

**1HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
November 25, 2014
A G E N D A**

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by President Williams at 6:15PM.

ROLL CALL

- The Assistant City Clerk called the roll and all 7 members were present during roll call, 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. Allatt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATION

- A Presentation regarding Zumbalicious, a fitness program in the park, was led by city resident Adrienne Wilson. After a brief explanation of the program, she inquired if there was anything that could be done to keep the program going. A booklet was presented that contained personal testimonies and letters in support of keeping the program in 2015.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET – Mayor Eric R. Papenfuse

- Mayor Papenfuse announced the swearing-in of newly appointed City Treasurer Tyrell Spradley.
- Mayor Eric R. Papenfuse gave a presentation of the 2015 Budget. (See attached PowerPoint Presentation)

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Robert Candidate announced an initiative entitled “Save America’s Youth/Vet”. It is an initiative that connects international Veteran Organizations to the local community. He explained how the initiative links with the various existing organizations. He announced that their next event is on December 15, 2014 at the PA Farm Show Complex for families that are in need of Dauphin County Resources.
- Jennifer Horn spoke about an illegal dumping incident that occurred on October 1st in her neighborhood. She inquired what her course of action would be to resolve this ongoing situation that has not been addressed. President Williams then connected her with the Director of Public Works.
- Mr. Boyd expressed his concern with the current events happening across the country and hoped that it would not happen in the City of Harrisburg. He said he was concerned with the amount of blight in the City. He said he was shocked with how much trash that remains in Harrisburg neighborhoods. He invited the Mayor to walk with him through the parts of the City that he feels need more attention.
- Jeremy Dominico spoke on behalf of homeowners in Allison Hill in support of the Schimmel School project and the development project on South 17th Street. He thanked the Mayor for setting aside money in the budget for trash removal.
- John Gaspich invited everyone to Anna T’s restaurant that is located in the old Third Street Diner at 210 North Third Street. He informed the public that the restaurant will be open seven days a week and late nights on the weekends.

- Michael Nieves voiced his displeasure with the Standard Parking ticket prices. He said he doesn't find any of the current parking situation downtown fair. He explained that he almost died three times while serving in Afghanistan yet feels more hopeless here than he ever did there. He said he has 8 tickets already worth \$400 dollars. He also said the parking zones are too small for the number of residents that live downtown. He suggested that parking rates should be levied against those who come downtown to party and not residents who live there.
- Ron Chapel read a prepared statement entitled "America is in Peril". He discussed issues facing young black males, specifically issues perpetuated by radio talk show hosts. He said America is turning young black males into very dangerous people by filling them with hopelessness. He implored people to treat everyone with dignity.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of the Legislative Session Minutes of November 12, 2014.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Williams reported on the Administration Committee Meeting of November 13, 2014.
- Chair Baltimore reported on the Public Safety Committee Meeting of November 17, 2014.
- Chair Reid reported on the Public Works Committee Meeting of November 17, 2014 and the Special Public Meeting of November 20, 2014.
- Chair Koplinski reported on the Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting of November 24, 2014.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- **The Assistant City Clerk read Bill 18 – 2014 into record** - An ordinance providing for residential and commercial 10-Year Tax Abatement and Exemption programs in the City of Harrisburg for qualifying improvements and new construction; designating the City's boundaries to be the qualifying boundaries for deteriorated neighborhoods in a residential property program; designating the City's boundaries as the qualifying boundaries for a commercial property program; providing for tax abatement and exemption schedules for qualifying improvements to and new construction of residential and commercial properties throughout Harrisburg; providing incentives for additional exemptions for job creation; ensuring minority business participation, prevailing wage and residential participation in qualifying improvement and new construction projects; authorizing an administrator of these programs; ensuring due process of applicants by authorizing the creation of a board of review; amending Chapter 5-503 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg to provide for these new programs, including the repeal of sections inconsistent with these new programs, and related matters.
- President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Bill 19 – 2014 into record** - An ordinance establishing the budget for the Municipal Government of the City of Harrisburg for the year Two Thousand Fifteen (2015).
- President Williams placed this in the Budget and Finance Committee.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Bill 20 – 2014 into record** - An ordinance amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg, Title V, Licensing and Taxation, Part V, Real Estate Taxes, Chapter 5-501, Property Tax, by establishing for the year Two Thousand Fifteen (2015) a tax levy on land and improvements and providing for the distribution of taxes levied and assessed and providing for a tax rebate for the difference

between the tax due and attributable to the year Two Thousand Six (2006) tax levy for qualifying senior citizens.

