

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL**  
**LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES**  
**February 11, 2014**  
**A G E N D A**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- The meeting was called to order by President Williams at 6:36PM.

**ROLL CALL**

- The City Clerk called the roll and all 7 members were present, namely: Ben Allatt, Shamaine Daniels, Brad Koplinski, Eugenia Smith, Sandra Reid, Susan Brown-Wilson and Wanda R. D. Williams.

**INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

- The Moment of Silence was led by Mr. Allatt.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Reid

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- There were none.

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

- Rob Drum expressed his concerns about the budget. He said that he strongly opposes created positions and salary increases, when the majority has been asked to do more with less.
- Brooks Mountcastle said that he does not support any increases or newly funded positions, especially the ones that are politically motivated. He said that the Building & Housing Director position was chosen for a certain individual, so that Patty Kim will run uncontested by one of the serious challengers in the city.
- Sue Weldon said that she disagrees with the increase of any salary. She said that we are still under the strong plan and these things need to get the approval of the Receiver. She said that her union was in a battle the last few years and when the contracts were re-opened they took cuts for the best of the city. She said that the wage increases are a personal attack on the union and city council should consider that.
- Mr. Boyd said that he is tired. He said, how dare the administration offer these high salaries when we have homeless sleeping under bridges in the cold.
- Tim Doutrich said that together we can, together we will. He also said that there is a conflict with votes for any council members who are seeking employment with the administration. He said that there should be some kind of ordinance for that.
- Daniel Graham said that large salaries and proposed new positions should be eliminated. In addition, he said that it is tough for pedestrians to cross the street corners because of slush and puddles. He asked city workers to clear the street corners so that pedestrians are able walk in a clear pathway.
- Les Ford said that it is hard to hear council members and asked if everyone could speak up. In addition, he said that the administration shouldn't be shy as to declaring a snow emergency within the city. He said, if a snow emergency is called, the streets will need to be cleared and parking must be made available prior to the storm for residents to take

their cars. Finally, he said that council members are the voice of the people, so when votes are made, you should make your checks and balances.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion of President Williams and with one correction from Mr. Allatt to change the number of councilmembers in attendance at the January 28<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session from 7 to 5; the Legislative Session Minutes of January 28, 2014 was deemed approved.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Allatt reported on the Budget & Finance Committee Meetings of January 30, 2014 and February 5, 2014.

#### ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- There were none.

#### ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- **The City Clerk read Bill 1-2014 into record** - An Ordinance establishing the budget for the Municipal Government of the City of Harrisburg for the year Two Thousand Fourteen (2014).
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Ms. Reid to add amendment AA, which was an attachment of the Administration's corrective and clarifying amendments introduced on January 14, 2014, on the basis of additional information raised in the course of the intervening budget hearings and on other updated information.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Ms. Reid to make amendment A. to reduce the salary of the Policy/Communications Director from \$79,500 to \$70,000.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 5-2, with Ms. Smith & Ms. Wilson voting in the negative.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Ms. Reid to make amendment B. to reduce the salary of the Senior Advisor to the Mayor for Education, Youth & Civic Engagement from \$79,500 to \$70,000.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 5-2, with Ms. Smith & Ms. Wilson voting in the negative.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Ms. Williams to make amendment C. to reduce the salary of Special Assistant to the Mayor from \$50,000 to \$45,000.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 5-2, with Ms. Smith & Ms. Wilson voting in the negative.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Ms. Reid to make amendment D. to reduce the salary of the Business Administrator position from \$79,500 to \$70,000.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 5-2, with Ms. Smith & Ms. Wilson voting in the negative.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Mr. Koplinski to make amendment E. to reduce the salary of the Director of Financial Management position from \$74,950 to \$70,000.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 5-2, with Ms. Smith & Ms. Wilson voting in the negative.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Ms. Reid to make amendment F. to reduce the salary of the Director of Human Resources/Labor Attorney position from \$78,000 to \$74,000.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 5-2, with Ms. Smith & Ms. Wilson voting in the negative.

- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Ms. Reid to make amendment G. to restore the position of Affirmative Action Officer from \$0 to \$50,000 under the Department of Human Resources.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 5-2, with Mr. Allatt and Ms. Wilson voting in the negative.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Ms. Reid to make amendment H. to eliminate the position of Director of Sustainability (\$70,000).
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 4-3, with Mr. Allatt, Mr. Koplinski & Ms. Wilson voting in the negative.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Ms. Reid make amendment I. to reduce the salary of the Community Policing Coordinator position from \$65,000 to \$55,000.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 4-3, with Mr. Allatt, Ms. Smith & Ms. Wilson voting in the negative.
- Ms. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. Reid to make amendment J. to reduce the salary of the Affirmative Action Officer position from \$50,000 to \$45,000.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-1, with Ms. Wilson voting in the negative.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 2-2014 into record** - An Ordinance amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg, Title V, Licensing and Taxation, Part V, Real Estate Taxes, Chapter 5-501, Property Tax, by establishing for the year Two Thousand Fourteen (2014) a tax levy on land and improvements and providing for the distribution of taxes levied and assessed and providing for a tax rebate for the difference between the tax due and attributable to the year Two Thousand Fourteen (2014) tax levy over the tax due and attributable to the year Two Thousand Six (2006) tax levy for qualifying senior citizens.
- There were no amendments made to Bill 2-2014.

#### ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- **The City Clerk read Bill 1-2014 As Amended into record** - An Ordinance establishing the budget for the Municipal Government of the City of Harrisburg for the year Two Thousand Fourteen (2014).
- President Williams called for the final vote as amended and this passed 6-1. Ms. Wilson voting in the negative.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 2-2014 into record** - An Ordinance amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg, Title V, Licensing and Taxation, Part V, Real Estate Taxes, Chapter 5-501, Property Tax, by establishing for the year Two Thousand Fourteen (2014) a tax levy on land and improvements and providing for the distribution of taxes levied and assessed and providing for a tax rebate for the difference between the tax due and attributable to the year Two Thousand Fourteen (2014) tax levy over the tax due and attributable to the year Two Thousand Six (2006) tax levy for qualifying senior citizens.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.

#### RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 6-2014 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note in the amount not to exceed the sum of four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00).
- President Williams removed this resolution from the agenda.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 9-2014 into record**- A Resolution approving and authorizing a Community and Economic Development Grant Agreement between the Capital Region Economic Development Corporation and the City of Harrisburg to provide funding to secure the services of a qualified and experienced Director to identify, form and implement key community and economic development initiatives over three (3) calendars years.

- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 10-2014 into record** - A Resolution approving the Fifth Proposed 2013 Budget Reallocation.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 11-2014 into record** – A Resolution appointing Mr. Alex Reber to serve on the City of Harrisburg Audit Committee.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 12-2014 into record** - A Resolution approving the “Authorized User Agreement” with Verizon Wireless to provide the City of Harrisburg with wireless services and products.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 13-2014 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the entry into lease negotiations regarding the relocation of the Public Works facilities.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.
- **The City Clerk ready Resolution 14-2014 into record** - A Resolution approving the formation and reconstitution of a Department of Community and Economic Development for the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 15-2014 into record** - A Resolution to initiate a public review of certain commercial waste collection rates and related matters
- President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 16-2014 into record-** A Resolution authorizing the acceptance and use of funds for a City Hall Beautiful Project.
- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 17-2014 into record** - A Resolution confirming the appointment of Jackie Z. Parker as the Director of Department of Community and Economic Development for the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Ms. Smith said that she was disappointed that no representatives from DCED or the Receiver’s Office were at the meeting. She said that it would have been beneficial for them to be at this meeting to provide input about the budget.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Wilson said that the salaries of Department Heads in the past were high and with the new administration coming in, he is normalizing these salaries. She said that the budget process was done differently this year and city council should be looking at each line item to make cuts instead of positions.
- Ms. Reid announced that she will be having a Public Works Committee Meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM.
- Ms. Daniels congratulated and thanked Mr. Allatt for the way he handled the budget process during his first term as a council member.
- Ms. Williams said that City Council worked diligently throughout the budget process. She said that she wants to give the Mayor all of the tools he needs to move forward, but she wants to move forward cautiously because of our financial situation.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:45PM.