

**1 HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES**

August 25, 2015

A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:04PM.

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 Mr. Allatt.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Rusty Diamond announced a series of Public Forums titled “Talking Trash & Trees” and the purpose is education for the public. The dates are: 9/15, Public Works Building; 9/23, Jump Street 9/28, Camp Curtin YMCA; 10/8, Public Works Building from 6:30PM to 8PM.
- Lewis Butts said that he is in support of keeping the Harrisburg Civil War Museum. He said it’s important that we make a stand for the national image towards our local heritage. He said that we won the Civil War and that is one of the reasons why our city was established.
- Rev. Frank Dudley said he has been inquiring about his trash on 2246 Susquehanna Street. He said that he pays for the trash, but they aren’t going to haul it because they don’t have the cans. He said he went to the Public Works Department and he was told that there was an Audit that City Council made. He said that he hauls his own trash and takes it to the incinerator and pays for it himself, but, he isn’t going to do that anymore and asked for assistance in this matter.
- Mr. Boyd said that he believes in the democratic process and he congratulated City Council. He said that he’s been in turmoil for 21 days. He said that he could be in Dauphin County Prison now, but he believes in treating people fairly. He said being friends with a non-profit is a curse to the City of Harrisburg. He said trash on North 14th Street, they have a lot that is almost 6ft. tall. He asked the Economic Development Chair to walk with him again.
- Daniel D. Graham welcomed back City Council from their vacation. He suggested bringing more Amtrak train services to the city of Harrisburg in all directions. He said going west from Harrisburg to Pittsburgh is a thrilling ride, but he suggested increasing that service to provide an early morning train and one that leaves Pittsburgh in the late afternoon. He said that he was glad to see more police patrols downtown in cars and on bikes and he asked for police to watch for drivers that run red lights and fail to yield to pedestrians.
- Sheila Dow-Ford said that looking at the agenda she sees several items on the agenda that should involve minority contracting and have a full plan in place in that regard.

- James White said that he has been a long time contractor in the City of Harrisburg. He said that he thinks that we should level the economic playing field and have indigenous citizens being involved. He said that he would like to see more muscle in the language regarding contracts for people of color. He said that in the years past they used to have what is called a “commitment sheet” so that the work can be guaranteed, that includes the scope of work and numbers involved.
- Evelyn Hunt said that everyone at one time had to go to the doctor and get a gown that was “one size fits all” and that is the way she feels about the new trash cans. She said the 95-gallon don’t apply to every household. She said when you ask for a second can, you pay double for your trash bill. She said that she was told that this is what other municipalities are doing, but that is not true. It is not right that you have to pay for another trash can. Secondly, she said that she was listening to the Mayor about the trees in the City of Harrisburg. She pulled up the website and heard the arborist say that the city must approve the cutting of any tree on city property, but that is not what the Mayor said before. She asked if she had the option to tell “the city” that she doesn’t want any more trees on her property. She said the number one problems in the city are the lighting and the conditions of the streets.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by President Williams, with no objections the Legislative Session Minutes of July 7, 2015, July 9, 2015 and July 14, 2015 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- There was none.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- **The City Clerk read Bill 10-2015 into record** - An Ordinance authorizing execution of a lease purchase agreement between the City of Harrisburg and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company for the purpose of financing up to Three Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,200,000) of the costs of upgrading the City's street lights and other exterior lights and to monitor and guarantee cost savings from the upgrade ("Project") in accordance with Act 39 known as the Pennsylvania Guaranteed Energy Savings Act, 62 Pa.C.S. Sections 3751-3757.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 56-2015 into record** – A Resolution authorizing an application to Impact Harrisburg to fund up to Three Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,600,000) of the cost to upgrade the City’s street lights and other exterior lights and to monitor and guarantee cost savings from the upgrade (“Project”) in accordance with Act 39 known as the Pennsylvania Guaranteed Energy Savings Act, 62 Pa.C.S. Sections 3751-3757.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 60-2015 into record** - A Resolution approving a professional services contract with Suburban Lighting Consultants, Incorporated ("Suburban") to provide continued professional consulting services for the City of Harrisburg LED streetlight upgrade project (the "Project").
- President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 61-2015 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to enter into a professional services contract with Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. ("HRG") to provide design, engineering, permitting, railroad and utility coordination, bidding services and construction management/inspection services for City owned bridges HBG-10 and HBG-23 (the "Project").
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 62-2015 into record** - A Resolution approving Fourth Proposed 2015 Budget Reallocations.
- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 63-2015 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City Engineer to submit Applications for Traffic Signal Approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation ("PennDOT") for overhead warning devices at various Capital Area Greenbelt Trail Crossings and a traffic signal upgrade to the existing traffic signal at the intersection of Linglestown (SR 0039) and Industrial Road/Ramp L.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Safety Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 64-2015 into record** – A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Dauphin County Conservation District (DCCD) for Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems, General Conservation, and West Nile Virus Control.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 66-2015 into record** – A Resolution appointing Wayne Martin, Erika Regalado, and Bruce Weber as the City of Harrisburg’s designees to file the Annual State Liquid Fuels Tax Actual Usage Report on-line.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 67-2015 into record** – A Resolution approving the budget established for the production and development of the Kipona Festival for 2015.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 68-2015 into record** – A Resolution certifying that certain grant requirements and objectives of a Peer to Peer Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources ("DCNR") have been completed.
- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Daniels encouraged the Administration to be better prepared when City Council requests information. She said that she is disappointed because she drafted a resolution back in June and requested it before City Council recess and her Resolution still wasn't ready. She said it was a simple Resolution supporting the LGBT community. She said the only thing preventing this from happening is laziness and she asked the Mayor to get his staff to do their job.

- Mr. Koplinski said that if City Council requests Legislation, they have every right to have it sent down in time.
- Ms. Reid said that she will be having a Public Works Committee Meeting on September 1st at 5:30PM. She also said that the Trash & Trees discussion is an opportunity for the public to find out what is going on with trash and trees in the City. She said it took awhile to narrow down these dates, and she re-announced the dates: 9/15, Public Works Building; 9/23, Jump Street 9/28, Camp Curtin YMCA; 10/8, Public Works Building from 6:30PM to 8PM. Lastly, she said that regarding the new trash cans, she hears a lot of complaints. But, her number one focus was to get the City clean and the goal was to get a trash can in every home. She reminded the public about the various pictures that she used to take and since the new trash cans were delivered, she does not see trash in those locations anymore. She said thanked the Administration and Public Works for delivering these cans. She said that she agrees that “one size doesn’t fit all” but standardizing these cans was very important. She said rather than driving down the streets and seeing bags, she is very happy now to see black and blue.
- Mr. Allatt announced that he will be having a Budget & Finance Committee meeting on August 27, 2015.
- Ms. Wilson announced that there is a new restaurant that opened up on 6th and Division and she wanted to make the public aware and give Brother’s Pizza a plug and announce that they are now open for business.
- Ms. Williams announced the St. Jude’s walk and run on September 26th at the Capital City Mall. She said if you are interested in more information contact Brittany Clark at 800-303-5937 or e-mail her at Brittany.clark@stjude.org.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 6:46PM.