

HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
April 14, 2015
A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

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 R. Reid, Susan Brown-Wilson and Wanda R. D. Williams.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

- The Moment of Silence was led by Mr. Rajan Zed and Ms. Reid.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- There was none.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Mr. Boyd said that he asked 1,000 times about the Broad Street Market. He said that we have a Hindu come to the microphone and we can't even take care of our own. He asked Council to consider having a place in their heart to help the homeless. He said we talk about equality and fairness, but before the LGBT came into the picture we always had homeless people who needed help.
- Nathan Soy said that he is the Director from Clean Water Action located on Pine Street. He said that he supports Resolution 20-2016 regarding Oil Trains. He commended Mr. Koplinski for moving this Resolution forward. He said that it is a necessary action to raise the bar on oil train standards and Harrisburg can step forward to help our communities.
- Robert Candidate said that he is here to talk about the summer enrichment program. He said that it is important that we support the program this year that will be doing a special program to help uptown.
- Khaldun Rasheed said that on behalf of all the Shippensburg University students and himself for participating in the "Black Lives Matter" Initiative, they would like to thank Chief Carter for his attendance and that all lives, not just black lives matter. Secondly, he said that he's been a citizen code

Inspector with the city and since the new administration came in, the program no longer exists. He handed the clerk six property maintenance complaint forms.

- Stan Lawson said that he is requesting that City Council revisit the “Ban the Box” legislation. He commended Police Chief Carter for the way he is leading his Police Department.
- Blandy Watson said that the Lancaster NAACP support the “Ban the Box” legislation. He said recent studies show that 70 Million people in the United States have a criminal background. He submitted information, which included an example of a Resolution passed on the National Level.
- Dave Gash said he supports the Ban the Box Legislation and people deserve second chances.
- Deborah Jackson said she is an advocate for mental health and homeless. She said that she has been working with ex-offenders and she believes that support is needed within the community. She said on Saturday, April 18th from CCU they will be having their 7th annual conference of hope. She handed the Clerk information about the conference and asked to meet with council about the need for support of ex-offenders.
- Howard Parker publicly thanked Police Chief Carter for the work he has done in his neighborhood during the recent police incident.
- Doris Borreli said she will be unable to attend next week’s meeting to discuss the “Ban the Box” legislation. She said that she brought her father and brother with her today and that they made her who she is. They are ex-offenders and they were awarded a second chance.
- Johnny Borreli asked if next Wednesday’s meeting was open to the public.
- Maria Vargas said that it has been a year since they have been dealing with the sinkhole. She said that the Mayor has had the police out there one time. She said that something needs to be done about the cars that are constantly running the stop sign on 14th Street near the newly paved area by the sinkhole.
- Evelyn Hunt said that Sunday was a beautiful day, but she couldn’t enjoy the day. She said on the 1800 block of Walnut Street, a lot of young kids have dirt bikes and they are riding all over that area. She said in addition, a group of motorcycle people were up at Reservoir park making a lot of noise late at night. She asked for police to look into it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon Motion by Ms. Williams, with no objections, the Legislative Session Minutes of March 25, 2015 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Koplinski reported on the Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting of Thursday, April 2, 2015 and Monday, April 13, 2015.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- **The City Clerk read Bill 3-2015 into record** - An Ordinance amending Chapter 2-509 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg to provide for the oversight of the uses of all Act 101 Host Municipality funds.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 4-2015 into record** – An Ordinance amending Chapter 11 of the Codified Ordinances of City of Harrisburg on “Blight Remediation” to adopt Part 5 (11-501), providing for the imposition of certain fines relating to corporate purchase and ownership of certain residential real property.
- 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 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 called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **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 made a motion, seconded by Ms. Reid to suspend the rules to allow Mr. Bryan Davis of the Redevelopment Authority further explain the details of this Resolution.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-1, with Ms. Reid voting in the negative.

