

HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
June 24, 2014
A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by President Williams at 6:10PM.

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 Mr. Baltimore.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Reid.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Otto Banks asked City Council to consider looking into legislation that recently passed in the City of Philadelphia regarding “small amounts of marijuana.” He said that he is willing to sit down and have a conversation with anyone who is willing to entertain this legislation that will have a positive impact on the youth of the city.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Bill Cluck said that City Council needs to look further into the recently passed legislation in the city of Philadelphia because the Police Chief is not in support of it. In addition, he said that he supports the use of “medical marijuana” in Pennsylvania, but we need to send the message to our youth to not do drugs.
- Lionel Gonzalez said that he agrees with Otto Banks regarding the legislation that was passed in Philadelphia and that Harrisburg should consider it.
- Jane Alice handed packets to the City Clerk regarding Residential Parking in the “CAN” and asked that the new Chair of Public Safety review it.
- Daniel Graham said that he is in support of Resolution 69-2014 regarding the noise ordinance.
- Leland Nelson said that the city needs to come up with a plan to rid some of the trash within the city. He said that it frustrates him, because he knows that he can help, but nothing is being done.
- Chris Sionnick asked City Council how many signatures he needs in order to get support for the recently passed legislation in Philadelphia regarding “small amounts of marijuana.” He said that he will get a lot of signatures because people here support it.
- Earl Harris said that the people of the city are hurting financially. He asked the city to support legislation to increase minimum wage. In addition, he said if the city has development, they need to hire urban developers.
- Les Ford encouraged City Council to support Bill 10-2014 and the Heinz Menaker Center who is seeking full funding for CDBG funds.
- Mr. Boyd said that it is an honor to be here when the “beggars” come before council seeking money. He said that the poor should not pay the payroll for non-profits. He said that the Mayor needs to represent the whole city and make sure everyone is being served, not just a chosen few. Finally, he thanked the Mayor & City Council for securing the house on 14th street that he has been speaking about.

- Rob Wilson said that he needs answers from the Parking Authority, because his benefits were not carried over after he departed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by Ms. Williams & seconded by Ms. Reid, the Legislative Session Minutes of June 10, 2014 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Allatt reported on the Budget & Finance Committee Meeting of June 23, 2014.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- **The City Clerk read Bill 10 – 2014 into record** - An ordinance appropriating Community Development Block Grant Funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Fiscal Year 2014 and authorizing expenditures of such funds.
- President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 11- 2014 into record-** An ordinance appropriating Emergency Solutions Grant Program funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Fiscal Year 2013 and authorizing expenditure of such funds.
- President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 12-2014 into record** - An ordinance appropriating HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Fiscal Year 2014 and authorizing expenditure of such funds.
- President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 13 -2014 into record** – An ordinance amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg to establish the imposition and collection of costs and fees for a police officer serving or executing any criminal process or processes issued for the violation of a city ordinance and authorizing the establishment and funding of a related restricted account within the general fund from certain warrant fees to support initiatives to reduce gun violence.
- President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- **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, as amended.
- President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 62 (B)-2014 into record** – A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan as amended, submitted by Kerry W. Helm to subdivide a property located at 1004 North 6th Street into two (2) parcels along the original property lines in order to facilitate the purchase of an existing structure for rehabilitation.
- President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 63-2014 into record** – A Resolution appointing Mr. Wayne S. Martin on the Technical Committee of the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS).
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 64-2014 into record** – A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan Application submitted by the ARM Group, INC., on behalf of the Lancaster County Solid Waste Municipal Authority to construct a new building facility and associated on-site vehicular circulation infrastructure at the Susquehanna Resource Management Complex located at 1670 South 19th Street.
- President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 65-2014 into record** – A Resolution approving the transfer of funds from known surpluses to known deficiencies in the Sanitation Fund; Public Works-Bureau of City Services, and Office of the City Treasurer.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 66 -2014 into record** - A resolution to confirm the Mayoral re-appointment of Ms. Judith B. Schimmel to the remainder of the existing five year term, as a member of the Board of Directors for Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority (hereinafter, “SARAA”), term ending January 5, 2015.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 67-2014 into record** - A resolution to confirm the Mayoral appointment of Mr. Ryan Grigsby to the remainder of the existing five-year term, as a member of the Board of Directors for Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority (hereinafter, “SARAA”), term ending January 5, 2017.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 68-2014 into record** - A resolution adopting the recommendation of the Environmental Advisory Council to allocate up to \$35,000 from the Host Municipality Benefit Fee Fund to support a summer youth environmental jobs program of the Harrisburg Housing Authority.
- President Williams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Reid to suspend the rules to allow Bill Cluck of the Environmental Advisory Council address City Council about Resolution 68-2014.
- Bill Cluck addressed council about Resolution 68-2014 and explained why the EAC is in support of this resolution.
- Ms. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Allatt to make the following amendment: That a representative from the Harrisburg Housing Authority be present at the July 8th Legislative Session to provide a report to Council about their summer youth program.
- President Williams called for the vote on the amendment and this passed 7-0.
- President Williams called for the vote as amended and this passed 6-1. Ms. Daniels voting in the negative.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 69-2014 into record** - A resolution authorizing and approving the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board for exemption from certain State regulations on the amplification of music and sound from PLCB licensed establishments in areas of the City of Harrisburg and renewed local enforcement of the provisions of the City’s previously adopted Noise Ordinance.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 70-2014 into record** – A resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for monies from the Multimodal Transportation Fund.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 71-2014 into record** – A resolution approving a professional services contract with Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. to provide design,

