

HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
Wednesday, June 29, 2016
A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

ROLL CALL

- The City Clerk called the roll and 6 members were present during roll call, namely: Ben Allatt, Shamaine Daniels, Destini Hodges, Cornelius Johnson, Westburn Majors and Wanda R. D. Williams. Jeff Baltimore had an excused absence.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- Mothers in Charge presented to City Council and asked for financial support.
- Ms. Hodges read a proclamation to honor the 50th anniversary of the Harriet Mitchell Braxton Playground.
- Devan Drabik reported on the 4th of July events and activities.
- Tom McClane and Kevin Sanders gave a report on what they have learned from the recent neighborhood meetings at the playgrounds.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Theo Braddy read a prepared statement and handed it to City Council. He asked City Council to help support individuals with disabilities and asked the city to appoint an ADA Coordinator. He said that they come into the world with a disability and are really dependent on other people and they end their life with disabilities. He said that they depend on accommodations to live their lives. He said that he hopes that the Mayor and City Council consider his recommendations.
- Mr. Boyd thanked City Council for considering the ADA requests. He said that across Allison Hill, Uptown & Hall Manor there is serious blight. He said that blight creates crime. He asked council to look and see how much trash is all around the city. He said that we live in a beautiful city and he is born here. He said that we do not unify in this city and we need to start talking to each other. He said that there is something coming to the City of Harrisburg that everyone needs to be aware of.
- Ron Chapel said that it is his one year anniversary of his radio station. He said that he invites City Council and also invites the Mayor. He said that he invited the Mayor several times to be on his show and he wants to publicly invite him again. He said that he is a city resident, a voter and a lot of his listeners are the same. He asked the Mayor to make time to be on his show.
- Chris Herr thanked the Council President for considering the Resolution for the Broad Street Market and said that he looks forward to having public meetings to discuss this Resolution.
- Sheryl Hughes said that she is a mother of two sons that were lost to gun violence. She said that she has been to the Police Department and she is not getting any answers and she would like to know what is going on.
- Pastor Briley said that 7 ½ years ago, they saw a necessity due to a group of individuals lost to drugs and alcohol. He said that this city has been very cooperative under the former leadership of the city with Mayor Stephen Reed. He said that he met with him and other Council Members about drugs and alcohol. He said they have been working out of his church, where the city gave him the building for \$1.00. He said that they are in

the process of restoration and the building is in a deplorable condition. He said that they are working on fixing up the building and they have seven individuals assisting with that. He said that he is helping people to remain free from drugs and alcohol and also helping people find jobs and places to live. He said that he needs City Council's support and asked them to consider rendering financial support for AJ Briley Drug & Alcohol.

- Les Ford handed City Council Pictures. He said that he wanted to paint a picture of what an ordinary day at the Heinz Menaker Center looks like. He said that the HUD funds need to continue to be used for non-profits to serve our population. He said that he went to a meeting about quality of life in the city that includes youth and senior citizens. He said that the representation has been made that it has been the city's position that these funds will be made for internal purposes, but it is not the city's position, it is the Mayors. He said that it is City Council's responsibility to examine and come up with their own proposal. He said that it will be a disaster if City Council allows it to be one.
- Paul Jones said that he recognizes that the city is in trouble. He said that we have a drug and alcohol problem and we need to clean up our city and change the mind-set. He said that we (AJ BRILEY DRUG & ALCHOHOL) are trying to help. He said that he is concerned about the city and they need the funds to help.
- Paula Braxton thanked City Council for the proclamation honoring her mother Ms. Braxton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- There were none.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Hodges reported on the Parks, Recreation & Enrichment Committee Meeting of Monday, June 20, 2016.

