

**1HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
August 26, 2014
A G E N D A**

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by President Williams at 6:02PM.

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 Mr. Allatt.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Andrew Adam (Eagle Scout Candidate) gave a presentation to City Council about his “Unity Park” plans for Reservoir Park.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Steven McDonald from the Bellevue Park Association asked the City to look into the streets in Bellevue Park. He said the roads are in really bad shape. (Showed Pictures to Council)
- Cleveland Wade said that on March 9th he was driving on Market Street and hit a hole that messed up his car. He said the City said it was Capital Region Water’s responsibility and Capital Region Water said it was the City’s responsibility. He said the damage cost him \$380 dollars and he wants to know who he can talk to about it.
- Lewis Butts said that Camp Curtin was looking into designating the district to get some more economic base. He congratulated Andrew Adam for his hard work on his project and said that we need more young people like him to know our history and work together to bring good projects like this.
- Mr. Boyd said that he is not happy about the killings in the street, people yelling and screaming about immigration. He said that the city is so interested in economics and not interested in community. He said that the non-profits come and receive, but it doesn’t cost \$110,000 to do some of the work that they are doing.
- Ron Chapel said that he commends Andrew Adam for being an Eagle Scout at 14, which is a great accomplishment. In addition, he challenged the City Council & Mayor to do the ALS “Ice Bucket Challenge.”
- Allan Kennedy-Shaffer invited City Council members to join Harrisburg Hope & Representative Patty Kim to join a forum to talk about the incidents in Ferguson. He said that it will be at the Midtown Scholar on Monday, September 8th at 6PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon Motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Reid, the Legislative Session Minutes of July 8, 2014 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 32-2014 into record** – A Resolution appointing Ms. Jackie Z. Parker to serve on the Coordinating Committee of the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS).
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 78-2014 into record** – A Resolution appointing Mr. Wayne S. Martin on 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 79-2014 into record** – A Resolution approving the Third Proposed 2014 Budget Reallocation.
- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 80-2014 into record** – A Resolution approving and ratifying a KIPONA 2014 Program Budget and a re-allocation of funds from the Miscellaneous Contract Account of the Bureau of Arts, Culture and Tourism.
- President Williams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Reid to suspend the rules to allow Ms. Jackie Parker & Mr. Lenwood Sloan to give City Council more information about this Resolution.
- Ms. Parker said that this money would be used for activities for the Kipona for this weekend. She said that the budget was really small, but additional money needed to be reallocated to cover some costs such as: Fireworks, Sound Systems, Tents, Golf Carts and Street Closures.
- Mr. Sloan said that when you subtract the fireworks money, you have a budget of \$17,500. To create a first class festival with that amount of money is very difficult. But, an increased effort by the community & constituents is something that we needed to make this all happen. \$10,500 was needed to be transferred from the miscellaneous contracts line item.
- Ms. Daniels asked for clarification on the amount needed to be transferred.
- Mr. Grover said that the numbers that needed to be changed would be \$17,445 to \$10,500 throughout the resolution. In addition, to change the fact that there is \$27,000 in the Kipona account.
- Ms. Wilson made the motion to include the referenced amendments, seconded by Mr. Allatt.
- President Williams called the vote for the amendments and they passed 7-0.
- President Williams called for the final vote as amended and this passed 7-0.

