

HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
September 23, 2014
A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by President Williams at 6:12PM. She announced that City Council held an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss Legal issues.

ROLL CALL

- The City Clerk called the roll and 6 members were present, namely: Ben Allatt, Jeff Baltimore, Shamaine Daniels, Sandra Reid, Susan Brown-Wilson and Wanda R. D. Williams. Brad Koplinski was absent.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

- The Moment of Silence was led by Ms. Wilson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- Bill Cluck and Rafiyqa Muhammad from the Harrisburg Environmental Advisory Council gave an update on EAC issues and initiatives. He said that the EAC advertised for the open vacancies and they were highly impressed. He asked if council would approve Resolution 90-2014 because Mr. Fridirici is highly qualified. In addition, he asked if the EAC could set up meetings to identify concerns to the Mayor & Council for the comprehensive plan moving forward.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Lewis Butts said that he was in support of the arborist position (Resolution 98-2014). He also said that the city should look further into the proposed “bike lane” on front street. He said that the EAC should be looking to improve what we have already.
- Sheena Mosley said that she recently saw an article on “PennLive” where people are getting money towards closing costs for their home and she asked if she could get a similar grant. She said the residents on 14th street are still in desperate need of help and something needs to be done.
- Daniel Graham said that the concert on 9/11 at the Sawyers bar started at 7PM and was over by 9PM, but it was really loud. He said police need to patrol downtown more for the safety of the residents. In addition, he said that Amtrak has a new parking lot for passengers who drive to the station and need a place to park.
- Jeremy Domenico said that he wants to help rebuilding neighborhoods. He said that on his block on Summit Street they have no crime and everyone gets along. He is interested in finding more resources to continue to help the community.
- Abraham Reese said that he is interested in trying to turn the Allison Hill Community Center around. He asked if the city could look into getting a stop sign put up at 19th and Park Street(s) for the safety of the neighborhood children.
- Chris Fegley said that he is in favor of Resolution 94-2014, regarding the funds being set aside for environmental grants.
- Ellen Roane said that she is in favor of Resolution 98-2014, establishing the position of the forester/arborist.

- Jean Cutler said that she is in support of all of the Environmental initiatives that are going on in the city. She said that these initiatives will help beautify our city.
- Robert Candidate said that he has a faith based youth initiative and a lot of other programs that are aimed to improve the community and get people together. He said if anyone wants to get involved, he can be reached at 877-9943.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon Motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Reid, the Legislative Session Minutes of September 9, 2014 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Allatt reported on the Budget & Finance Committee Meeting of September 11, 2014.
- President Williams reported on the Administration Committee Meeting of September 22, 2014.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- **The City Clerk read Bill 14-2014 into record** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Harrisburg authorizing the City to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Capital Region Water to authorize a non-exclusive cross-delegation of certain enforcement rights and powers to facilitate environmental compliance and assist in the ongoing provision of clean waterways and safe water in the Harrisburg region, and related matters.
- President Williams place this in the Administration Committee.

