

**1 HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES  
September 8, 2015  
A G E N D A**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

**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 Ms. Daniels

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Baltimore

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- There was none.

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

- Robert Candidate said that he is there on behalf of the youth of Harrisburg. He said he took a special project to Kingdom Embassy and they talked to the kids about crime, revitalization and unification. He thanked everyone who contributed. He said that hate is on the rise, but don't let it affect you and your family. He said that parents and people in the community say that the only people they see out in the community are him and Chief Carter and people respect that. He said the people in the community need to get out there and support the youth.
- Mr. Boyd said "I told you so." He said that this city hasn't seen anything yet. He reminded the City of Harrisburg that this city is a very close knit city, not racist, but a city dealing with class. He said he's been fighting the Broad Street Market for years. He walked in and was "cussed out" and threatened. He said that we need people from the City of Harrisburg to be interested in the Broad Street Market. He said that it is our last asset, and asked about creative management to take over. He said that he hopes he doesn't have to fight again to get back in the market.
- Eric Lomer said that he is there on a very important issue representing a group of professionals with the CACH to see what he can do about homeless youth. He asked City Council if you didn't have a home, Where would you go? What do you do next? How do you find help? Many children of the city of Harrisburg are facing these problems. He took one of them in his home, (Jordan) an 18 year old who was told to leave his home due to gender identification. The area has no safe or accommodating place for homeless youth. This is a very serious issue nationwide. He said that there is a problem and he asked city council if they are concerned and if they care. He found out that the federal government has made a recent effort to help this population. He told City Council to Google "Good Valley Youth House Philadelphia". He said the city of Harrisburg can do this too. He said that he is creating a survey application to give to educators/responders and other points of contacts to collect and anonymously record the data. He said that he needs Councils' voice of support. He said 1PM Thursday at the YWCA they will be having a meeting and he invited City Council to attend. He handed out a brochure to the City Clerk.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by Ms. Williams, with no objections, the Special Legislative Session Minutes of September 8, 2015 were deemed approved.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Allatt reported on the Budget & Finance Committee Meeting of August 27, 2015.
- Chair Reid reported on the Public Works Committee Meeting of September 1, 2015.
- Chair Baltimore reported on the Public Safety Committee Meeting of September 2, 2015.

#### ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

**The City Clerk read Bill 11-2015 into record** - An Ordinance for the purposes of reauthorizing within the City of Harrisburg, an area designated as a Neighborhood Improvement District, designating a non-profit corporation to administer the same, accepting a business plan for the district, authorizing the continued assessments for the operation thereof and meeting all other requirements of the Neighborhood Improvement District Act, and repealing all inconsistent ordinances or parts of ordinances.

- The Council President placed this in the Administration Committee.

#### ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There were none.

#### ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- **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 made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ms. Reid.
- Ms. Reid said that City Council is doing everything correctly in their due diligence to review this legislation. She said they have a bond intent letter and it's a valid bond.
- There was a discussion whether or not to vote on Resolution 53-2015 first or not.
- President Williams moved to go back into session, seconded by Mr. Allatt.
- Ms. Reid said that she is very slow to put the city in debt. She said that the Mayor announced that they are looking to increase the taxes. She said that she is not totally in agreement with this, but the best case scenario this debt will not cause any long-term impact on the City of Harrisburg.
- Ms. Wilson said that having worked on the committee, this would be a good investment. She said this is about safety and security and it is a long overdue change. She will a yes vote for that reason.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.

## RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 50-2015 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the entry into a Street Lighting Upgrade and Guaranteed Savings Contract with The Efficiency Network to upgrade the City's streetlights and other exterior lights ("Project") and to monitor and guarantee cost savings from the upgrade in accordance with Act 39 known as the Pennsylvania Guaranteed Energy Savings Act, 62 PA.C.S. Sections 3751-3757.
- Ms. Reid said that coming out of the Strong Plan, this is the first long term contract that we are entering into. She said she hopes the Administration will report back, to make sure that things are going forward. She said that there are a lot of projections that the Mayor has been saying, and she hopes that the Administration will give the public faith in the amounts that they are actually saving. She said it's a 10-year contract and she wants to be transparent about this and make sure everyone knows that this is not something that City Council looked at lightly.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 53-2015 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City Of Harrisburg to secure financing for the ongoing upgrade and energy savings street light project with The Efficiency Network.
- Ms. Reid said that the timing is a concern and Impact Harrisburg still hasn't hired an Executive Director, but the benefit is that if the city gets the revenue from Impact Harrisburg it will free up money to fund other Public Works projects. She told the public that they are not double dipping, but this money is being held in escrow for the City.
- President Williams said that the application for bid was sent out again in search of the Executive Director Position, and she wants the citizens of Harrisburg to know that they are doing their due diligence to find a qualified candidate.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **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 called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 57-2015 into record**– A Resolution ratifying the submission of an Application to the Office of Community Oriented Policing Servicing ("COPS Office") to participate in the COPS grant program.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 58-2015 into record**– A Resolution ratifying the submission of a Conditions of Agreement to the North Central Highway Safety Network, Inc. to receive funds to participate in the Buckle Up PA Project ("BUPA")
- President Williams made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ms. Reid.
- President Williams asked the Solicitor, Mr. Grover about the key contact person for this Resolution.
- Mr. Grover responded Jonathan Hicks, Grants Manager.
- President Williams made a motion to go back into session, seconded by Ms. Reid.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.