- President Williams placed this in the Budget and Finance Committee.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Bill 21 – 2014 into record** - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Harrisburg, creating Title 11 of the Codified Ordinances of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 1996, as amended, to be entitled "Blight Remediation" and creating Part 1 (11-100) thereof entitled "Abandoned Real Property" and Sections 11-101.1 et seq. thereof providing for purpose, intent and applicability of the ordinance; requiring the registration and maintenance of certain real property by mortgagees; providing for penalties and enforcement, as well as the regulation, limitation and reduction of abandoned real property within the City of Harrisburg; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date.
- President Williams placed this in the Building and Housing Committee.

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There was none.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- There was none.

RESOLUTIONS

- **The Assistant 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 called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 112 – 2014 into record** – A Resolution authorizing and approving the submission of an application with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board ("Board") to exempt a specific area of the City of Harrisburg from Section 493(34) of Liquor Code which provides that a license may not use or permit to be used inside or outside of the premises a loudspeaker or similar device whereby the sound of music or other entertainment, or the advertisement thereof, can be heard beyond the licensee's property line [47 P.S. § 4-493(34)] in favor of enforcing the City's own amended noise ordinance.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0, with Ms. Reid abstaining.
- **Resolution 115** – A Resolution supporting Ban-the-Box legislation aimed at removing questions regarding criminal history from employment applications.
- President Williams removed this resolution from the agenda.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 116 – 2014 into record** – A Resolution authorizing the execution of a professional services proposal with Weatherspoon & Williams LLC ("W&W") to provide design specs, design calculations and traffic signal construction plans based upon PennDOT standards to repair the traffic at 6th and Maclay streets.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 118 – 2014 into record** – A Resolution approving a professional services contract with Suburban Lighting Consultants, Incorporated ("Suburban") to provide professional engineering services for the City of Harrisburg LED streetlight upgrade project ("Project").
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.

- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 119 – 2014 into record** – A Resolution approving an Inventory Audit Agreement with The Efficiency Network, Inc (“TEN”) to provide an inventory of existing streetlights and other city-owned exterior lights and to

perform an audit of street light and exterior light utility bills related to the City of Harrisburg LED streetlight upgrade project (“Project”).

- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 120 – 2014 into record** – A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan submitted by Ruth Davis, President of Pennsylvania Counseling Services (“PCS”), on behalf of PCS to renovate the interior of the building located at 548 South 17th Street, which is the site of the former Shimmell School, in order to establish a mental health and addiction treatment center at that location.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 4-3.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 121 – 2014 into record** – A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan submitted by Paul Toburen, Vice President of Pinnacle Health Hospitals (“Pinnacle”), on behalf of Pinnacle to demolish the existing building at 157 Paxton Street and construct an accessory surface parking lot for employees of the Pinnacle Health Hospital.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 122 – 2014 into record** – A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan of D&F Distributors to develop a retail center with seven 950 square foot units and one 1,925 square foot unit on an existing gravel lot located at 137 South 17th Street.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 123 – 2014 into record** – A Resolution appointing Ms. Dena Rockoff to serve on the new Civil Service Board established in accordance with Act 22 of 2014.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 124 – 2014 into record** – A Resolution appointing Mr. Ellis Roy to serve on the new Civil Service Board established in accordance with Act 22 of 2014
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 125 – 2014 into record** – A Resolution appointing Mr. James Ellison to serve on the new Civil Service Board established in accordance with Act 22 of 2014.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 126 – 2014 into record** – A Resolution authorizing the approval, execution and submission of a Partial Consent Decree between the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Capital Region Water and the City of Harrisburg to facilitate the conformity of identified aspects of the water and sewer systems and operations serving the municipal area with established environmental standards and regulations.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 127 – 2014 into record** – A Resolution confirming the appointment of Douglas L. Walmer, Esquire to serve as the Deputy City Solicitor for the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 127 – 2014 into record** – A Resolution confirming the appointment of Marta Rifin, Esquire to serve as an Assistant City Solicitor for the City of Harrisburg.

- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Koplinski announced a Community and Economic Development Committee meeting on December 1, 2014 to discuss the LERTA ordinance at 5:30PM in City Council Chambers.
- Ms. Reid announced that Resolution 123-2014, Resolution 124-2014 and Resolution 125-2014 will be discussed during the joint Administration Committee meeting on December 1, 2014 at 5:30PM in City Council Chambers.
- Mr. Allatt announced that council members need to submit questions regarding the Budget to the City Clerk's Office by 5pm on December 4th. Budget Hearings will be held on December 10th, 17th and tentatively December 18th if needed. All meetings will be held at 5:30PM in Council chambers
- Ms. Williams made an announcement about Anna T's Restaurant at 210 North Third Street. The phone number is 717-236-1100; the hours of operation are Monday-Friday 6:30AM to 2:30PM, Saturday and Sunday: 8:00am to 2:00pm. They serve breakfast lunch and dinner, and offer catering for parties.

ADJOURNMENT

- The Meeting was adjourned at 7:51PM.