

**1HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES  
July 8, 2014  
A G E N D A**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- The meeting was called to order by President Williams at 6:05PM.

**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**

- Sarah Wu from the City of Philadelphia’s Office of Sustainability presented to City Council and gave an overview of what their office does.
- The Harrisburg Housing Authority presented to City Council about their summer youth program and introduced Mr. Clarence Watson, who was recently hired to oversee the program.
- Bill Cluck from the Harrisburg Environmental Advisory Council gave an update about various projects the EAC is working on.

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

- Shannon Williams announced various new initiatives that Capital Region Water has started. She invited the public to attend their town hall meetings on July 4<sup>th</sup>, August 5<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Momin Bhatti invited the public to attend 66<sup>th</sup> annual “pathway to peace” convention on August 17<sup>th</sup>. More information on twitter @usajalsa.
- Jane Heslser (GHAR) said that he sent City Council a letter regarding issues with the Zoning Code changes. He wanted to know how many properties were “down-zoned.” He said the PA Municipal planning code requires that a comprehensive plan be completed before code is passed. He asked City Council to wait until plan is complete to pass the Legislation.
- Keith Lawson said that he is interested in starting an inner-city trade learning center at the Allison Hill Community Center. He invited everyone to attend a “meet & greet” on July 19<sup>th</sup> from 8AM – 6PM.
- Mr. Boyd said that he was upset about the changes with the festival and firework timing. In addition, he said that the city must do something about the illegal dumping.
- Chris Siennick said that he is starting a petition to support the recent legislation passed in Philadelphia related to “small amounts of marijuana.” He asked for additional information as to what to do next.
- Charles Bettinger said that there is a problem on 18<sup>th</sup> Street between Derry & Berryhill Street(s) with tractor trailers parking on both sides of the street. This creates a problem for the members of Covenant Community Church.
- Les Ford asked for full support of the funding for the Heinz Menaker Senior Center.

- Adam Meinstein said that he flew across the country from a family vacation for two minutes. He is the owner of the 10<sup>th</sup> and Market building known as “The Old Post-Office.” He said that he took on his recent project at a difficult time in the city. He said that he has been creating jobs & this new zoning code came as a surprise to him. He said that they are trying to attract business in the city and they are not in a position to say “time out” can you wait two months so we can go to the zoning hearing board to get the approval for your business. He said that we put some amendments before you, if you could consider them.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by Ms. Williams & seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Legislative Session Minutes of June 24, 2014 were deemed approved.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Reid reported on the Public Works Committee Meeting of June 30, 2014.
- Chair Koplinski reported on the Community and Economic Development Committee Meetings of July 1, 2014 and July 2, 2014.
- Chair Allatt reported on the Budget & Finance Committee Meeting of July 7, 2014.
- Chair Baltimore reported on the Public Safety Committee Meeting of July 7, 2014.
- Ms. Daniels reported on the Building & Housing Committee Meetings of June 25<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- There were none.

#### ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- President Williams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Reid to allow Geoffrey Knight to provide additional information about the proposed amendments to the Zoning Code.
- Mr. Knight gave further explanation as to the proposed zoning code.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 6-2014 into record** – An Ordinance adopting a new and amended Zoning Code of the City of Harrisburg, repealing Parts One and Three of Title Seven of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg, adopting a new Part One, 7-100, “Authority and Title,” Part Three, 7-300, “Zoning Code,” and Part Nine, 7-900, “Easements,” and preserving Part Five, “Subdivision Regulations” and Part Seven, “Execution of Legislation.”
- Ms. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Allatt to make the following amendments:
- Amendments to Zoning Districts:
- Pg.#22 – Dwelling, Multifamily (7-309) changing Special INS line item from (N) to (SE)
- Pg#22 – Assembly or finishing of products using materials produced elsewhere changing Commercial & Downtown – DC from (N) to (SE)
- Pg. #23 Bakery, Retail – changing Special INS line item from (N) to (SE)
- Pg. #24 – Fitness Center – changing Special INS line item from (N) to (SE)
- Pg. #24 – Florist – changing Special INS line item from (N) to (SE)
- Pg. #24 – Grocery Store or Supermarket – changing Special INS line item from (N) to (SE)
- Pg. #25 – Personal Services – changing Special INS line item from (N) to (SE)
- Pg. #26 – Self Storage Facilities (7-309) – changing Commercial & Downtown –DC from (N) to (SE)
- Pg. #26-Restaurant – changing Special INS line item from (N) to (SE)
- Pg. #26-Retail Store – changing Special INS line item from (N) to (SE)