- **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 called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **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 called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **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 called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 69-2015 into record** - A Resolution confirming the re-appointment of Mr. Shaun E. O'Toole to serve on the Harrisburg Planning Commission.
- Ms. Wilson made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ms. Williams.
- Ms. Wilson said that she has seen the same names come down to City Council over and over. She said that she recommends opening these nominations back up and “breathe new life” into some of these committees. She said she is not just pointing Mr. O’Toole out, but she is asking to re-open all nominations in every committee.
- President Williams said that she doesn’t have a problem with it either way. But, she said that we need to be fair to all citizens and she agrees that there should be representatives throughout the city.
- Mr. Allatt said that he thinks it should be case by case.
- President Williams said that we have to do it for everyone, all re-appointments. She said that if anyone has an issue, she will put it back into committee.
- Ms. Daniels said that we should be more transparent about advertising these posts to get more qualified candidates.
- President Williams said she wants to make sure that we don’t just have representatives from one area of the city, but she is ok with calling the vote or putting it back into committee.
- Ms. Wilson said that it’s time to give other people a chance on these committees, but she recommended to just “call the vote”.
- Mr. Koplinski said that members serve until someone takes the seat that they hold. But, we could put a freeze on it and ask the Administration to re-advertise and these members could still serve in the meantime.
- President Williams said that we can’t find individuals who have the time to serve and it’s wonderful that these people are willing to serve.
- Mr. Baltimore said that maybe they should have term limits for these volunteers.
- Mr. Allatt said that there isn’t a long line of volunteers available.
- Mr. Grover said that for volunteers, we are lucky we have these people who are involved and dedicate their time.
- Ms. Reid said that she understands that when you put people on boards from the same neighborhood, then things tend to become lopsided.

- Ms. Wilson said that maybe Council should participate and find different individuals. She said she knows that they do a good job, but she just wanted to give food for thought.
- President Williams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wilson to go back into session.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 5-2, with Ms. Reid & Wilson voting in the negative.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 70-2015 into record** – A Resolution re-appointing Mr. Vince Fogarty, Jr. to serve on the Audit Committee.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-1, with Ms. Wilson voting in the negative.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 71-2015 into record** - A Resolution appointing Mr. Glen Dunbar to serve on the Building and Housing Code Board of Appeals of the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 72-2015 into record** – A Resolution supporting the Senate Bill 300 which affords protections from discrimination in housing, in places of public accommodations and in employment to individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender expression.
- Ms. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Allatt to make a correction to the caption, replacing Senate Bill 300 with PA Fairness Act.
- President Williams called for the vote on the amendment and this carried 7-0.
- President Williams called for the vote on Resolution 72 As Amended and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 73-2015 into record** – A Resolution re-appointing Mr. Michael Snyder to serve on the Harrisburg Architectural Review Board.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 5-2, with Ms. Reid & Wilson voted in the negative.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 74-2015 into record** – A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan submitted by 18 South Third, LLC to convert approximately 15,000 square feet of office space at 18-22 South Third Street into 15 one-bedroom/loft apartments.
- President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 75-2015 into record** – A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan submitted by Gary Lenker of Tri-County HDC, LTD to re-subdivide the five unimproved parcels along the south side of the 1500 block of Swatara Street into three parcels with single-family homes.
- President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 76-2015 into record** – A Resolution endorsing the adoption and use of Debt Management Policy for the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 78-2015 into record** - A Resolution ratifying an agreement with the Susquehanna Area Mountain Bike Association ("SAMBA") to develop and maintain a public use trail system along the Cameron and Paxtang Parkways on City Property, to be called the Parkway Trail Project.
- President Williams placed this in the Parks, Recreation & Enrichment Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 79-2015 into record** – A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan Application submitted by the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority ("PEDFA") to subdivide the current property and transfer an approximately 4,700 square foot portion to the 5 North Fifth Street Corporation.
- President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.

## OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

## NEW BUSINESS

- President Williams announced that she received a letter from PEMA/FEMA which said that Harrisburg's application has been ranked #1 in the state for the sinkhole and the cost share to fund the project is \$3-Million. She said that it is good news and thanked the engineer, Wayne Martin for his efforts in applying.
- Ms. Reid said that she often talks about the "Quality of Life Department." (Public Works) She said that she saw a beautiful site on Thursday and she would like to share it with the public. She said that she saw a truck outside and three people were on the truck. She said the difference is that these three people were on the back of the Packard truck picking up recycling materials. She said it goes to show what we can do, if we work together. She thanked the Mayor for recognizing the "Quality of Life Department" and that she's grateful that they were able to save the Sanitation Department because we are making money on our trash. She said the city is so much cleaner now, but reminded residents that glass is no longer a recyclable. She read a letter from a citizen, which was sent to the Director of Communications that complimented Deputy Director of Public Works, David West for his outstanding work. She asked for a round of applause in recognizing Mr. West for his great work and service to the city.

## ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:07PM.