

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
Wednesday, September 14, 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 all 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 Ms. Williams.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Baltimore.

COMMUNICATIONS

- City Treasurer Dan Miller Presented to City Council. He submitted a packet to City Council labeled “City Treasurer Response to Alvarez & Marsal Report – Review of the Office of the Treasurer”
- Mayor Papenfuse addressed City Council regarding the Law Bureau. He indicated that he set up a new procedure with the Solicitor and will meet with the Law Bureau prior to each Legislative Session in order to improve effectiveness and communication with City Council. He assured that they took their concerns seriously and said that he was interested in improving the work flow for positive results.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Jeremy Domenico gave City Council members (I Love Allison Hill) t-shirts. He asked Council Members to spend a half-an-hour with him and see how forgotten his neighborhood is. He said there are so many issues in Allison Hill. He said there are abandoned cars on his street and nothing is being done. He said the Street Cleaners just go around the cars and if Police put stickers on the cars, they are simply scraped off. He said people are willing to help clean up, but the city wants no part of us. He asked City Council to spend time with him, where he calls home.
- Rhoda Howard said she has several concerns on Allison Hill as well. She asked for an update on attacking the out of state landlords. She said there are “squatters” all over and when you call 911 they ask you tons of questions and nothing gets done. She asked for more Police presence throughout the city.
- Ronald Johnson said he has a similar concern as the previous two citizens. He said cars are being parked illegally all over his neighborhood. He said if there were an emergency, the vehicles would not even be able to get through his street and it would be a catastrophe. He asked City Council for their help.
- Mr. Boyd asked the administration when they going to help people. He said blight does create crime, but this administration will not listen to the average one walking in this city. He said one week they talk about the Mayor and the next week he is a great guy. He said that he loves his city, but the Mayor is not from here. He said what the people are saying is not new. He said that we have to do better.
- Todd Vanderwoude reminded everyone that this week is Restaurant Week. He said it continues through Friday of this week and on to the next Monday through Friday. He said the menus are available on restaurantweek.com.

- Keith Bentz said he is there to speak on behalf of *“This Stops Today”*. He said on Sunday, August 7th – Earl “Shaleek” Pinckney was shot and killed by HPD in front of his home. He asked for a full investigation and recognized that this is a dysfunctional process because of the relationship with the DA’s Office. He asked for an independent investigation from the Department of Justice. He said that the community cannot rely on the Police to police themselves. He asked for HPD to release the name of the officer and terminate the employment of the officer if found necessary. He said he is aware of the contract with the Police Department coming up and asked City Council to be a part of the process. He said they have 450 signatures in favor of their recommended requests.
- Mr. Ramsey said that he is there on behalf of *Breaking the Chains*. He said they are out in the community providing free counseling services. He said that the homeless lack shelter and support from the city. He said that the city needs shelters and help supporting the youth as well. He said that they are going out to homes and providing counseling services to families. He said they are not getting paid for these services. He said they lack the support and funds they need. He said Carlisle, PA is offering to help them, but nothing from Harrisburg. He asked for support from the City to help them.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by Council President Williams, with no objections, the Legislative Session Minutes of August 23rd were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Allatt reported on the Budget & Finance Committee Meeting of Monday, August 29, 2016.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- **The City Clerk read Bill 20-2016 into record** - An Ordinance amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg, Chapter APP, Appendix - Administrative Fees, Chapter 8, Building and Housing Development to change the filing fee for the Building and Housing Code Board of Appeals from \$200 to \$400.
- President Williams placed this in the Building & Housing Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 21-2016 into record** - An Ordinance to amend and update Section 4-105.2 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg relating to unlawful housing and commercial property practices by adding protection against source of income discrimination for residents with a verifiable source of legal income.
- President Williams placed this in the Building & Housing Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 22-2016 into record** – An Ordinance to amend and update Chapter 8-511 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg relating to the Residential Rental Unit Permit Program to exempt Section 8 landlords that go through HUD/Section 8 property inspections from City rental inspections.
- President Williams placed this in the Building & Housing Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 23-2016 into record** – An Ordinance to amend and update Chapter 4-103 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg relating to the establishment of the Harrisburg Human Relations Commission to add protection against discrimination based on verifiable source of legal income and eliminate the paid Executive Director position, allowing for the appointment of an existing City position to take over the Executive Director's duties, including conducting investigations.
- 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 53-2016 into record** – A Resolution approving the Third Proposed 2016 Budget Reallocations in order to provide for additional program and equipment allocations.
- Mr. Allatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Baltimore to include Appendix H to Resolution 53-2016.
- President Williams called for the vote on the amendment and this passed 7-0.
- President Williams called for the final vote on Resolution 53-2016 as amended and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 56-2016 into record** – A Resolution appointing Mr. Richard D. Kotz to serve on the Board of the Capital Area Transit Authority.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 57-2016 into record** – A Resolution confirming the appointment of Ms. Catherine Stetler to serve on the Harrisburg Human Relations Commission ("HHRC") for a three year term.
- This Resolution was removed from the agenda and withdrawn.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 58-2016 into record** – A Resolution confirming the appointment of Mr. Russell A. Boggs to serve on the Harrisburg Human Relations Commission ("HHRC") for a three year term.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 59-2016 into record** – A Resolution authorizing the appropriate City officials to execute the grant agreement documents accepting a \$52,569 award under the Automated Red Light Enforcement ("ARLE") Funding Program from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation ("PennDOT")
- President Williams placed this in the Public Safety Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 60-2016 into record** – A Resolution approving the disposal of certain personal property owned by the City of Harrisburg that is no longer able to be used and holds no value for sale or donation purposes.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 61-2016 into record** – A Resolution endorsing the adoption and use of a Debt Management Policy for the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 62-2016 into record** – A Resolution endorsing the adoption and use of a Fund Balance Policy for the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 63-2016 into record** – A Resolution authorizing the execution of a lease purchase or similar agreement between the City of Harrisburg and Community First National Bank of Manhattan Kansas for the purpose of financing a lease purchase of seven (7) new MACK rear loading refuse trucks.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 64-2016 into record** – A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Harrisburg and the Harrisburg School District for a cooperative project to develop and operate an organic waste composting facility on current school district land for educational and operation purposes.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 65-2016 into record** – A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a grant agreement with Department of Community and Economic Development (“DCED”), consistent with the Harrisburg Act 47 Recovery Plan.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mayor Papenfuse gave an update to City Council regarding the Public Works Facility. He said that there were concerns raised by the Solicitor of the School District (regarding owed taxes) and some creative suggestions were mentioned. He said that they still have the ability to work some things out before the Harrisburg School Board votes and they remain very hopeful that the issue will be resolved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Allatt thanked the Mayor for his communication with City Council members and the follow up regarding the Law Bureau.
- Mr. Johnson announced that he will be having a Public Safety Committee Meeting on September 15, 2016 at 5:30PM.
- Ms. Daniels announced that she will be having a Building & Housing Committee meeting soon and asked everyone to stay posted. She invited everyone to attend the “Our Voices, Our Stories” event at the YWCA tomorrow at 6PM.
- Mr. Majors announced that he will be having a Public Works Committee Meeting on September 26, 2016 at 5:30PM.
- Ms. Hodges announced that she will be having a Parks, Recreation & Enrichment Committee Meeting on September, 26, 2016 with Mr. Majors (Joint Meeting with Public Works Committee).
- Ms. Williams announced that she will be having an Administration Committee Meeting on September 19, 2016 at 5:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 7:22PM.