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

- **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 called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 79-2014** – A Resolution approving the Third Proposed 2014 Budget Reallocation.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **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.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 90-2014 into record** – A Resolution appointing Theodore Fridirici to serve on the Environmental Advisory Council.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 91-2014 into record** – A Resolution appointing Ms. Evelyn Hunt to serve on the License and Tax Appeal Board for the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 92-2014 into record** – A Resolution appointing Mr. Dan Schuller to serve on the License and Tax Appeal Board for the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 93-2014 into record** – A Resolution appointing Ms. Staci Basore to serve on the License and Tax Appeal Board for the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 94-2014 into record**– A Resolution recommending that the City set aside funds, not to exceed \$150,000, from the Host Municipality Benefit Fee Fund to establish an environmental grant program.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 95-2014 into record** – A Resolution approving a Contract for Professional Services with John Balicki & Associates, LLC for performances of (1.) a safety audit and inspection of five (5) City playgrounds, (2.) creation of a routine playground maintenance and safety program and (3.) training of City staff on program implementation.
- President Williams placed this in the Parks, Recreation & Enrichment Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 96-2014 into record** – A Resolution approving the proposal submitted by G.R. Sponaule of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to provide design/build services for the replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system located at Fire Station #2 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
- President Williams made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ms. Reid to invite Fire Chief Enterline to provide further information.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 97-2014 into record** – A Resolution appointing Patricia Buckley to serve on the Environmental Advisory Council.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 98-2014 into record** – A Resolution establishing the position of urban forester/arborist with an annual salary not to exceed \$50,000 plus benefits, to be funded from the Host Municipality Benefit Fee Fund.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 99-2014 into record** – A Resolution approving a marketing of and listing agreement for professional services with Remax Reality Associates, through Wendell Hoover, a licensed realtor, for the sale or lease of real property located at 336-338 South Second Street, a City-Owned real property asset.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 100-2014 into record** – A Resolution approving the lease/purchase of a new Case 580 SN Loader Backhoe from Groff Tractor and Equipment, Inc. of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania by way of financing agreement with Real Lease, Inc. of Pittsford, New York.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 101-2014 into record** – A Resolution approving the purchase of a 2015 Pierce Arrow XT 100' Tractor Dawn Aerial ladder truck and related equipment from Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. of Appleton, Wisconsin by way of a Local Share Gaming Grant from Dauphin County Department of Community & Economic Development/ Dauphin County Industrial Development Authority and contribution from the Harrisburg Fireman's Relief Association of the State of Pennsylvania.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 102-2014 into record** – A Resolution ratifying the authorization given to Gannett Fleming Inc. to expand Phase 1 of the geological survey regarding the sinkhole activity on South 14th Street into Phase 2 and 3 of the survey.

- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 103-2014 into record** – A Resolution to name the newly-constructed playground located at 4th and Emerald streets of Uptown Harrisburg, the “Coach Gregory Campbell Playground.”
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 104-2014 into record**– A Resolution supporting Senate Bill 1300, legislation proposing an amendment increasing the hourly minimum wage established by the act of January 17, 1968, known as The Minimum Wage Act of 1968, otherwise known as Pennsylvania’s Minimum Wage Act.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 105-2014 into record** – A Resolution supporting both the Pennsylvania House Bill 2182 and Senate Bill 1182 proposed legislation, permitting the medicinal use of cannabis (medical marijuana) as prescribed by a practitioner licensed in the state of Pennsylvania.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 106-2014 into record** – A Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement of Sale for the purchase of a 1984 Sutphen Pumper Fire Engine from Swatara Township, Pennsylvania.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Safety Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 107-2014 into record** – A Resolution approving a Staffing Services Agreement with Spherion Staffing, LLC for the placement of a temporary employee to fill the Secretarial position for the Chief of Police.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 108-2014 into record** – A Resolution authorizing and approving the City making of an application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for funding in the amount of \$250,000.00 under the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation program (GTRP) for the replacement of playground equipment.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 110-2014 into record** – A Resolution approving the City’s revision of certain public transportation funding commitments and authorizing the acceptance and execution of a Mass Transit Funding Agreement between the City of Harrisburg, (“City”), the County of Cumberland, (“Cumberland”), the County of Dauphin, (“Dauphin”), and the Cumberland-Dauphin-Harrisburg Transit Authority, (“CAT”).
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Reid announced that she will be having a Public Works Committee meeting on October 1st at 5:30PM.
- Mr. Allatt announced that he will be having a Budget & Finance Committee meeting on October 8th at 5:30PM.
- Ms. Daniels said that the PA Utility Commission will be having an event at Goodwin Memorial in early October. She said that she didn’t have the exact information on her phone, but she will follow up with that information upon request once she has all of the information.
- Ms. Williams congratulated Chief Carter for his two recent Public Safety Awards.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 7:26PM.