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 38-2016 into record** – A Resolution ratifying the submission of a grant application to Federal Emergency Management Agency on behalf of the Bureau of Fire for the purpose of funding a Fire Prevention and Safety Program that includes a door-to-door education campaign and the installation of 3,000 smoke alarms in City residences.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 39-2016 into record** – A Resolution ratifying the submission of a grant application to the Department of Justice on behalf of the Bureau of Police for the purpose of funding the reimbursement of bulletproof vests for the City's police officers.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 44 -2016 into record** - A Resolution approving the form of the proposed Broad Street Market Lease and Management Agreement between the City of Harrisburg and the Broad Street Market Alliance.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 45 – 2016 into record** - A Resolution confirming the appointment of Rebecca K. Kunkel, Esquire to serve as the Assistant City Solicitor for the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 46 – 2016 into record** – A Resolution ratifying the Local Share Municipal Grant Agreement with Dauphin County which enables the City of Harrisburg’s Bureau of Police to receive funds made available under the Pennsylvania Gaming Act for the purpose of funding the purchase of laptop computers for use by City police officers.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Safety Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 47 -2016 into record** – A Resolution approving the proposed Joint Resolution formally requesting a proposal for transit regionalization with the Central Pennsylvania Transportation Authority between Cumberland County Board of Commissioners and the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 48-2016 into record** – A Resolution ratifying the Local Share Municipal Grant Agreement with Dauphin County which enables the City of Harrisburg’s Bureau of Fire to receive funds made available under the Pennsylvania Gaming Act for the purpose of funding the replacement of the HVAC system at Fire Station #1.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Safety Committee.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to bring Resolution 49-2016 from the floor.
- Mr. Allatt read Resolution 49-2016 into record – A Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to Impact Harrisburg for an amount up to Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollard (\$250,000) to assist funding technology upgrades and improvements to correct systemic interruptions and failures of the technology infrastructure.
- President Williams called for the vote to allow the resolution to be brought from the floor and the motion carried 6-0.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Ms. Daniels to bring Resolution 50-2016 from the floor.
- Mr. Allatt read Resolution 50-2016 into record – A Resolution accepting a proposal from Sigma Resources, LLC to provide a 90-day services agreement to assist with the strategic direction and operations of the City of Harrisburg’s information technology infrastructure.
- Mr. Allatt made a motion, seconded by President Williams to suspend the rules to allow the Administration to discuss these resolutions.
- Mayor Papenfuse, Joyce Davis (Director of Communications) and Jeff Edwards (Director of IT) expressed to City Council the importance of adding and approving these resolutions. Mr. Jeff Briel of Sigma Resources answered questions regarding the 90-day services agreement to assist with the strategic directions and operations of the City’s IT infrastructure.
- President Williams went back into session.
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OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Majors thanked the administration for the meeting that was held yesterday and said that public safety conversations like this need to happen throughout the City of Harrisburg. He said that he hopes that the administration could provide training for the new website for public safety, so that the community is aware of what is going on.
- Mr. Johnson said that the city should reach out to the different community groups and set up a training session to let them know how to use the new website tool. He said that it has been on his heart lately to talk about the recent shootings throughout the city. He said that parks are supposed to be a safe haven where our kids play and it's disheartening to hear about shootings taking place there. He said that we as a community need to step up and address criminal activity within our neighborhoods. He said that a lot of the times we know the individuals involved in the crimes taking place and we are not doing our part in terms of speaking out and providing the information necessary to prevent tragedies from happening. He said that he will speak out first hand for our Police Department to say that if you provide the information to solve the case, they will solve the case. He said that when things happen and people are not speaking up, how do you expect crimes to be solved. He said that we need to take back our neighborhoods and he is tired of seeing people that look just like him, dead or in jail. He wants to have a crime-free weekend so he doesn't have to pick up the newspaper and hear about a shooting or a robbery or anything of that nature.
- President Williams announced that DCED will be having a Special Public Meeting on July 5th at 3PM in City Council Chambers to hear testimony submitted by the City of Harrisburg and other interested parties to discuss the requests for financial assistance. She said for more information contact: Fred Reddig 720-7387. She also announced a message on behalf of Comcast that on July 22nd ASPIRE will be available on channel 138. She announced that Penn State Agriculture Environmental Center are giving away free trees that are available for residents and they are in search of municipalities who are interested. She said the trees are provided at no cost, for more information contact Tyler at 602-6456. She announced thee Backyard Bash on Saturday, July 16th to support the American Cancer Society, for more information www.backyardbashharrisburg.com.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.