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 27-2015 into record** - A Resolution approving the sale, donation and surrender of certain unused personal property of the City.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 28-2015 into record** - A Resolution appointing Mr. Bruce Weber, the Director of the Department of Budget and Finance for the City of Harrisburg, to serve as the Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee delegate for the City of Harrisburg and appointing Ms. Hillary Greene, the Purchasing Manager for the City of Harrisburg, to serve as the alternate delegate.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 29-2015 into record** - A Resolution confirming the Mayoral Appointment of Ms. Marta Rifin, Esquire to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 30-2015 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to apply for a grant from the Commonwealth's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the rehabilitation of five City Playgrounds.
- Ms. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Reid to suspend the rules to allow further explanation from the Department of Parks, Recreation & Enrichment of Resolution 30-2015, before voting.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 31-2015 into record** - A Resolution approving the Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Lease Agreement, the forms of which are attached hereto as Exhibit A (together, the "Lease"), between Harrisburg Parking Authority, as lessor (the "Parking Authority"), and Cellco Partnership doing business as Verizon Wireless, as lessee ("Verizon"), for installation, operation and maintenance of communications antennas and related equipment on the City Island Parking Garage, and authorizing and directing the execution and delivery of the Lease by the City of Harrisburg, as owner of the land upon which the City Island Parking Garage is constructed (the "City").
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 32-2015** - A Resolution ratifying a Professional Services Agreement with Everbridge, Inc. for a software system for disseminating emergency and non-emergency electronic notifications to City residents.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Safety Committee.

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 33-2015 into record** - A Resolution approving a Consulting Services Agreement with Bryan K. Wade (the "Contractor") to develop Program Sales, Station Sponsorships and Grants for the City's television station, WHBG TV 20 ("TV 20").
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 34-2015 into record** - A Resolution opposing any increase in truck size or weight.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 35-2015 into record** - A Resolution requesting the Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission to adopt regulations permitting Counties and Municipalities to use digital media to retain permanent records, to draft regulations that are similar to those approved by the National Archives and Records Administration ("NARA"), eliminate the requirement for Counties and Municipalities to use both microfilm and digital media for document retention, and update the regulations pertaining to the retention of certain permanent records.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 36-2015 into record** - A Resolution ratifying the submission of a Pennsylvania State Clean Diesel Grant Program Project Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to facilitate a project that will decrease emission from diesel-powered waste disposal trucks in the City of Harrisburg Public Works Department ("Public Works") diesel fleet and create a demand for compressed natural gas (CNG) to fuel clean engine technologies.
- President Williams put this in the Public Works Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 37-2015 into record** - A Resolution ratifying the submission of a Grant Application to Highmark Blue Shield for \$100,000 to use towards the Parks & Recreation Enrichment - Summer & After-School program.
- President Williams placed this in the Parks, Recreation & Enrichment Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 38-2015 into record** - A Resolution Ratifying a Custom Pricing Agreement with Guttman Energy for the generation of electricity for certain properties and accounts.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 39-2015 into record** - A Resolution approving the Second Proposed 2015 Budget Reallocations.
- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 40-2015 into record** - A Resolution dedicating the City-Owned parcels along South Cameron Street (“Property”) ,which includes approximately .6 miles of the Capital Area Greenbelt Trail (“Greenbelt”) corridor, as public open space for recreation and a component of the public park lands of the City of Harrisburg and to authorize a cooperative agreement with Dauphin County and the Capital Area Greenbelt Association to seek state and/or federal funding for construction of a permanent all-weather trail surface on the Property and to maintain such improvements.
- Ms. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Reid to allow representatives from the Greenbelt Association give further explanation about Resolution 40-2015.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Wilson applauded Chief Carter and the Police Department for the way they’ve been handling situations in the city.
- Ms. Reid announced that there will be a joint Public Works & Administration Committee Meeting on April 22, 2015 at 5:30PM.
- Ms. Daniels announced that she will be having a Building & Housing Committee meeting on April 16th at 5:30PM.
- Mr. Baltimore announced that there will be a joint Budget & Finance and Public Safety Committee meeting on Monday, April 20th at 5:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:39PM