engineering and construction management/inspection services for street pavement rehabilitation for 15th Street from Herr Street to State Street and for 17th Street from Sumner Road to Hanover Road and for street reconstruction for Marion Street from Reily Street to Verbeke Street (the “Project”)

■ President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.

■ **Resolution 72-2014** – A resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (the “MOU”) with Capital Region Water (CRW) to share equally the cost of conducting a geologic investigation of areas in South Harrisburg affected by recent sinkhole activity.

■ President Williams placed this in the Public Works committee.

■ **The City Clerk read Resolution 73-2014 into record**– A Resolution approving a professional services contract with Gannett Fleming, Inc. to perform an emergency sinkhole investigation in an area of Harrisburg affected by recent sinkhole activity occurring along the 1400 block of South 14th Street (the “investigation”)

■ President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.

■ **The City Clerk read Resolution 74-2014 into record** – A resolution approving the re-appropriation of certain HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds and certain Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Fiscal Year 2013 and authorizing the reallocation thereof to fund the repair of two (2) City pools that largely service the disadvantaged families and youth from the respective neighborhoods and to also fund an agreement for consulting services to assist in the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Harrisburg.

■ President Williams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Reid to suspend the rules to allow Jackie Parker, Roy Christ & Wayne Martin give an explanation as to the importance of voting on Resolution 74-2014.

■ Jackie Parker, Roy Christ & Wayne Martin addressed City Council about Resolution 74-2014.

■ Ms. Reid moved, seconded by Mr. Koplinski to make the following amendment: Reduce the fee of the Hall Manor pool for children from \$5 to \$2 until the end of the year 2014.

■ President Williams called for the vote and this failed 5-2. (Reid, Koplinski)

■ President Williams called for the final vote on Resolution 74-2014 as is, and this passed 7-0.

■ **The City Clerk read Resolution 75-2014 into record** – A resolution adopting the recommendation of the Audit Committee for issuance of Request for Proposals for Audit Services for the City of Harrisburg.

■ President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.

■ **The City Clerk read Resolution 76-2014 into record** - A resolution temporarily suspending provisions of Part 3 of Title 9 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg known as “Collection and Disposal Charges” as to certain set rates in Chapter 9-307.1, et seq., including related Code and Appendix provisions, and authorizing a temporary reduction of commercial collection and disposal rates on certain improved properties and other commercial and nonresidential properties routinely generating a marginal volume of solid waste.

■ President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

■ There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Daniels announced that she will be having two Building & Housing Committee meetings at 5:30PM on June 25th at the Camp Curtin YMCA and June 26th at the Boys & Girls Club.
- Mr. Baltimore invited everyone to join him at Reservoir Park at 8:30AM to have a community discussion and small exercise session.
- Mr. Allatt announced that he will be having a Budget & Finance Committee meeting on July 7th at 5:30PM.
- Ms. Reid announced that she will be having a Public Works Committee meeting on June 30th at 5:30PM.
- Mr. Koplinski announced that he will be having a Community & Economic Development Committee meeting on July 1st and 2nd at 5:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.