

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES**

May 12, 2015

A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:35PM.

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. Koplinski.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- Ms. Williams made a motion, seconded by all, with no objections, to ratify and approve all legislation approved from the 4/28/2015 Legislative Session.
- City Council recognized outstanding individuals who participated in NAACP's ACT-SO Program.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Stan Lawson thanked City Council for recognizing the children involved in the ACT-SO program. He said often times we don't recognize our youth for doing good things.
- Robert Candidate said that from June 8th to July 30th the summer enrichment program will be taking place. He said that he has a special project to connect all enrichment programs with veterans and faith based organization to do a 24-7 mentoring program.
- Mr. Boyd said that he is a disgusted resident of the city of Harrisburg. He said he commends Community & Economic Development for coming with him to see the blight and trash. He congratulated Jackie Parker for coming with him to see the illegal dumping in uptown Harrisburg. He said it's ok to speak about blight, but another to do something about it.
- Ron Chapel said regarding the zumba class and the promises, he thanked Council for their help. He said that if they were misled, they deserve an apology. He said he is against Bill 18-2015 because the city can't afford to give gifts to people who want to come to this city and make money. He suggested more forums to discuss this Bill.
- Dorothy Wallace said that in three months she will be 77 years' old. She said that she has been having problems maintaining her property and needs assistance.

- Mr. Baltimore stated that he came to Ms. Wallace's location with his lawn mower, but it appears to be a job for 6-7 adults and he will try to help her as soon as he can.
- Lewis Butts said that the river is an important attraction and economic benefit to our city. He said currently there are some risks to the river and he suggested assembling a task force to monitor the impurities. He said clean water is very important.
- Mark Santana said that he has been trying to get a street light fixed downtown, but never received the results he was looking for. He said that Public Works sent a request to PPL, but it seemed like nothing could be done. He said that they did an experiment and 100 street lights were out. He asked if there was a relationship with the city and PPL? He asked what he could do with the list of the 100 lights that were out. He said he just wants the street lights to be fixed, so that he feels safe walking with his daughter.
- Bill Cluck said that it's unacceptable for street lights to be out for that long, let's reach out to our State Representative, the PUC and the government relations specialists from PPL in a room together and work something out. He said that he has four topics, Trash in schools, the woman on 17th Street and Impact Harrisburg. He said that when City Council approved the appointment for CRW last week you replaced him on the Board. He said he understands that the intent was to fill the vacancy and he said that he was still interested in serving. He questioned why Impact Harrisburg is operating in secret and he said that it needs to be more transparent. Lastly, he said he thinks it's time for a forensic investigation involving the city of Harrisburg on the billing of trash for the last 10 years.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon Motion by Ms. Williams, with no objections, the Legislative Session Minutes of April 28, 2015 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Daniels reported on the Building & Housing Committee Meeting of May 11, 2015.
- Chair Koplinski reported on the Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting of May 11, 2015.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- **The City Clerk read Bill 18-2014 (As Amended) 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.
- Mr. Koplinski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Reid to replace Section 2. With the following: Chapter 1-302 of the Consolidated Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg is amended by adding the following to the glossary definitions:

RESPONSIBLE CONTRACTOR:

The following proscribes standards pertaining to determining whether prospective developers, contractors, and subcontractors are responsible.

A developer, contractor, subcontractor of every tier, including its officers, principals and agents that:

1. Has not been debarred or the subject of debarment proceedings by any federal, state or local government agency or authority that has been the subject of any such proceedings.
2. Has not defaulted on any project or, employed by or otherwise associated with any other entity that has been the subject of any such proceedings.
3. Has not had any type of business contracting or trade license revoked or suspended by any government or quasi-governmental agency, authority or political subdivision or, employed by or otherwise associated with any other entity that has been the subject of any such proceedings.
4. Has not been found in violation of any law or regulation regulating to or associated with labor/management relations, occupational safety and health, discriminatory conduct, non-payment of taxes, labor protective requirements, employee benefits or employee benefit plans, the development or construction contracting business that has been the subject of any such proceedings.
5. Assures that no fewer than seventy percent (70%) of the workers in each trade or craft employed on any such project, that otherwise qualifies for such tax exemption or tax abatement, are graduates of an apprenticeship and training program in each trade or craft in which their services are utilized that has been in continuous existence for no fewer than five (5) years prior to the commencement of the subject project and has continuously been registered with a state or federal government agency responsible for the oversight of such

