

HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, August 23, 2016
A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:15PM.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

- The invocation was led by Mr. Allatt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- President Williams announced that the September Legislative Session dates have changed from September 13th to September 14th and from September 27th to September 28th.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Jeremy Domenico said that Allison Hill has become a true war zone with shootings, murders and illegal dumping. He said there is a direct connection between trash/blight and violence. He said he took tons of trash off of the streets of Harrisburg, he wasn't getting paid and he didn't ask to get paid. He said since that time, he purchased cameras and they have picked up illegal dumpers, but nothing is being done. He said if the city doesn't want the help of its citizens than they need to know. He said his neighborhood was doing a great job with stopping the drug dealers, but it is all coming back because of landlords. He asked for additional police presence and said that he would die for his community. He said he hopes that City Council can do whatever they can to help out Allison Hill, because it's a war zone.
- Mr. Boyd asked why the city does the same thing over and over. He said that it's nothing new in Allison Hill, it's been destroyed. He said without communication and unification, this is a little Chicago. He said we have to work together and unify. He commends his brother (Mr. Domenico) for what he is saying. He said that he looks at your seven faces and asks when will you all help us. He said that the trash leads to crime and that he is the first one who said that.
- Daniel Graham said that he is glad to see the lines painted on Chestnut Street. He said that we need Police Officers controlling the drivers on 2nd and Chestnut Street(s) for pedestrian safety. He said the red lights need to be on in all directions every time the pedestrian light is on. He said that he was happy to see more Police Officers on 2nd Street. He said that on Friday when Sawyer's Restaurant has special music it's good that they shut off the music at 10PM, but there is a band that plays on the street after midnight and the ordinance takes effect at 10PM.

- Chris Senik said that the pedestrian crosswalks look great and he is still serving a felony for making one that had stars and hearts on it, he said if anyone would like to pardon him it'd be great. On behalf of "This Stops Today Harrisburg" regarding "Leek Moss" he would like to bring up a few concerns for the record. He said he wants the local media to recognize that he was a person who was murdered by the Police Department and they want them to expose the name of the officer, take away paid leave and arrest the officer for murder; They want the Department of Justice to conduct an investigation into the murder and the pattern of civil rights violations in Dauphin County. He said that they understand the Department is under a lot of stress, but they feel that if they set a good example that we all can work together.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by Ms. Williams, with no objections the Legislative Session Minutes of July 5, 2016 and the Special Legislative Session Minutes of July 21, 2016 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- **The City Clerk read Bill 18-2016 into record** - An ordinance to amend and update Section 9-103 of the Codified Ordinances of the City relating to street cuts and excavations to add requirements for sidewalks; increase and modify fees associated with street cuts; add time and duration restrictions on permits; authorize City performed or directed repairs for non-compliant properties; and to authorize the City to secure reimbursement and lien properties benefitting from City performed or directed repairs and related costs.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 19-2016 into record** – An ordinance of the Council of the City of Harrisburg reorganizing the Harrisburg Environmental Advisory Council.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 51-2016 into record** - A Resolution ratifying the submission of a grant application to the Department of Community & Economic Development for the purpose of funding the milling and paving of Chestnut Street as part of a revitalization and beautification.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 52-2016 into record** - A Resolution approving the adoption of the Dauphin County 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the City.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 53-2016 into record** – A Resolution approving the Third Proposed 2016 Budget Reallocations in order to provide for additional program and equipment allocations.
- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 54-2016 into record** – A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a professional services contract with Wilson Consulting Group, PC to perform design and engineering services for the repair of the Riverwalk sidewalks and installation of handicap-accessible ramps on Herr and Maclay Streets.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.
- Mr. Majors moved, seconded by Mr. Baltimore to bring the following Resolution from the floor: **Resolution 55-2016** – A Resolution approving a maintenance agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for maintenance of a “Welcome to Harrisburg” sign and lighting in the PENNDOT right of way at the Paxton Street intersection with the Interstate 83/Second Street on and off ramps.
- President Williams called for the vote on the motion to add Resolution 55-2016 to the agenda and the motion carried 6-0.
- The Council President Placed this in the Public Works Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- Ms. Daniels said that the same problem is happening, where a Bill did not get sent down (To City Council) in time. She said that the Mayor assured her that the Law Bureau adopted policy that legislation was managed in a timely manner, however none of City Council’s Bills are being sent down. She said that the legislation needs to be managed better. She said that it’s not acceptable, it’s a waste of time and she would like something to happen. She expressed her frustration with the Mayor and Law Bureau. (See audio for full dialogue with Mayor Papenfuse & Solicitor Grover)

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Allatt announced that he will be having a Budget & Finance Committee Meeting on August 29th at 5:30PM.
- Mr. Majors welcomed all of the students back to school and wished them success on the upcoming school year. He said that it has been a rough summer with instances involving shootings and homicides. He said it is his hope through darkness they will see the light. He publicly thanked Councilwoman Hodges and Councilman Baltimore for advocating for free pool days. He said that it shows that City Council and the Mayor can work together. He said he looks forward to seeing what the numbers were and hopefully they are able to extend the program in the future.
- Ms. Daniels said that on September 15th there is a voter registration drive at the YWCA at 6PM. She said that there will be performances from local celebrities.
- Mr. Baltimore said that Omega Psi Phi Fraternity will be conducting voter registration drives at the Broad Street Market and at the Frat House from 10AM-2PM for the next 3-4 weeks.
- President Williams read a letter from City Council in support of the M.O.S.E.L.F application submitted to Dauphin County for the Local Share Municipal Grant in the amount of \$375,000 to rehabilitate the ballpark. She also announced that a Public Safety Meeting will be held on September 7th at 5:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:12PM.