

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, April 11, 2017
A G E N D A**

CALL TO ORDER

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:12PM.

ROLL CALL

- The City Clerk called the roll and 5 members were present during roll call, namely: Ben Allatt, Shamaine Daniels, Jeff Baltimore (Arrived at 7:06PM), Destini Hodges (Via Telephone), Cornelius Johnson and Wanda R. D. Williams. Mr. Majors was excused.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- Julia Nicole Jones from VIP Consulting firm addressed City Council. She announced their networking event “4th Annual VIP Business Conference Event” that will take place at Hershey Hotel, 100 Hotel Road in Hershey, PA on Saturday, April 29th. The cost is \$49 and that includes your breakfast.
- Representatives from Warm Hearts announced their play/production “Warm Hearts of Steel” that will take place on May 27th at 7PM at the Harrisburg Christian Performing Arts Center (1000 South Eisenhower Blvd). The play takes place during the Civil Rights movement in Pittsburgh, PA. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 at Mr. Mike’s Records.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Maria Vargas thanked the County and City Council for their tax exemptions. She said there was a write up on Pennlive that said the first 25 homes will be taken care of with Phase 1, but she asked where the city was with Phase 2.
- Daniel Graham said that one of the candidates for Mayor has a great idea that he read, that supports a plan for heated streets for the winter time. He said that this would help melt the snow as soon as it hits the streets. He suggested that some of the sidewalks be rebuilt that are slanted, so that when it rains the sidewalks aren’t filled with puddles. He said that there needs to be more streetlights in certain alley ways, to make it safer to walk down. Lastly, he asked what the status was to re-route the traffic off of 2nd Street and over to 7th Street.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by President Williams, with no objections, the Legislative Session Minutes of March 28, 2017 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Williams reported on the Administration Committee Meeting of April 3, 2017.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- **The City Clerk read Bill 1-2017 into record** - An ordinance forgiving and discharging 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 City real estate taxes including interest, penalties and costs and striking off tax liens for sinkhole impacted properties in the area of the 1400 Block of South 14th Street.
- **President Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Allatt to make the following amendments: Striking out the address 1701 S. 14th Street, Parcel No. 01-035-038 on line 78; Inserting Section 2 entitled “Exoneration of HELP and HIP Grant Obligations and Satisfaction of Related Mortgages at line 104 which states “Pursuant to the broad powers of the Third Class City Code, Optional Third Class City Charter Law, and as otherwise permitted by applicable law, grant obligations under the Home Emergency Loan Program (HELP) and Home Improvement Program (HIP), as administered through the City , for previous construction and rehabilitation activities are forgiven and the related mortgages shall be deemed satisfied for the properties identified below: 1404 S. 14th Street, with a Parcel No. of 01-035-085, having an Instrument No. of 20160005936 and a balance of \$552.50 as of 3/21/17. Properties with HIP-Related Mortgages are: 1421 S. 14th Street, parcel # 01-035-085, having an instrument #20090032012 and a balance of \$2, 383.20 as of 3/21/17; Amending Section 2 entitled “Refunds” which is now on line 126 to reflect it is now Section 3; Amending Section 3 entitled “Delegation” which is now on line 131 to reflect it is now Section 4; Amending Section 4 entitled “Severability” which is now on line 136 to reflect it is now Section 5; Amending Section 5 entitled “Repealer” which is now on line 146 to reflect it is now Section 6; Amending Section 6 entitled “Effective Date” which is now on line 151 to reflect it is now Section 7.**
- **President Williams called for the vote on the amendment and this passed 5-0.**

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

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- **President Williams called for the vote As Amended and this passed 5-0.**

RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 7-2017 into record** - A Resolution appointing Thomas Whye, PE 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 5-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 10-2017 into record** – A Resolution appointing Neil Heffelfinger to serve on the Harrisburg Architectural Review Board.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 5-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 12-2017 into record** - A Resolution appointing Roy Christ, Steve Howe and Jim Thompson to serve on the LERTA Appeals Board.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 5-0.**

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 23-2017 into record** - A Resolution ratifying a professional services contract with Springsted Incorporated to conduct a classification and compensation study of the City's exempt and non-exempt, non-represented employee job classifications.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 5-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 28-2017 into record** - A Resolution ratifying contracts with SMS Systems Maintenance Services, Inc. for the purchase and set up of an IBM Server.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 5-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 34-2017 into record** - A Resolution approving a contract with Kemar, Inc. for painting and other repairs to the Reservoir Park Bandshell.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 5-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 35-2017 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Department of Community & Economic Development for the purpose of funding the development of a Master Site Plan for City Island to help guide future development on the island.
- **President Williams placed this in the Parks, Recreation and Enrichment Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 36-2017** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to enter into a grant agreement with the Pennsylvania Urban & Community Forestry Council for the purpose of funding a tree planting project under the TreeVitalize program.
- **President Williams placed this in the Parks, Recreation and Enrichment Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 37-2017 into record** - A Resolution ratifying a Prescription Drug Benefit Facilitation Services Agreement with Benecard Services, Inc.
- **President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 38 - 2017 into record** - A Resolution approving a Comcast Enterprise Master Services Agreement for Ethernet Services for the City's Department of Information Technology.
- **President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 39-2017 into record**- A Resolution appointing Mr. Bruce Weber to serve on the Board of the Capital Area Transit Authority.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 5-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 40-2017 into record** - A Resolution amending the Rules of Council for the Harrisburg City Council.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 5-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

- President Williams announced that the Mayor and other Emergency Staff were unable to attend the City Council Meeting tonight due to the Mandatory TMI Training.
- President Williams said that she would like to make a point of clarification. She said the city has three unions: Labor, Fire and Police. She said Labor Council is hired and it's important that Council Members know what is in the contracts before making statements. She said that she was disturbed at some of the comments made by Councilwoman Daniels. She said that City Council has no control over any of the negotiations between the unions and she didn't want any of the information to confuse anyone. She said as an elected official, we cannot solicit business from these chambers. She said our jobs are to represent the citizens of this city. She said if there is an issue that requires clarification,

our residents are invited to attend the meetings, e-mail or contact us by phone. She said that she respectfully reminds council members of their legislative roles.

NEW BUSINESS

- President Williams announced that the Legislative Session for April 25th will be changed. She said Work Sessions will begin in May and she will look at the calendar to decide when these meetings will be scheduled, she will notify the public as soon as the dates are set.
- Mr. Johnson announced that there will be an Easter Egg hunt this Saturday at Sunshine Park at 12 noon. He said if anyone is interested in donating candy, please get in contact with him. He wished everyone a Happy Easter. He announced that he will be having a Joint Public Safety Meeting / (Councilman Majors) Public Works Committee Meeting on April 19th at 5:30PM. Additionally, he said that regarding the \$5 Million from the state, he feels that it would be unjust if that were to be taken away from the city. He said that for the Capital Complex to run their own Fire Services, it would cost a lot more. He said that this is an essential part of our budget and Harrisburg City Council will be lobbying to ensure that the City receives that funding.
- Ms. Daniels announced that there will be a Legislative Advocacy Workshop on Friday at 11AM at Harrisburg Area Community College. She said the event is free and everyone is welcome to attend.
- President Williams announced that Mr. Baltimore just entered the chambers.

OLD BUSINESS

- The meeting adjourned at 7:07PM.