

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL**  
**LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, September 28, 2016**  
**A G E N D A**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:07PM.
- President Williams announced that there was an Executive Session at 5PM to discuss Real Estate for the Public Works Facility.

**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 was absent (Excused due to illness).

**INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

- The Moment of Silence was led by Mr. Johnson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Daniels.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- There was none.

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

- Samantha Moore from “This Stops Today Harrisburg” said they will continue to read demands until they see change. She said that they need help to challenge the Blue Wall of Silence. She asked for help to advocate for the rights of the black & brown people regarding police profiling and abuse. She asked council to vote down the Police Union contract, if the accountability contracts aren’t there. She asked HPD to ban paid leave for officers who kill someone. She asked when the quarterly complaint report will be available.
- Chris Sennick said that regarding police misconduct, there should be no delay or restrictions to when an officer can be questioned. They are requesting an independent board of community members to investigate all police shootings. He said they attended many meetings, but this is a matter of public safety and should be included in the FOP contract. They are requesting training for emotional self-regulation, communicating with people having a health crisis, anti-racism and safe conflict de-escalation.
- Elizabeth Tilahun with “This Stops Today Harrisburg” said that we need real mechanisms to protect themselves from under trained government employees. She said that they requested a DOJ investigation with regards to the police murder of Shaleek Pickney and it has been 7 ½ weeks since his killing and the public has the right to know the officer’s name. She said this is not transparency and does not ensure public trust. They are asking for independent investigations for here on out. She said body cameras are not the solution. She asked why the HPD is testing drone surveillance on black residents. She said they will continue to read these demands until they have solutions.
- Kim Thomas said to the Mayor that it was her son Shaleek who was killed. She said she feels neglected because the Mayor never reached out to her with that situation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Upon motion by President Williams, with no objections, the Legislative Session Minutes of September 14, 2016 were deemed approved.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Johnson reported on the Public Safety Committee Meeting of September 15, 2016.
- Chair Williams reported on the Administration Committee Meeting of September 19, 2016.
- Chair Hodges reported on the Parks, Recreation & Enrichment Committee Meeting of September 26, 2016.
- Chair Majors reported on the Public Works Committee Meeting of September 26, 2016.

## ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- **The City Clerk read Bill 24-2016 into record** – An Ordinance amending Chapter 6-331 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg, which prohibits smoking in all buildings, vehicles, and playgrounds owned, leased or operated by the City of Harrisburg, to include pools owned, leased or operated by the City of Harrisburg.
- This was placed in the Parks, Recreation & Enrichment Committee.

## ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There was none.

## ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- **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.
- This was removed from the agenda for further consideration.

## RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 36-2016 into record** - A Resolution ratifying the submission of a "Trees for Tomorrow" grant application to the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay on behalf of the Department of Public Works for the purpose of funding tree maintenance for the City's parks and playgrounds.
- 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 called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **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 called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **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 called for the vote and this passed 6-0.

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 55-2016 into record** – 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 said that she will only support this resolution if there is a separate resolution stating that Pinnacle Health will be responsible for year-round maintenance and upkeep of this area.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **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 called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **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 called for the vote and this passed 5-1, with President Williams voting in the negative.
- **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.
- Ms. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Allatt to make the following amendment on the last page of appendix a/b in the third paragraph, third sentence. The amended language should read: The Coordinator has reviewed and approved the job description for the Business Administrator and shall review and approve that the proposed selection is consistent with the job description prior to the appointment.
- President Williams called for the vote on the amendment and this passed 5-1, with Ms. Daniels voting in the negative.
- President Williams called for the final vote on Resolution 65-2016 as amended and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 66-2016 into record** –A Resolution appointing Jeremiah A. Chamberlin to serve on the Harrisburg Architectural Review Board.
- President Williams suspended the rules and invited Mr. Chamberlin to introduce himself and give an overview of his background and interest in serving on the Harrisburg Architectural Review Board.
- Mr. Chamberlin introduced himself and gave an overview of his professional background and experience.
- President Williams invited H. Edward Wenger to introduce himself and give an overview of his professional background and interest in serving on the Building and Housing Code Board of Appeals.
- Mr. Wenger introduced himself and gave an overview of his professional background and experience.
- President Williams went back into session and called the vote for Resolution 66-2016 and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 67-2016 into record** – A Resolution appointing H. Edward Wenger to serve on the Building and Housing Code Board of Appeals of the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 68-2016 into record** – A Resolution appointing Andrew J. Knee to serve on the Harrisburg Architectural Review Board.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 69-2016 into record** - A Resolution appointing Wayne S. Martin, City Engineer, as the agent for the City of Harrisburg to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the City of Harrisburg for purposes of obtaining sinkhole relief assistance funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in connection with the sinkhole affected area of the 1400 block of South 14th Street.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 70-2016 into record** – A Resolution requesting consideration and approval of the Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness in full without conditions for the renovations at the property located at 1315 North Front Street.
- President Williams placed this in the Building and Housing Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 71-2016 into record** – A Resolution approving the adoption of a regulation setting an annual fee for a mobile food vendor license in the amount of \$500.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Johnson announced that UPS is hiring and asked those who are interested to call 717-986-8552. He invited the Police Chief to give the public an overview of the Police Drone situation.
- Chief Carter gave an overview of the Police Drone demonstration and explained who owned the drone, who authorized the testing and explained to residents that the city did not authorize the vendor to post this video on YouTube.
- The Mayor addressed the Drone demonstration and stated that it was not authorized to be posted on YouTube and stated that he would like to get in touch with the individual who was involved with the video to apologize.
- Mr. Allatt announced that he will be having a Budget & Finance Committee meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM.
- Ms. Hodges announced that she is in the process of planning a “Fall Fest” and more details will be coming soon.
- Ms. Daniels announced that there will be a Building and Housing Committee meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 7:33PM.