- Apprenticeship and training programs for the same period or otherwise deemed qualified by training such as military service.
6. Assures that all workers, in every trade or craft employed on any project that qualifies for such tax exemption and/or tax abatement, are compensated with not less than the wages and employee benefits that would be required if the said project was covered by and subject to the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder and that the administrative reporting requirements of the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder are required to be applied to any such project.

SECTION 3 (Add existing provision)

SECTION 4. (Add existing provision)

SECTION 5. (Add existing provision)

Section 6. (Add existing provision)

Note: Additional Technical Amendments were made by the City Solicitor after passage, (see memo attached to Bill 18-2014 As Amended)

- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 5-2, with Ms. Reid & Ms. Wilson voting in the negative.
- Ms. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Allatt to delete the current proposed Section 5-503.2 and return Section 5-503.2 (Exemption Schedule) to its original form of the 100% schedule for 10 years.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 4-3, with Ms. Daniels, Mr. Koplinski and Ms. Williams voting in the negative.
- President Williams called for the final vote for Bill 18-2014 as amended and this passed 4-3, with Ms. Daniels, Mr. Koplinski and Ms. Williams voting in the negative. *(See Audio for Discussion on Bill 18-2014)*

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 called for the vote and this passed 6-1, with Ms. Reid voting in the negative.
- **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 called for the vote and this passed 7-0.

- **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 called for the vote and this passed 6-1, with Ms. Reid voting in the negative.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 45-2015 into record** - A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan submitted by Strawberry Square Associates, to convert approximately 21,000 square feet of offices and renovate another 6,000 square feet of loft space into 22 one and two-bedroom loft apartments, located at 11 North 3rd Street (300 Market Street).
- President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 46-2015 into record** – A Resolution approving a professional services contract with Morefield Communications and the City of Harrisburg to provide, support and maintenance services for a Nortel PBX system.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 47-2015 into record** – A Resolution confirming the appointment of Ms. Delores M. Hodgkiss to serve on the Harrisburg Planning Commission.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 48-2015 into record** – A Resolution appointing Mr. Christopher A. Wonders to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board of the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- Solicitor Grover said that there was an error at the last Legislative Session regarding the appointment expiration date for Mr. Waters to serve on the CRW Board. He said that the nomination should have had Mr. Water's term expiring on 1-4-2016 and it was the administration's intention to fill the existing vacancy.
- Ms. Williams made a motion, seconded by all of council and with no objections the motion was approved and the date was changed to 1-4-2016 for Mr. Waters' expiration date on the CRW Board.
- Mr. Grover said that he is currently the Chairman of the Non-Profit with Impact Harrisburg and they are not a public entity and they are working on adopting by-laws and they are in the beginning stages of getting the organization up and running. Secondly, the Law Bureau asked a certain piece of Legislation to be removed from Ms. Daniel's committee involving zoning in Bellevue Park and they are ready to proceed with moving it forward.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Reid said that May is Military Appreciation month and you will begin to see parades and recognition of people who served. She asked people to take time to recognize those who have served for our country. She said that there will be a ceremony at the National Civil War Museum on May 27th to honor Ephraim Slaughter and she asked those who are interested in learning about the details to see her after the meeting.
- Ms. Williams announced that she will be having an Administration Committee meeting on Thursday, May 21st at 5:30PM. In addition, she read an e-mail that was sent to the Administration from Sandy the Zumba Instructor for some clarification of what was said on pennlive.com. She said that she had nothing to do with Ms. Johnson's decision to not accept the contract.
- Ms. Wilson asked everyone to get out and vote next week on May 19th.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:24PM.