

**1HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES  
December 23, 2014  
A G E N D A**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- The meeting was called to order by President Williams at 6:26PM.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

- The Moment of Silence was led by Mr. Koplinski.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Allatt.

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

- Senghor Manns explained how LERTA would help to advance ongoing plans within the Housing Authority to branch out to develop quality affordable housing to address the affordable housing needs within the City.
- Angela Kirkland expressed grief at the unarmed slaying of unarmed people of color and the slaying of Police Officers in New York City and hope for the future of Harrisburg built on cooperation of its people, representatives and local officials to ensure that no further tragedy and injustice persist in the City of Harrisburg.
- Tarik Casteel said that time is of the essence with the LERTA bill. He explained that minority contractors in the city are waiting on LERTA to pass in order to start working on blighted properties. Urged Council to address LERTA right away.
- Mr. Boyd said our city needs employment. He urged officials to look at what nonprofits are actually doing for residents within the City. He said that LERTA is good for the City, but not right now. He commended the Honorable Mayor, Honorable Mr. Baltimore, and Honorable President Williams, and Honorable Sandra Reid in her absence. He questioned why Harrisburg Police officers were doubling up in their patrol cars.
- Perry Thompson said that the City should not be divided by sections but unified as Harrisburg residents, residents of Pennsylvania, and residents of the United States of America. Mr. Thompson stressed that the creator made us all different.
- Chris Sennick said that Harrisburg should employ the same review board that other cities around the countries have implemented for their police departments. He also would like to state that he condemns the CIA's use of torture.
- Alan Kennedy Shaffer sent his thoughts and prayers to the two slain NYC officers, and families of Eric Garner and Michael Brown. He also sent thoughts and prayers to the family of Mr. Porter, Harrisburg's 17<sup>th</sup> Homicide of 2014. He commended the Mayor and Chief of Police for doing an exceptional job but cautioned that the work is not finished.
- Jeremy Domenico recited a poem he wrote to commemorate the holiday season within City Government.

- Daniel D. Graham sent his thoughts and prayers to the New York police officers and officers in the City of Harrisburg in other cities. He asked for more police officers and firefighters to be hired. He said that he thought that the new parking for Amtrak riders was supposed to be free parking, but showed a flyer for fees for parking. He asked that the parking become free for residents and Amtrak riders.
- Malcolm Jackson expressed his hope for the potential impact of the LERTA bill. He stated that LERTA had the potential to jumpstart the businesses of young developers and the impact it could have on the region.
- Les Ford spoke in favor of the LERTA Bill. He said that he was originally not in favor of the bill but his stance evolved as he attended the meetings and allowed a variety of different factors over the course of the public hearing process to influence his thinking. He concluded that the bill is not the whole solution, but is part of a larger whole. He stated that he was impressed by the process that public officials and residents have been engaged in. He said “perfect is the enemy of the good” and does not want the City to miss opportunities to move economic development forward in the City.
- Ron Chapel expressed his disagreement with Les Ford. He pointed to the implementation of Former Mayor Reed’s vision for Restaurant Row. He pointed to the work force selected and in his opinion, excluded minorities. He cautioned residents to be aware of gentrification. He also expressed discontent with the timing and connection of the bill to campaign contributions.
- Robert Candidate said that over 8,000 families and struggling mothers showed up to a recent Dauphin County event to get resources for their children. He said politics produces poverty and poverty produces problems. He solicited support for his leadership program this year.
- Mayor Papenfuse asked that City Council take action on the LERTA Bill tonight in order to meet the self-imposed deadline of the end of the year. He expressed that not allowing a vote would be a disservice to the residents.
- Bill Cluck thanked Council member Allatt for the budget process. He implored the Administration to more effectively utilize the Environmental Advisory Council. He expressed a hope to work together with the Administration and Council. He stated that the EAC was excluded from the process to identify how money from the Host Municipality Fee Fund would be allocated. He suggested a list of amendments to include in the budget for the Municipality Fee Fund.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The Legislative Session Minutes of December 9, 2014 were deemed approved.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Allatt reported on the Budget and Finance Committee Meetings of December 10, 2014 and December 17, 2014.
- Chair Koplinski reported on the Community and Economic Development Committee meeting on December 15, 2014.
- Committee Member Daniels reported on the Public Works Committee Meeting of December 22, 2014.

#### ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- There were none.

## ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- **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).
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Mr. Koplinski to make Amendment (1) to increase line item number 398027 in the Sanitation Utility Fund by \$100,000 to fund two Demolition Specialist 1 positions.
- Mr. Allatt called for the vote and this passed 6-0
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Mr. Koplinski to make Amendment (2) to increase line item number 414000 (Salaries and wages) and 419001 (Social Security) in the City Treasurer's Office by \$4,000.00 and 306.00 respectively to increase the Deputy Treasurer's salary by \$4,000.00.
- Mr. Allatt called for the vote and this failed 3-3 with Mr. Allatt, Ms. Daniels and Ms. Wilson voting in the negative.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Ms. Wilson to make Amendment (3) to increase line item number 414000 (Salaries and wages) and 419001 (Social Security) in the Bureau of Communication in the amount of \$3,000.00 and 229.50 respectively to increase the Production Tech Manager (WHBG)'s salary by \$3,000.00.
- Mr. Allatt called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Mr. Koplinski to make Amendment (4) to increase line item number 414000 (Salaries and wages) and 419001 (Social Security) in the Bureau of Public Works Director's Office in the amount of \$11,240.00 and 859.86 respectively to increase salary of Traffic Manager / Building Maintenance Supervisor. Also a decrease in line item 425030 (Building Maintenance) in the amount of \$12,099.14 to fund the aforementioned increase.
- Mr. Allatt called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Ms. Wilson to make Amendment (5) to increase line item number 414000 (Salaries and wages) and 419001 (Social Security) in the Bureau of Public Works- City Services in the amount of \$82,153.94 and \$6,284.78 respectively to add two Demolition Specialist 1 positions.
- Mr. Allatt called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Ms. Wilson to make Amendment (6) to increase line item number 414000 (Salaries and wages) and 419001 (Social Security) in the State Liquid Fuels Tax Fund in the amount of \$38,680.46 and \$2,959.06 respectively to add one Street Maintenance Worker 1 position. Also a decrease to line item 453099 (Equipment-other) in the amount of \$41,639.52 to fund the aforementioned increase.
- Mr. Allatt called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Ms. Wilson to make Amendment (7) to allocate \$144,500.00 in the Host Municipality Fees Fund line item 399099 (Estimated Cash Carryover) to allocate such funds to the following expenditures in the same budget unit and following line items: \$25,000.00 to line item 421030 (Consulting) based on Resolution 94-2014 Comprehensive plan consultant charge, \$32,000.00 to line item 425010 (Vehicular Equipment) based on Resolution 94-2014 Truck Liner, \$55,000.00 to line item 452090 (Building & Structure-Other) based on Resolution 94-2014 Salt Shelter, \$10,000.00 to line item 463000 (Matching Share Grants) based on Resolution 59-2014 Greenbelt, \$22,500.00 to line item 430040 Botanical based on Resolution 53-2014 Playground Cover reimbursement General Fund.
- Mr. Allatt called for the vote and this passed 6-0.

- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Ms. Wilson to make Amendment (8) to allocate \$100,000.00 from the Sanitation Fund, Budget Unit 27272700 line item 399099 (Estimated Cash Carryover) to Budget Unit 27272710 line item 481001 (General Fund Transfers) to Fund two Demolition Specialist 1 positions.
- Mr. Allatt called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Mr. Baltimore to make Amendment (A) to Budget Unit 01000102 (Office of the Mayor) to reduce the salary of the Senior Assistant to the Mayor from \$60,000.00 to \$52,500.00.
- Mr. Allatt called for the vote and this passed 4-2, with Mr. Allatt and Ms. Wilson voting in the negative.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Ms. Williams to make Amendment © to Budget Unit 01010112 (Bureau of Financial Management) to increase the salary of the Senior Grants Manager from \$55,000.00 to \$57,500.00.
- Mr. Allatt called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Mr. Koplinski to make Amendment (F) to Budget Unit 01010117 (Bureau of Human Resources) to increase the salary of the Director of Human Resources from \$60,000.00 to \$70,000.00.
- Mr. Allatt called for the vote and this Failed 4-2 with Mr. Allatt and Ms. Wilson voting in the negative.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Mr. Koplinski to make Amendment (H) to Budget Unit 01030139 (Bureau of Business Development) to decrease the salary of Business Development/ LERTA Administrator from \$70,000.00 to \$55,000.00.
- Mr. Allatt called for the vote and this passed 4-2 with Mr. Allatt and Ms. Wilson voting in the negative.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Ms. Williams to make Amendment (I) to Budget Unit 01030137 (Bureau of Codes) to increase the salary of the Health Officer from \$47,000.00 to \$50,000.00
- Mr. Allatt called for the vote and this Failed 4-2 with Mr. Allatt and Ms. Wilson voting in the negative.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Ms. Williams to make Amendment (J) to Budget Unit 01040142 (Bureau of Police) to decrease the salary of the Community Policing Coordinator from \$63,000.00 to \$55,000.00.
- Mr. Allatt called for the vote and this failed 1-5 with Mr. Allatt, Mr. Baltimore, Mr. Koplinski, Ms. Wilson and Ms. Williams voting in the negative.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Ms. Williams to make the following amendments to the Host Municipality Fee Fund (Budget Unit 21212100): Amendment K to add \$10,00.00 for Administrative Budget for Environmental Advisory Council for advertising and coping, Amendment L to add \$50,000.00 for tree services for Senior Citizens, and Amendment M to add \$60,000.00 for a grant program for kids through Harrisburg Housing Authority in the amount of \$1,000.00 per child for a total of 50 children and \$10,000 for administrative costs within to Budget Unit
- Mr. Allatt called for the vote and this passed 6-0.

#### ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- **The Assistant City Clerk read Bill 19-2014 into record (As Amended)** – An Ordinance establishing the budget for the Municipal Government of the City of Harrisburg for the year Two Thousand Fifteen (2015).
- President Williams called for the vote and this Passed as Amended 6-0.

- Mr. Koplinski, Chair of the Economic and Development Committee moved to bring Bill 18-2014 from the floor. It was seconded by Mr. Allatt.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 4-2 with Ms. Daniels and Ms. Williams voting in the negative.
- Mr. Koplinski moved and was seconded by Mr. Allatt to suspend the rules.
- Mr. Koplinski moved, seconded by Ms. Williams to vote on Amendment (1) to add language to Section 5-503.3(i) entitled Qualifying Conditions.
- Mr. Koplinski called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- Mr. Koplinski moved, seconded by Ms. Wilson to vote on Amendment (2) to add language to Section 5-503.3(j) entitled Qualifying Conditions.
- Mr. Koplinski called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- Mr. Koplinski moved, seconded by Mr. Allatt to vote on Amendment (3) to add language to Section 5-503.3(k) entitled Qualifying Conditions.
- Mr. Koplinski called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- Mr. Koplinski moved, seconded by Mr. Allatt to vote on Amendment (4) to replace the fourth sentence in Section 5-503.6(a) entitled Notification Procedures.
- Mr. Koplinski called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- Mr. Koplinski moved, seconded by Mr. Allatt to vote on Amendment (5) to add language in Section 5-503.8(a) entitled Termination and Contingency and moving the existing subsection (a) down to subsection (b).
- Mr. Koplinski called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- Mr. Koplinski moved, seconded by Mr. Allatt to vote on Amendment (6) to replace the entire provision in section 5-503.2(a) entitled Exemption Schedule.
- Mr. Koplinski called for the vote and this passed 4-2 with Mr. Koplinski and Ms. Wilson voting in the negative.
- Mr. Koplinski moved, seconded by Mr. Allatt to vote on Amendment (7) to amend section 5-503.2(a)(1) under Exemption Schedule as amended to add to the first line after the sixth word the phrase: “new residential construction or improvement” and to re-number sections three and four to be sections two and three.
- Mr. Allatt moved and Mr. Koplinski seconded to go back into session.
- President Williams moved and Mr. Koplinski seconded to ratify the votes made during the suspension of the rules.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- President Williams called for the vote on Amendment (7) as ratified and this passed 4-2 with Mr. Koplinski and Ms. Wilson voting in the negative.
- Mr. Koplinski moved, seconded by Mr. Allatt to vote on Amendment (8) to add section 5-503.3(I) entitled Qualifying Conditions with the substitution of the word “shall” for the words “is authorized to”
- Mr. Koplinski called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- Mr. Koplinski moved, seconded by Mr. Allatt to vote on Amendment (9) to add a second sentence to the Statement of purpose.
- Mr. Koplinski called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- Mr. Koplinski moved, seconded by Ms. Wilson to vote on Amendment (10) to amend section 5-503.3(f) to add the words “each appointee being subject to the consent and approval of City Council” in the third line after the word “District”.
- Mr. Koplinski called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- Upon the recommendation of the City Solicitor, Mr. Koplinski moved to table Bill 18-2014 (As Amended), it was seconded by President Williams.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.

## RESOLUTIONS

- **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 called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 130-2014 into record** – A Resolution approving an Agreement between the City of Harrisburg and the School District of the City of Harrisburg for the collection of the Business Privilege and Mercantile Tax and the Amusement Tax for 2015.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 132-2014 into record** – A Resolution approving Department of Environment Protection Municipal Recycling Program Grant Agreement for \$250,000 for the purchase of a leaf collector and rear load packer recycling truck.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 133-2014 into record** – A Resolution approving a professional services agreement with ViewPoint Government Solutions, Inc. (“ViewPoint”) of Boston, Massachusetts to develop, deploy and maintain ViewPermit software for the City’s street cut, road closure and crane permitting.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 137-2014 into record**– A Resolution approving the Fifth Proposed 2014 Budget Reallocations.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 139-2014 into record** – A Resolution approving a professional services agreement with SMS Systems Maintenance Services, Inc. ("SMS") for maintenance support of the City's mainframe computer system and network components.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 140-2014 into record** – A Resolution in support of responsible contractor and developer guidelines for residential and commercial tax abatement and exemption programs in the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams placed this in the Community and Economic Development Committee.

## OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

## NEW BUSINESS

- There was none.

## ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 9:50PM.