

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
February 25, 2014
A G E N D A**

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by President Williams at 6:03PM.

ROLL CALL

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

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 were none.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Nevin Mindlin said that he appreciates the fact that City Council is reviewing resolution 19-2014 further. He recommended a citizens committee or representative to participate in the comprehensive plan.
- Mr. Boyd said that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would not be a happy man if he saw the things going on in the city of Harrisburg. He said that he sees nothing new with this administration and taking care of the poor.
- Carolyn Thomas spoke about the importance of having an Affirmative Action officer, since the Human Relations Commission no longer exists. She said that there needs to be a separate office where people are able to file complaints.
- Pat Stringer said that she would like to recognize the passing of Mr. John Boutselis. She said that he was a great man and well respected in the community.
- Daniel D. Graham asked the Mayor and City Council to bring more factory jobs to the city of Harrisburg. In addition, he said that the city of Harrisburg should look into expanding travel opportunities to different cities.
- Tim Doutrich said that we are losing business in the city of Harrisburg with the parking situation downtown and we need to reevaluate a few things.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion of President Williams, seconded by Ms. Reid the Legislative Session Minutes of February 11, 2014 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Reid Reported on the Public Works Committee Meeting of February 12, 2014.

- Chair Williams Reported on the Administration Committee Meeting of February 24, 2014.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- **The City Clerk read Bill 3-2014 into record** - An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Harrisburg adopting and approving an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Harrisburg Authority, as proposed by Resolution of the Board of said Authority; setting forth the proposed amendment; authorizing said Authority and proper officers thereof to execute, verify and file appropriate Articles of Amendment; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent therewith.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.

RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 3-2014 into record**— A Resolution confirming the appointment of Mr. Aaron Johnson to serve as Director of the Department of Public Works for the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **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 Resolution 6-2014 from the agenda.
- President Williams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Reid to suspend the rules to allow Mr. Grover, Mr. Reddig & Celia Spicher give updates on Resolution 6-2014.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Ms. Wilson to put Resolution 6-2014 back onto the agenda for vote.
- President Williams called for the vote and the motion carried 6-1, with Ms. Daniels voting in the negative.
- Acting Solicitor Grover explained the amendments that were required to proceed with the updated version of Resolution 6-2014.
- The City Clerk read the amended version of Resolution 6-2014, which was moved by Mr. Allatt and seconded by Ms. Wilson.
- **Resolution 6-2014** – A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Tax Anticipation Note in the amount not in excess of two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00). In addition, to change the interest rate to 3.76%.
- President Williams called for the vote on the Resolution 6-2014 As amended and this passed 6-1, with Ms. Daniels voting in the negative.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 7-2014 into record** - A Resolution appointing Mr. David L. Butcher to serve on the Coordinating Committee and the Technical Committee of the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS).
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 8-2014 into record** - A Resolution confirming the appointment of Mr. Neil A. Grover to serve as Solicitor for the City of Harrisburg.

- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-1, with Ms. Daniels voting in the negative.
- **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 removed this from the agenda, for further consideration at the Special Legislative Session scheduled for March 5th at 5:30PM.
- **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 called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **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 called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **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 called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 18-2014 into record** – A Resolution approving a Lease Agreement between the City of Harrisburg, as tenant, and MEB Partners, L.P., as landlord, for the use of property located at 1812-1820 Paxton Street, Harrisburg, as a public works facility.
- President Williams removed this from the agenda, for further consideration at the Special Legislative Session scheduled for March 5th at 5:30PM.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 19-2014 into record** – A Resolution requesting the Harrisburg Planning Commission initiate preparation of a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 20-2014 into record**– A Resolution approving and authorizing a Grant Agreement between the City of Harrisburg (hereinafter “City”) and Dauphin County which enables the City to receive funds made available under the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (“Gaming Act”) to be utilized by the Bureau of Police.
- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 21-2014 into record** – A Resolution appointing Mr. Vincent J. Fogarty, Jr. to serve on the City of Harrisburg Audit Committee.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- Ms. Reid thanked the Mayor for the work on the snow removal. She also thanked Aaron Johnson and all of the other Public Works employees who worked tirelessly to remove snow and repair sink holes.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Smith invited the public to attend the Public Safety forum 2/26/14 at Harrisburg Area Community College at 7:30PM.
- Ms. Daniels invited the public to attend the YWCA event on how to be an advocate for legislation on March 15th. She said eventbrite.com would have additional information.
- Ms. Williams announced that there will be a Municipal Financial Recovery Advisory Committee meeting on February 25th at 8:30AM. She said that this will be the last MFRAC meeting. In addition, she made a statement about leadership among city council and within the administration.

ADJOURNMENT