

HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, November 10, 2015
A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:01PM.

ROLL CALL

- The Assistant City Clerk called the roll and 6 members were present during roll call, namely: Ben Allatt, Jeff Baltimore, Shamaine Daniels, Sandra R. Reid, Susan Brown-Wilson and Wanda R. D. Williams. Brad Koplinski was excused by President Williams due to a family emergency.

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

- Mr. Daniel D. Graham said he read in the Patriot News that President Obama rejected the Keystone XL Pipeline project which he presumed would come across Pennsylvania. He applauded the decision adding that he does not believe the State needs the destruction and disruption that building a pipeline brings. He also suggested that transporting oil by trains is ok provided tracks are in perfect conditions but noted that railroad officials should reduce the speed of trains to 35 mph when entering populated areas. He wanted to ask Councilman Koplinski if he received any updates on Amtrak's proposal to add more trains between Harrisburg and Pittsburgh. In Mr. Koplinski's absence he asked if any other council members knew any new information on the timeline. He continued to advocate for train scheduling to allow passengers an option to make a one day roundtrip visit to Pittsburgh
- Mr. Frank Dudley said he doesn't understand the Broad Street Market. He said he almost fell in the bathroom due to large amounts of water on the floor of the men's restroom. He explained that he pointed out the restroom issue to Ms. Jackie Parker. He said that Market officials told him that they don't want him in the market. He protested the building of a new stand in the middle of the handicap ramps and complained that it would block the fire exit. He further explained that it made more sense to fill the empty stands before intruding on the open seating spaces. He added that he does not understand why the Market officials are pushing out paying customers.
- Mr. Boyd asked why there are two mayors posted on signs at the Broad Street Market: Mayor Reed and Chief Keller. He stated that he asked twice already to remove a sign from the Broad Market that says "Midtown Market Corporation". He reminded the Market officials that there is still a plaque across the street from the Broad Street Market and he wants that plaque moved across the street and not where it currently stands in front of a non-profit. He said that during a discussion over the situation a non-profit assaulted him. He is seeking justice for standing up for the right thing while being assaulted. He concluded that the Administration needs to hold them more accountable.

- Mr. Kevin Washington said he is the CEO and President of the non-profit organization Launching Out Reaching Deep. It was started in 2002. He said that he came to thank Councilman Baltimore and The Mayor's office for each providing a proclamation for a recent event held by his organization to recognize Nathaniel and Patricia Gadsden. He said that he is one of the best kept secrets in Pennsylvania and Harrisburg. He further explained that his organization is self-sustained and does not petition the city or the county for monetary contributions. He continued that most of the organization's resources come from outside of the city. He explained that his main purpose for coming was to put a face to his email address Lordcdo@gmail.com. He then presented a thank you letter to Councilman Baltimore and to Mayor Papenfuse.
- Council President Williams informed the public of an Executive Session that was held on Tuesday November 10, 2015 at 5pm to discuss a personnel matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon Motion by President Williams, with no objections, the Legislative Session Minutes of October 27, 2015 were approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Williams reported on the Administration Committee Meeting of October 28, 2015.
- Chair Baltimore reported on the Public Safety Committee Meeting of November 9, 2015.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- **Bill 13-2015** - An Ordinance amending a miscellaneous health hazard provision within Chapter 6 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg, rescinding the prohibition on spitting in public buildings, buildings used for public gatherings, on any public bus and other public conveyance.
- President Williams removed this item from the agenda.

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

- **The Assistant 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 called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 88-2015 into record** - A Resolution ratifying the submission of a Grant Application to the Commonwealth's Department of Environmental Protection for the purposes of renovating the roof of Fire Station 2.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 94-2015 into record** - A Resolution approving a professional services contract with Kratzenberg & Associates, Inc., d/b/a Keystone Collections Group ("Keystone") to provide collection services for the City of Harrisburg's Local Services Tax.
- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.

- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 95-2015 into record** - A Resolution approving an Agreement between the City of Harrisburg and the School District of the City of Harrisburg for the collection of the Business Privilege and Mercantile Tax and the Amusement Tax for 2016.
- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 96-2015 into record** - A Resolution approving the Preliminary Land Development and Lot Consolidation Plan submitted by Doug Gamber of Raudenbush Engineering, Inc., on behalf of the Harrisburg Housing Authority, to construct two (2) residential structures of four units totaling 5,727 gross square feet over parking at 1257 Thompson Street.
- President Williams placed this in the Building & Housing Committee.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 97-2015 into record** - A Resolution approving the Preliminary Land Development and Lot Consolidation Plan submitted by Doug Gamber of Raudenbush Engineering, Inc., on behalf of the Harrisburg Housing Authority, to construct a multi-family residential structure of twenty six (26) units over parking totaling approximately 51,000 gross square feet and an associated first floor retail facility of approximately 2,565 square feet at 1249-1257 Mulberry Street and 1249-1255 Derry Street.
- President Williams placed this in the Building & Housing Committee.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 98-2015 into record** - A Resolution approving the Preliminary Land Development and Lot Consolidation Plan submitted by Doug Gamber of Raudenbush Engineering, Inc., on behalf of the Harrisburg Housing Authority, to construct a multi-family residential structure of twenty (20) units over parking totaling approximately 35,620 gross square feet at 1201-1209 Mulberry Street and 209-211 Crescent Street.
- President Williams placed this in the Building & Housing Committee.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 99-2015 into record** - A Resolution approving the Supplemental Fifth Proposed 2015 Budget Reallocations.
- Mr. Allatt made a motion to amend the Resolution to replace Exhibit A with a new Exhibit A which allocates for 100 % of the full amount of the vacation time in the Vacation Buy Back line item in the amount of \$28,819.95. It was seconded by Ms. Brown-Wilson.
- President Williams called the vote on the amendment. It passed 6-0.
- President Williams called the vote on the Resolution as amended. It passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Baltimore announced several weekend celebrations for the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Review in Harrisburg. He noted that United States Colored Troop Reenactors from 16 states will be marching downtown on Saturday morning at 10am. He announced a White Carnation Dinner at Grace United Methodist on Friday at 6pm and an invitation only reception at the Civil War Museum at 5:30pm. He encouraged residents to be a part of the various celebrations to commemorate the historic significance of the Grand Review.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:36PM.

