

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES**

May 27, 2014

A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by President Williams at 6:08PM.

ROLL CALL

- The City Clerk called the roll and all 7 members were present, namely: Ben Allatt, Jeff Baltimore, Shamaine Daniels, Brad Koplinski, 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

- Ruth Prall informed the public about her new restaurant that will be opening up at 2nd & Harris Street(s). She said that they will serve European Cuisine.
- Reverend Harris asked for support with a few state house bills regarding labor unions and the increase in minimum wage. In addition, he asked City Council to look further into the Bishop Sullivan arrest with regards to Overcharging.
- Ron Burkholder gave hand-outs to City Councilmembers. He said that he would like to “give praise” to: Mayor Papenfuse, Mr. Koplinski, John Lucy, Ms. Williams and Patty Kim for all of their hard work.
- Daniel D. Graham invited everyone to join him in “The Lord’s Prayer.” In addition, he asked if City Council could look into the storm drains at Market Square. He also said that he does not support raising minimum wage.
- Stan Lawson said that he would donate 10 trash cans for the “Keep Harrisburg Clean” campaign. In addition, he said that regarding the Bishop Sullivan arrest “Freedom is not Free.”
- Reverend Moffitt said that the Melrose Building located at 2606 Berryhill Street is in bad shape and needs to come down. He said that kids are coming in and out the building and it is not safe.
- Shana Mosley thanked the city for filling the sink hole on 14th street. But, she said that her gate is still not up and she has a serious problem with her water bill and needs assistance as to how she can get help.
- Mr. Boyd said that he is outraged and embarrassed. He said that there is a building on 14th Street that hit the ground and something needs to be done. In addition, he said that He is disgusted that individuals make 90K a year through non-profits who do nothing for the city. He said that he supported the Mayor, but people today talk about this city like it is nothing.
- Pat Stringer announced several events happening around the city, which included the discussion about “racism” on June 3rd at the YWCA, Mothers-In-Charge meeting on June 5th at the Boys & Girls Club and the dinner reception from 5-7PM on June 4th at the YWCA.

- Maria Vargas asked what is going to happen to residents affected by the sinkhole. She said that there have been problems and miscommunication going on for two months and something serious needs to be done.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Allatt, the Legislative Session Minutes of May 12, 2014 were deemed approved.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- **The City Clerk read Bill 8-2014 into record** - An ordinance amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg by creating the Harrisburg Land Bank, as authorized by and consistent with the provisions of Pennsylvania Act 153 of 2012, P.L. 1239.
-President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 59-2014 into record**– A Resolution to approve the disbursement of funds in the amount of \$10,000 from the City of Harrisburg Act 101 Host Municipality Fee Fund to the Greenbelt for matching funds for a grant to support a storm water project.
■ President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 60-2014 into record** – A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to apply for a peer grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in the amount of \$10,000 to be used for conducting an audit of playgrounds throughout the City.
■ President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 61- 2014 into record** - A resolution to approve the allocation and disbursement of funds in the amount of \$83,156.00 from the City of Harrisburg Act 101 Host Municipality Fee Fund to assist in the costs of a preliminary geological analysis of certain areas of the City experiencing an increase in suspected sinkhole activity.
■ President Williams removed this Resolution from the agenda.
- President Williams moved, seconded by Ms. Wilson to suspend the rules to allow Mayor Papenfuse, Solicitor Neil Grover & City Engineer Wayne Martin explain the proposed geological study analysis surrounding the 14th Street Sinkhole.
- President Williams made the following motion, seconded by Ms. Reid: To authorize the administration to proceed with negotiations of the Gannet Fleming Contract for a geological survey for a portion of the South side of Harrisburg and to commence preparation work so long as the negotiation prove consistent with the representation made this evening at council May 27, 2014 and that the Administration Publicly agrees to submit the final contract to council in due haste.
- President Williams called for a vote on this motion and it passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 62 (A)-2014 into record** - A resolution to accept the recommendation of the Harrisburg Architectural Review Board to deny an after-the-fact application of Chris Roma and Miro Gojmerac for the issuance of a certificate of

- appropriateness for certain renovations to a residential property located with a historic district at 1725 Susquehanna Street.
- President Williams placed this in the Building & Housing Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 63-2014 into record** - A resolution appointing Trina Gribble to serve on the Harrisburg Architectural Review Board for a term expiring September 24, 2017.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- Ms. Reid said that through Operation COPE she is looking at changing a few ordinances to reduce fees for residence regarding disposal fees. In addition, she announced that she will be having a trash can give away on June 7th from 10AM-2PM at 1820 Paxton Street.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Reid announced that she will be having a Public Works Committee meeting on June 4th at 5:30PM.
- Ms. Daniels announced that she will be having a Building & Housing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 5th at 5:30PM.
- Ms. Williams announced that she will be having an Administration Committee meeting on June 3rd at 5:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT

- This meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM.