

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES  
April 28, 2015  
A G E N D A**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:20PM.

**ROLL CALL**

- The City Clerk called the roll and all 7 members were present during roll call, namely: Ben Allatt, Shamaine Daniels, Brad Koplinski, Sandra R. Reid, Susan Brown-Wilson and Wanda R. D. Williams. Jeff Baltimore arrived at 6:33PM.

**INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

- The Moment of Silence was led by Ms. Reid.

**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 was taken back when he heard the Mayor attack the City Council President. He said that the Council President has served honorably and he has known her to serve the residents of the city.
- George Miller said that he was concerned with the proposal to change the flow of traffic on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. He asked if adequate public input has been taken before this happens. His opinion is that no changes need to be made, unless the speed limit is lowered.
- Stan Lawson thanked the Council President for meeting with him and having a workshop to discuss “Ban the Box”. He said that this is a step in the right direction to make us all equal.
- Rhonda Mays said that she is there on behalf of the residents of 17<sup>th</sup> Street Harrisburg. She urged City Council to work with the Mayor to help elderly residents with replacing their sewer lines.

- Mr. Boyd said that he is an advocate for the homeless and the poor. He said that there are homeless people in the streets that need help. He said that this Council and the Mayor's Office refuse to help their own. He said we talk about all of these different plans, but when will the opportunity come to help the ones who are less fortunate.
- Robert Candidate said that he is the chairman of Dauphin County faith based organization for youth. He said that he is not here on behalf of Dauphin County. He said it is important to have good relationships with the police and the schools. He said that once we lose the connection with the kids, we lose them. He wants to develop a plan for additional help after the program.
- Frank Turner said that his 95 year old mother lives on 17<sup>th</sup> Street and she has a major problem with the sewer line. He said that there is a dilemma when there is a party line and one of the parties do not want to pay. He said that his mother has to take out a \$15K loan to fix this problem. He asked City Council and the Mayor if there is anything they could do to help senior citizens in this type of situation.
- Mr. Grover said that there was an error in the advertised date for tonight's meeting. He said that this meeting is scheduled at a Regular Time, but the next time we meet, we will have to have a separate vote to ratify everything that we voted on at tonight's meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by Council President Williams, with no objections, the Legislative Session Minutes of April 14, 2015 are deemed approved.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Daniels reported on the Building & Housing Committee Meeting of Thursday, April 16, 2015.
- Chair Allatt reported on the Budget & Finance Committee Meeting of Monday, April 20, 2015.
- Chair Baltimore reported on the Public Safety Committee Meeting of Monday, April 20, 2015.
- Chair Williams reported on the Administration Committee Meeting of Wednesday, April 22, 2015.
- Chair Reid reported on the Public Works Committee Meeting of Wednesday, April 22, 2015.
- Chair Wilson reported on the Parks, Recreation & Enrichment Committee Meeting of Monday, April 27, 2015.

## ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- **The City Clerk read Bill 5-2015 into record** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Harrisburg to technically amend and update Section 5-703.2 of the Codified Ordinances of the City, relating to the imposition and allocation of a parking tax, to conform with legislative Acts adopted in 2013 by the City Council for the implementations of the Harrisburg Strong Plan.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.

## ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- **The City Clerk read Bill 17 – 2014 into record** - An ordinance amending Chapter 2-503 of Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg known as “Youth Commission” by lowering the age required for a resident to participate as a Commission member and updating the list of schools that may be represented by Commission members.
- President Williams made an amendment to remove the word “High” in line 44, seconded by Ms. Reid.
- President Williams called for the vote on the amendment and this passed 7-0.
- **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.
- Neil Grover stated that there were technical amendments that were made to Bill 1-2015. Ms. Reid moved to make an amendment to update this Bill to correct the technical amendments per Solicitor Grover, seconded by Ms. Williams. (\$ Sign Missing)
- President Williams called for the vote on the amendment and this passed 7-0.

## ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- **The City Clerk read Bill 17 – 2014 (As Amended) into record** - An ordinance amending Chapter 2-503 of Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg known as “Youth Commission” by lowering the age required for a resident to participate as a Commission member and updating the list of schools that may be represented by Commission members.
- President Williams called for the vote as amended and this passed 7-0.

- **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 called for the vote as amended and this passed 7-0.

## RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 97 – 2014 (As Amended) into record** – A Resolution appointing Patricia Buckley to serve on the Environmental Advisory Council (hereinafter “EAC”).
- President Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Baltimore to change the appointment from a Mayoral appointment to a City Council Appointment.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 115-2014 into record**– A Resolution supporting Ban-the-Box legislation aimed at removing questions regarding criminal history from employment applications.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 134-2014 into record**– A Resolution appointing Darryl S. Waters to serve on the Capital Region Water Authority Board.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **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 called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **Resolution 22-2015**– A Resolution approving the Zoning Map Amendment Request submitted by the City of Harrisburg to change the zoning designation of two parcels located at 141 Oakwood Road and 2312 Oakwood Road from Residential Low-Density (RL) zoning to Open Space Recreation (OSR).
- President Williams removed this from the agenda.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 23-2015 into record** – A Resolution approving the Zoning Code Amendment Request submitted by the City of Harrisburg to change Section 7-309.2(rr)(1) of the Zoning Code (which establishes Specific Criteria for operation of a Treatment Center to be permitted by right in certain zoning districts) to replace the word "residents" with the word "patients" to make the text consistent with the definition of treatment centers in Section 7-333.2(260) of the Zoning Code which defines treatment centers as a "nonresidential facility".
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 24-2015 into record** – A Resolution approving the Zoning Code Amendment Request submitted by the City of Harrisburg to add a condition to Sections 7-309.2(q) and 7-309.2(r) of Zoning Code (relating to Specific Criteria for Convenience Stores and Convenience Stores with Gas Dispensing) to require the placement of trash and recycling receptacles in front of Convenience Stores with and without Gas Dispensing for use by patrons.
- President Williams called for the vote as amended and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 27-2015 (As Amended) into record** - A Resolution approving the sale, donation and surrender of certain unused personal property of the City.
- 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 called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 32-2015 into record** - 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 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 called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **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.
- Ms. Williams made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ms. Williams to allow Mr. Kevin Sanders, Mrs. Jackie Parker & Mr. Neil Grover further explain the details of Resolution 37-2015.

- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 5-2, with Ms. Reid and Ms. Williams voting in the negative.
- **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 called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 39-2015 (As Amended) into record** - A Resolution approving the Second Proposed 2015 Budget Reallocations.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Ms. Wilson to make the following amendment: Remove Appendix B from the reallocation. Mr. Allatt recommended putting Appendix B back into committee for further discussion.
- President Williams called for the vote on the amendment and this passed 7-0.
- President Williams called for the final vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 41-2015 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the entry into an Event Production Agreement for the production and development of the Independence Day and Kipona Festivals for 2015 and 2016.
- President Williams placed this in the Parks, Recreation and Enrichment Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 42-2015 into record** – A Resolution approving a Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board Local Law Enforcement Grant Agreement between the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (“Grantor”) and the City of Harrisburg (“Grantee”) and the Humane Society of Harrisburg (“Co-Grantee”) for \$160,572.48 of grant funds in year one and \$136,842.18 in year two in order to prevent, investigate and prosecute unlawful gambling.
- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 43-2015 into record** – A Resolution ratifying the submission of a Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification to the United States Department of Justice to participate in the Federal Equitable Sharing Program.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 44-2015 into record** – A Resolution approving a professional services contract with NE TIME Systems Inc. and the City of Harrisburg to implement software, support and maintenance services used to track the time and attendance of employees.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration committee.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Ms. Daniels made a motion for the following: To amend Resolution 21-2015 to change the section in parenthesis (2) and have it read to change the existing text to require notification of property owners within 100 feet radius of the boundaries of the subject property and to send it back to Dauphin County Planning for review. Ms. Reid Seconded.
- President Williams called the vote for the motion and this carried 7-0.
- Mr. Koplinski said that he intended on bringing up the Lerta/Tax Abatement Bill (Bill 18) for vote this evening, but the administration previously requested to hold off to review certain language. He said that he is working with the Solicitor's Office on some additional language and he intended on bringing it from the floor tonight. But, he said that they want to make sure that everything is correct. He said that there will be a meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> to further discuss the changes.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Wilson said that she was listening to her colleagues speak tonight and she wanted to touch on a few things. She said in order to grow a city you have to have a leader that has a vision who can create things outside the box. She said there are a lot of things that take place in City Hall that the community doesn't know about. She said that not one of the Council Members sitting here tonight are millionaires. She said that we need to look at the community and how to bring in investors, but you can't bring these people in if you constantly put up road blocks. She said that it is always a combative situation instead of a constructive situation. She said that we are looking at things through the wrong lenses. She apologized to President Williams and said that we should have a collective group of people to move this city forward. She said our jobs are to be legislators and hold the checks and balances in place, but we cannot tell the administration how to spend their money across the board. She said she supported the Mayor because he is a business man. She said we better start thinking about how to make this work.
- Mr. Koplinski said that he was driving down Front Street and from Forrester to Division, the lights are out. He asked for a report from Public Works.
- Aaron Johnson explained that there was an outage due to an accident and the Administration is looking into getting it fixed. He said that Front Street is a state road, and it doesn't make sense to duplicate the work.
- Mr. Allatt said that there was a rally for marriage equality and he expressed his support. Secondly, this Saturday is the great clean-up and he encouraged the community to get involved. He said they are meeting at Hamilton School at 10AM Saturday.

- Ms. Reid said that CRW has sent out letters with changes about the billing and the biggest changes are about automatic payments. She said you will need to submit a new form this month. Secondly, she said that she was told that a high ranking official from the administration does not care about her votes because she is a majority vote. She said if history has taught us anything, we must not forget to learn from history; those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it. She said that what we can do is to be aware of what is going on within this administration. She said she will continue to vote her conscious and maybe 10 years from now you will look back and say she was right.
- Ms. Williams said that there was a statement made that this leader has a vision. She said she respectfully called this leader one for over a year and a half. But, to sit here and to listen about this vision, is it for the whole city or is it specifically for one area of the city? She said that she works with the administration, but she doesn't like to be lied to. She said that she learned about a bunch of money being spent that City Council doesn't know about. She apologized to Ms. Wilson, but she said that with the former Mayor, Ms. Wilson didn't allow her to do anything. She said that when the Mayor is right, she will vote to support him, but when wrong she won't. She asked the Mayor to be fair for all of the residents and not just selective ones.
- Ms. Wilson announced that she will be have a Parks, Recreation & Enrichment Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6PM
- Mr. Koplinski announced that he will be having a Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.