

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL**  
**LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, June 15, 2016**  
**A G E N D A**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

- The Deputy City Clerk called the roll and all 7 members were present during roll call, namely: Ben Allatt, Jeffrey Baltimore, Shamaine Daniels, Destini Hodges, Cornelius Johnson, Westburn Majors 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 Mr. Johnson.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- There was none.

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

- Dale Lannigan spoke in favor of Bill 5-2016. He thanked Chair Johnson for giving them the opportunity to discuss this Bill.
- Alan Kennedy Shaffer thanked Councilman Allatt for the words about the terrorist attacks in Orlando. He said that we need to act on common sense legislation at the federal level, so these weapons cannot make their way into terrorist's hands. He said that he read about a decision by the Mayor to not allow his Communications Director to allow reporters from the patriot news to ask her questions and he was disappointed. He said that he voted for Mayor Papenfuse because he is a supporter of transparency and he hopes that he will reconsider his decision about this.
- Mr. MacArthur said that Arts Fest was amazing and all of the kids really enjoyed the dinosaurs. In addition, he said that he appreciates the cross walks in the city and he feels safer because of them. He said that he looks forward to buying a home in the city. He asked the Council President if the selection of the City Treasurer will be televised, because it is a part of history and the residents should be able to see it. He discussed the status of the EAC and said that there needs to be more members appointed.
- Les Ford said that he heard an interesting sermon thirty years ago. He said the minister explained the role of the others racially, ethically throughout history and how it was easy to draw up hostility towards each other and he is upset that we are still failing to come to terms with the concept of the other. He said that people from the community need to step up and embrace each other. He said our hearts go out to the victims, but we are on the verge of creating another separation. He begged us as a community to take a look at ourselves.
- Tyrell Spradley (former City Treasurer) handed copies of a report to City Council. He addressed City Council about the status of the Treasurer's office. He said the lack of communication within the office and throughout City Hall needs to be addressed. He said sometimes bills are sent out late and that needs to be communicated to residents, but these things sometimes happen. He said that he was working with Chief Carter about the difficulty with paying parking tickets, but he wanted to bring this to City Council's attention because he was unable to help with this issue. He said that regarding the Alvarez report, it made it sound like officials weren't aware these issues were taking place. He said a lot of the issues were already addressed by the time the report was released. He agreed that some things were flawed, but issues were not just in the Treasurer's office. He said that accounting and finance are totally separate from what his

job was. He said that technology is a major hindrance. He said that he realizes that the city doesn't have money, but they are going to have to find a way to fix technology. Alvarez said that they don't even know if fraud exists, and that is an issue. He said that the current system is flawed and not capable of discovering fraud and this needs to be brought to the new Treasurer's attention. He said that the Assistant City Treasurer is good because she asked questions and thinks outside the box. He said over the time he has been in office, they improved the speed of business. He said the tax issues are a little bit more complicated, since it comes from the county. He said communication is the major piece in that office that should be focused on. He thanked City Council for giving him the opportunity to present tonight. He said he is 31 years old and no one forced him to do anything, it was a decision he made due to his employment.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by Ms. Williams, with no objections the Legislative Session Minutes of May 24, 2016 were deemed approved.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Johnson reported on the Public Safety Committee Meeting of Wednesday, May 25, 2016.
- Chair Daniels reported on the Building & Housing Committee Meeting of Thursday, May 26, 2016.

#### ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- **The Deputy City Clerk read Bill 17-2016 into record-** An Ordinance amending Chapter 11-101 of the Codified Ordinances of Harrisburg entitled "Foreclosure Property Registry and Maintenance" changing the annual \$200 registration fee requirement to a bi-annual fee.
- President Williams placed this in the Building and Housing Committee.

#### ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Baltimore to introduce Bill 4-2016 (As Amended) 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 THE PERSONAL POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA PARAPHERNALIA in the City of Harrisburg under certain conditions.
- He said that the amended version is available for the Public to review in the City Clerk's Office.
- President Williams called for the vote to include Mr. Johnson's amendments to Bill 4-2016 and the motion carried 7-0.

#### ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- **The Deputy City Clerk read Bill 5-2016 into record -** An Ordinance vacating and striking from the Official Map of the City of Harrisburg a portion of South 20<sup>th</sup> Street (between Sycamore and Pemberton Streets) pursuant to Chapter 3-109 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-1, with Ms. Hodges voting in the negative.

- **The Deputy City Clerk read Bill 13-2016 into record** - An Ordinance amending Chapter 7-323, Special Exception and Variances in the Zoning Code of the City of Harrisburg, by revising Section 5(c) on Hearing and Decisions to: 1) clarify that applicants are responsible for notifying surrounding property owners of special exception and variance requests by first class letter and provide proof of mailing; and 2) change the existing public notice requirement to property owners within a 100-foot radius of the boundary of the subject property.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.

## RESOLUTIONS

- Mr. Allatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Baltimore. Mr. Allatt stated that there was an administrative error to Resolution 33-2016, which was approved on May 24<sup>th</sup>. He made the motion to correct that error and include (the correct version of) Appendix C to correct that error and correct the minutes from May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **President Williams called for the vote and the motion carried 7-0.**
- **The Deputy City Clerk read Resolution 34-2016 into record** - A Resolution ratifying a Master Electric Energy Sales Agreement with GDF Suez Energy Resources NA, Inc. to provide electricity for certain City utility accounts.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The Deputy City Clerk read Resolution 42-2016 into record** – A Resolution ratifying a Grant Agreement with Highmark Blue Shield for a grant to support the City’s summer and after school programs.
- President Williams placed this in the Parks, Recreation & Enrichment Committee.
- Mr. Majors made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hodges to add Resolution 43-2016 from the floor. Resolution -43-2016 – A Resolution authorizing and approving the negotiation and entry into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Harrisburg and the Harrisburg School District for the City to create and operate a composting facility on real property of the School District and to cooperate in the provision of related on-site educational and training activities.
- President Williams called for the vote and the motion carried 7-0.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.

## OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Majors announced that he will be having a Public Works Committee Meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM.
- Mr. Baltimore said that he will be having a Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting in conjunction with the Public Works Committee on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM.
- Mr. Johnson said that he plans on having a Public Safety Meeting next week, but it’s not confirmed yet. He said it will either be on Tuesday or Wednesday and he said once the date is confirmed the City Clerk will send out the information.
- Ms. Hodges announced that there will be a Parks, Recreation and Enrichment Committee meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM.
- Ms. Williams announced that the Public Meeting to select and appoint a City Treasurer will take place tomorrow (6/16/16) at 5:30PM.

## ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:12PM.