- Pg. #26-Resturant – Industrial Line Item – changing (N) to (SE)
- Pg. #134 7-7327.3(e)(1) changing the wording from:
- “A bicycle parking rack shall be designed to allow a bicycle to be locked to the frame and wheel utilizing a standard U-lock, staple rack, or ring and post design.’ To read as follows: “A bicycle parking rack shall be designed to allow a bicycle to be locked to the frame and wheel utilizing a standard U-lock or SIMILAR DEVICE, SUCH AS A staple rack, or ring and post design.”
- Solicitor Grover asked to suspend the rules. There was a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Koplinski. Mr. Grover announced that there were several “Technical Errors” that he noticed in the code that should be addressed & amended in addition to Ms. Daniels’ amendments.
- President Williams called for the vote for “Amendment 6A” and they passed 7-0.
- Mr. Koplinski made a motion to make additional amendments “6B”, seconded by Ms. Williams.
- In Section 7-305.7 Changing graph & language, which reads:
- Buildings with a minimum floor area of 200,000 sq feet that contain industrial uses, the following changes be made. Pg. #22 Assembly or finishing of products using materials produced elsewhere from (SE) to (Permitted) “Commercial in Downtown.” Pg. #24 – Distribution included Package Delivery from non-permitted to permitted. Pg. #25 Manufacturing from non-permitted to permitted.
- Ms. Williams asked for a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ms. Wilson. Mr. Grover asked for further clarification from Mr. Koplinski.
- Mr. Koplinski clarified his amendments as above.
- President Williams called for the vote on “6B” and the amendment fails, with Mr. Koplinski, Ms. Reid & Ms. Williams voting in the affirmative.
- **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.
- Mr. Koplinski moved, seconded by Ms. Reid to make the following amendments:
- Decrease funding for the Rental Rehabilitation Program from \$150,000 to \$0.
- Decrease funding for the Emergency Demolition Program from \$320,000 to \$295,000
- Increase funding for Community Action Commission from \$0 to \$25,000
- Increase funding for CRAM from \$0 to \$35,000
- Increase funding for Camp Curtin YMCA from \$100,000 to \$125,000
- Increase funding for Habitat for Humanity from \$0 to \$90,000
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **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 2014 and authorizing expenditure of such funds.
- Mr. Koplinski moved, seconded by Ms. Reid to make the following amendments:
- Decrease funding for the Grant Administration from \$9,679 to \$9,678
- Decrease funding for CCU/HELP from \$60,000 to \$39,765
- Increase funding for Shalom House Operations from \$29,692 to \$39,765
- Increase funding for YWCA Greater Harrisburg from \$29,692 to \$39,765
- President Williams called for the vote & this passed 7-0.

## ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- **The City Clerk read (As Amended) Bill 6-2014 into record** – An Ordinance adopting a new and amended Zoning Code of the City of Harrisburg, repealing Parts One and Three of Title Seven of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg, adopting a new Part One, 7-100, “Authority and Title,” Part Three, 7-300, “Zoning Code,” and Part Nine, 7-900, “Easements,” and preserving Part Five, “Subdivision Regulations” and Part Seven, “Execution of Legislation.”
- Neil Grover asked for a suspension of the rules, moved by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Allatt.
- Mr. Grover explained the process in which the new zoning code came about, which includes dates of advertisements and hearing dates. He said that people will have an opportunity to review and discuss the changes to the new zoning code as the city moves forward with the comprehensive plan.
- President Williams called for the vote and Bill 6 as amended passes 7-0.
- **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 called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read (As Amended) 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 called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read (As Amended) 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 2014 and authorizing expenditure of such funds.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **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 called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **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.
- Mr. Baltimore moved, seconded by Mr. Allatt to make the following amendment: Replacing the caption “Gun Violence Initiatives” with “to support Public Safety Initiatives.” In addition, adding: (Section 4) No disbursement of funds without city council approval.
- President Williams called for the vote on the amendment and this passed 6-1, with Ms. Reid opposing.
- President Williams called for the final vote and this passed 6-1, with Ms. Reid opposing.

## RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 62-2014 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 6<sup>th</sup> Street into two (2)

parcels along the original property lines in order to facilitate the purchase of an existing structure for rehabilitation.

- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
  
- **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 19<sup>th</sup> Street.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **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.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-1, with Ms. Reid opposing.
- **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 15<sup>th</sup> Street from Herr Street to State Street and for 17<sup>th</sup> Street from Sumner Road to Hanover Road and for street reconstruction for Marion Street from Reily Street to Verbeke Street (the “Project”)
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 72-2014 (As Amended) into record**– 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.
- Mr. Grover changed the language to read: authorizing the city of Harrisburg to enter into a “cautionary agreement” and authorizing the Mayor to execute.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 73-2014 (As Amended) 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 14<sup>th</sup> Street (the “investigation”)
- President Williams made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ms. Wilson.
- Mr. Grover reduced corrected the amount from \$35,200 to \$38,200 to be split evenly between CRW and the City.
- President Williams called for the vote 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 called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **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 called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 77-2014 into record** – A Resolution to dedicate and name the Brownstone Building at Reservoir Park to be hereinafter known as The Honorable Eugenia Smith Family Life Center.
- Ms. Wilson moved, seconded by Ms. Williams to make the following amendment: to dedicate “The Mansion” to be hereinafter known as The Eugenia Smith Family Life Center instead of the Brownstone.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Daniels invited everyone to attend a voter registration seminar and discussion on “Voter’s Rights” at the Midtown Cinema on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Also, she thanked her colleagues who took their time to read and comment on the zoning ordinance.
- Mr. Baltimore invited everyone for a Sunday meeting walk and discussion at Reservoir Park at 8AM.
- Ms. Williams stated that City Council will be on hiatus until August 26<sup>th</sup>. She wished everyone a safe summer.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.