

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES**

**Tuesday, July 5, 2016**

**A G E N D A**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

**ROLL CALL**

- The City Clerk called the roll and 7 members were present during roll call, namely: Ben Allatt, Jeff Baltimore, Shamaine Daniels, Destini Hodges, Cornelius Johnson, Westburn Majors and Wanda R. D. Williams.

**INVOCATION**

- The invocation was led by Mr. Baltimore.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- The pledge of allegiance was led by Ms. Hodges.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Judge Jeannine Turgeon performed the oath of office for newly appointed City Treasurer Dan Miller

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

- Chief Carter said that it has been a long process regarding the CDBG funds. He thanked Council for listening to the Police Department. He said that he wished he had control over all of the funding because he would give it all to Public Safety. He said he knows that City Council will do the right thing and he thanked them for the funds for the precinct and he asked for consideration of the funds for the SRO officers.
- Jackie Parker handed packets to City Council. She said that she knows that it is a tough decision to decide where the (CDBG) funds go, but the demolition money is very important. She said that there are (280) parcels waiting to be demolished. She said neighbors are waiting for these properties to be addressed. She said last year there were 10 priority projects, but they were only able to address one. She thanked City Council for their consideration.
- Roy Christ said that he would like to address the Deputy Director position in DBHD. He asked City Council to keep this position because it puts more responsibility on other people in his department if eliminated. He said as they move forward with the acquisition of the sinkhole project they need some help with that. He thanked City Council for their consideration.
- Les Ford said that he is representing the Heinz Menaker Center. He said that he is happy to see members of the administration speaking tonight. He said the Chief is a pillar of this great community. He said that he wished that this conversation would have occurred before the 20<sup>th</sup> of last month. He said the main issue here is the lack of communication. He said that he is pleased this conversation is happening now because it's a part of the political process, but it should have occurred sooner. He thanked City Council for considering funding the HMC. He said that the community was not given an opportunity to prepare for this, so that is why they are acting very strongly. He said the Heniz Menaker Center is a very important piece of the community. He said they need a financial base to keep providing services to the community and they need the city to be a committed partner.
- Stan Lawson said that over 46 years ago he sat where (council) you are. He said there has been a lot of changes and he respects that. He said that there are needs everywhere and he hopes no one gets all and all gets something. He said one of the members in the Senior Center has children 80 years of age. He said that this is the only thing a lot of the seniors have left in their lives and it's very important.

- Pat Stringer said as a constituent for the community, she is advocating for the Heinz Menaker Senior Center and we need to look out for the services they provide. Additionally, Fair Housing Council and CRAM offer great services as well and that is where the funds should be directed, specifically for community oriented programs. She said that other places need funding too, but these are vital to our community.
- Mel Johnson of Fair Housing Council said that he has been to every meeting and listened to all of the ideas of the programs that enhance our city. He said that we have come to a point where it is difficult to choose. He said that it was difficult to explain to the board members what will happen if funds are not received. He said that they have planned to be more self-sufficient for the future. He encouraged City Council to support organizations that are willing to work for themselves.
- Mr. Boyd said that it is an honor to stand here and watch one of the greatest shows he has ever seen. He said non-profits always say they need more, more, more. He said why not try doing more with less. He said that we have 1.8 million dollars and 52-100 homeless people who get nothing. He said that you are elected officials because we elected you, but you have seen nothing yet. He asked when is City Council going to help the homeless of the city.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by Ms. Williams, with no objections the Legislative Session Minutes of June 15, 2016 and June 29, 2016 were deemed approved.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Baltimore reported on the Community & Economic Development Committee Meetings of June 8, 2016, June 9, 2016 and June 30, 2016.
- Chair Majors reported on the Public Works Committee Meeting of June 30, 2016.

#### ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- There was none.

#### ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- **The City Clerk read Bill 14-2016 into record** - An Ordinance appropriating Community Development Block Grant funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Fiscal Year 2016 and authorizing expenditure of such funds.
- President Williams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Daniels to suspend the rules for further discussion of the CDBG Funds.
- Mr. Baltimore moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to make the following amendments: \$50,000 reduction from CDBG Administration (\$322,766); \$20,000 reduction from Emergency Demolition (\$80,000); \$165,000 reduction from Public Services (\$115,000); \$60,000 reduction from Housing Rehabilitation Programs (\$339,952); For Public Facility – Habitat for Humanity awarded \$80,000; For Public Services – Mid Penn Legal Services awarded \$30,000; For Public Facility – East Shore YMCA awarded \$30,000; For Public Services – CRAM, INC awarded \$25,000; For Public Facility – Heinz Menaker Center awarded \$40,000; For Public Services – African American Chamber of Commerce awarded \$30,000; For Public Services – The Ferguson Group awarded \$35,000; For Public Services – Fair Housing Council awarded \$25,000. The above sub-recipients should use these allocated funds in accordance with the scope of services outlined in their applications and as approved by City Council.
- President Williams called for the amendments for Bill 14-2016 and they passed 7-0.

## ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- **The City Clerk read Bill 4-2016 (AS AMENDED) into record** - An Ordinance amending Chapter 3-330 General Offenses, by adding Section 373 providing for the assessment of fines for the personal possession or personal use of small amounts of marijuana and personal possession of marijuana paraphernalia in the City of Harrisburg under certain conditions.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 12-2016 into record** - An Ordinance vacating and striking from the Official Map of the City of Harrisburg a portion of Alricks Street (between Joseph Alley and the Lands N/F Norfolk Southern Corporation) pursuant to Chapter 3-109 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 14-2016 (AS AMENDED) into record** - An Ordinance appropriating Community Development Block Grant funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Fiscal Year 2016 and authorizing expenditure of such funds.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 15-2016 into record** - An Ordinance appropriating Emergency Solutions Grant Program funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Fiscal Year 2016 and authorizing expenditure of such funds.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 16-2016 into record** - An Ordinance appropriating HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Fiscal Year 2016 and authorizing expenditure of such funds.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.

## RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Res 29-2016 into record-** A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan and Lot Consolidation Plan submitted by Max Cohen of Meridian Recycling Limited to consolidate three lots at 651 Alricks Street, 638 Alricks Street and 3243 Pennwood Road and construct a storage building with associated improvements on the site.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- Mr. Majors moved, seconded by Mr. Allatt to bring the following Resolution from the floor: **Resolution 20-2016** – A Resolution authorizing an application to Impact Harrisburg to fund up to Six Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars of the cost to fund the Harrisburg Sinkhole Project.
- President Williams called for the vote on the motion to bring this resolution from the floor and this passed 7-0.
- Mr. Majors made a motion to amend Resolution 20-2016 to change the funding amount throughout the Resolution from \$6,500,000 to \$500,000.
- President Williams called for the vote on the amendment and this passed 7-0.
- The City Clerk read **Resolution 20-2016** (As Amended) into record – A Resolution authorizing an application to Impact Harrisburg to fund up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars of the cost to fund the Harrisburg Sinkhole Project.
- President Williams called for the vote on Resolution 20-2016 as amended and this passed 7-0.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Johnson thanked the first responders for their hard work on the fire the city had the other day. He said they are very important to our community. Additionally, he congratulated and thanked the 7 new Police Officers that were sworn-in and welcomed them to our community.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- President Williams announced that City Council will be on hiatus until August 23<sup>rd</sup>. She adjourned the meeting at 7:08PM.