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 81-2014 into record** – A Resolution Recommending the appointment of Ms. Jacqueline Z. Parker to serve on the City of Harrisburg Plan-Development Section of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC).
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 82-2014 into record** – A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan Application submitted by Andrew Fedore on July 2, 2014, in order to subdivide a single property into four separate parcels, with three parcels being sold as individual townhome units after substantial renovation and the fourth functioning as an access driveway to a neighboring property that will be consolidated with 1730 Green Street.
- President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 83-2014 into record** – A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Planned Residential Development request submitted by H. Ralph Vartan, representing Harrisburg Buildings and Grounds Company to convert 17 North Front Street from an Office Building into seven (7) high-end residential apartments.
- President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 84-2014 into record**– A resolution recommending the City of Harrisburg to become a member of the Capital Region Council of Governments (CAPCOG).
- President Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Koplinski to suspend the rules to explain what (CAPCOG) is all about.
- Mayor Papenfuse said that joining the CAPCOG will allow the city to have access to the bids for various supplies and the city can save money. The cost of the membership is \$1500 per year.
- City Engineer, Wayne Martin said that the city can save on salt, pool chemicals and various other items to save the city money.
- President Williams said that there should be further discussion on this Resolution and placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 85-2014 into record** – A Resolution approving the request of 200 State Street, LLC to transfer liquor license #R-11921 from Marco Polo Garden, Inc., d/b/a Marco Polo Garden, Harrisburg, Dauphin County into the City of Harrisburg to be utilized at Cork and Fork, 200 State Street, Harrisburg, PA which is to operate as a wine bar and restaurant facility.
- President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.
- Ms. Wilson moved, seconded by Ms. Reid to bring Resolution 86-2014 from the floor. **Resolution 86-2014** – A Resolution signifying the support of the City Council for a request to suspend the transfer of certain Hotel Tax revenue funds for the exclusive use of the National Civil War Museum.
- Mayor Papenfuse said that this Resolution would show unity and that the City Council is also in support of suspending the transfer of certain Hotel Tax revenue funds. He said that the amounts of funds are currently \$300,000 or so per year for tourism dollars, depending on what the hotel tax revenues are. He said that he would like to see this money being spread around to many institutions to get people to come to the city.
- Mr. Allatt asked what was the amount of money that has been spent, since the start of the Civil War Museum.
- Mayor Papenfuse said over \$12 million dollars of which we had general obligation debt, which we ended up contributing to our financial crisis. He said that does not include money spent on employees, healthcare, artifacts and everything else. He also said that City Council said several years ago that they were not in agreement of this either. He

said that this is why we are calling on the Commissioners to make sure that the money is being spent appropriately.

- Mr. Allatt asked what the expectation was from the Civil War Museum.
- Mayor Papenfuse said that it was intended to be self-sufficient. But, we are 15 years in and very far from that.
- Mr. Allatt said that he would like to have a Public Hearing and invite the Harrisburg Civil War Museum representatives to City Council chambers to have a public discussion.
- Ms. Wilson recommended that we look into changing that entire board, with members of our community. She said it's time to change what's going on with that building and make something that it is truly for the community.
- Mr. Grover said that Councilman Allatt's idea is a very good one, because talking is better than fighting.
- Mayor Papenfuse said that he doesn't know if there are any city residents on the board and it is not sustainable. He said that jointly with City Council the city needs to have a discussion with the County Commissioners.
- Ms. Reid said that if the Hotel Tax is removed from the Civil War Museum, how will they be able to sustain themselves, or will they need to close?
- Mr. Grover said that the city owns the building and almost everything in it. We don't really have an answer to that question, but the public is paying for this building that we have no say about.
- President Williams made a motion to go back into session, seconded by Ms. Wilson.
- President Williams called the vote for **Resolution 86-2014** and this passed 7-0.
- Ms. Reid made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wilson to bring Resolution 87-2014 into record. **Resolution 87-2014** – A Resolution approving the lease/purchase of a Model CB24B Caterpillar Asphalt Paver from Cleveland Brothers Equipment Co., Inc. of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania by way of financing agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- President Williams thanked Lenwood Sloan and his Department, the Public Works Department, Mayor Papenfuse, City Council and Chief Carter for their participation with the ceremony for the Eugenia Smith Life Center. In addition, she thanked the LeSean McCoy Foundation, Robert Tate Foundation, Chris Franklin, Bryan Majors, Gary Fallings, Aaron Berry & the Bethel Temple Church of Christ. She said that these organizations provided book bags and other school items for hundreds of kids throughout Harrisburg. She also congratulated Nina Gillespie for winning the Dancing with the Stars competition.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Koplinski announced that he will be having a Community & Economic Development Committee meeting on September 2nd at 5:30PM.
- Ms. Reid announced that she will be having a Public Works Committee meeting on September 4th at 5:30PM.
- Mr. Allatt announced that he will be having Budget & Finance Committee meetings on September 11th at 5:30PM and tentatively for September 16th at 5:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM.