “Three Mile Island Alert” said that he has three recommendations regarding the proposed Resolution 20-2015. 1. There is a problem with communications and Council should request more information from the Department of Transportation. 2. Speed Restrictions in certain weather conditions. 3. Fire responders should be charged with turning on radiation equipment in certain situations, it is a good way to protect the public.

- Tim Doutrich said that he would like to talk about parking. He said that he was talking to someone recently who received a ticket while attending a council meeting. He said that he is an advocate for the community, but he probably wouldn't come to meetings if he didn't happen to work for the city by being downtown. He said that people should be interested in running for office to be a "public servant" and not a "politician."
- Daniel Graham said that one thing that could be done to get more people to come to City Council meetings is to increase CAT bus services. He said that Mr. Koplinski's recommendations to implement more safety measures (*with freight trains*) is good. He suggested re-routing these trains that completely bypass the Harrisburg region.
- Allen Kennedy Shaffer said he wants to talk about three P's. Firstly, PA Bomb trains which he supports Resolution 20-2015 that calls for greater regulation. He said that communication with PEMA is important and he had the opportunity to meet with the new Director. Secondly, he said that more than 60 people showed up for the parking meeting and there were promises made that they said "changes will be made soon". He said he asked elected officials to find out what those changes are. Thirdly, he said that he hopes Public Works takes "potholes" more seriously and more should be done to fix them.
- Jeremy Domenico invited everyone to attend "10-minute Trash Tuesday" to get a great work-out and help the environment. The time will be at 4:30PM on the corner of Crescent & Mulberry Streets.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by President Williams, with no objections, the Legislative Session Minutes of February 25, 2015 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 14-2015 into record** - A Resolution approving the Zoning Code Amendment Request submitted by William C. Kollas, Esquire to allow for hotel/motel and extended-stay hotel establishments by Special Exception within the Riverfront (RF) zone.
- President Williams placed this in the Building & Housing Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 15-2015 into record** - A Resolution approving the Zoning Map Amendment Request submitted by Phoenix Associates and Raymond W. Buck and Peggy Grove of Rosewein Realty, to change the zoning designation of three parcels located at 915 South Front Street, 1103 South Front Street, and South Front Street from Industrial (IND) zone to Riverfront (RF) zone.
- President Williams placed this in the Building & Housing Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 16-2015 into record** - A Resolution approving a Professional Services Agreement with Trout, Ebersole & Groff, LLP, CPA's and Business Advisors, to conduct a reconciliation of the City's Workers' Compensation Liability, Compensated Absence Liability, and Post-Employment Benefit Obligation accounts.
- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 17-2015 into record** - A Resolution ratifying a Park Permit with Harrisburg Capitals Soccer, Inc. doing business as Harrisburg City Islanders ("Team") for the holding of games and other related activities for its 2015 season in the Skyline Sports Complex on City Island.
- President Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Koplinski to suspend the rules to allow the Law Department to discuss Resolution 17-2015 & Resolution 13-2015.
- President Williams called for the vote for Resolution 17-2015 and this passed 6-0.
- President Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Koplinski to bring Resolution 13-2015 from the floor and the motion carried.
- **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 called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 18-2015 into record** - A Resolution approving the Zoning Code Amendment Request by William C. Kollas, Esquire to allow for structures up to 99 feet in height to be permitted by-right within the (proposed) Riverfront (RF) zone south of Interstate 83.
- President Williams placed this in the Building & Housing Committee.

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 19-2015 into record** – A Resolution approving the sale of City Surplus vehicles from the Bureau of Vehicle Management.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 20-2015 into record** - A Resolution urging Congress and the United States Department of Transportation to review and update specifications for tank car design and regulations to lessen the number of oil train derailments and for rail companies to rapidly upgrade and replace crude oil tank cars and urging greater communication between the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and local emergency management officials to better prepare for oil train accidents.
- President Williams placed this in both the Public Safety & Community & Economic Development Committees.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Koplinski said that he thought it was important to introduce Resolution 20-2014, to make sure that the people in our community are safer. He said that there will be a joint community meeting to make sure that all of the officials are available to discuss within the next two weeks, so that Resolution 20 can be passed as soon as possible.
- Ms. Daniels announced that there will be a Legislative Advocacy Training 9:30AM-11:30AM at the Hamilton Health Center on March 28th. (Free Event)
- Ms. Wilson said that trains have been running through this community for the last 150 years & she agrees that we should get this right. But, she wants to more importantly make sure that Council is moving forward with growing our community and looking at neighborhoods closer (Lerta Bill). She said that we have to allow businessmen to come into this community to invite change. She said we need to move forward with getting cranes operating and buildings constructed. This cannot be political and it must be business. She asked Mr. Koplinski to move forward and revisit the LERTA bill.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:58PM.