

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES  
Monday, April 24, 2017  
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 all 7 members were present during roll call, namely: Ben Allatt, Shamaine Daniels, Jeff Baltimore, Destini Hodges, Cornelius Johnson, Westburn Majors and Wanda R. D. Williams.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Bryan Wade said that he wanted to make City Council aware of an upcoming documentary series. He said the point of him coming to City Council tonight is to reach out to as many local veterans as possible to get them in touch with him, so that they can be a part of this documentary. He is seeking African American male/female veterans. He can be reached at 717-601-9314.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by President Williams, with the following amendments: **Roll call: Remove the word “all” (before - 5 members were present) and Add that Mr. Majors was excused from the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting; Mr. Allatt did the Invocation/Moment of Silence (not Mr. Johnson), Ms. Daniels did the Pledge of Allegiance (not Mr. Allatt).** The Amended Legislative Session Minutes of April 11, 2017 were deemed approved by a 7-0 vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Johnson reported on the Public Safety Committee Meeting of April 19, 2017.
- Chair Majors reported on the Public Works Committee Meeting of April 19, 2017.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There were none.

## ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- **The City Clerk read Bill 2-2017 into record** - An Ordinance amending the City of Harrisburg's Official Traffic Control Map under Chapter 3-109 of the Codified Ordinances, by restricting parking on the West Side of South 18th Street between Derry and Berryhill Streets and authorizing the posting of No Parking signage consistent with the regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Bill 3-2017 into record** - An Ordinance of the City of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, electing to amend its Non-Uniform Municipal Pension Plan Administered by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System pursuant to Article IV of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law; agreeing to be bound by all provisions of the Pennsylvania Retirement Law as amended and as applicable to member municipalities.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**

## RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 9-2017 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City to negotiate and enter into a professional services agreement with Navarro & Wright Consulting Engineers, Inc. for project management services in connection with the sinkhole mitigation project in the 1400 block of South 14th Street.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0. Mr. Majors recused himself from the vote.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 13-2017 into record** - A Resolution authorization the City to negotiate and enter into a professional services agreement with Delta Development Group, Inc. for the preparation of a Bus Stop Optimization and Shelter Design Study.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-1, with Mr. Baltimore voting in the negative.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 29-2017 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a professional services contract with IMS Infrastructure Management Services, L.L.C. to provide professional consulting services and to complete an Asset Management Program for Pavement and Right-of-Way for the City of Harrisburg, PA.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 41 – 2017 into record** - A Resolution ratifying the Commercial Energy Sales Agreement with Champion Energy Services for the generation of electricity for certain properties and accounts for the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.**

## OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Allatt asked the Law Bureau if the city has any ordinance or regulation to prohibit double parking in “High Traffic Time Periods”. He said deliveries are happening on Market Street during rush hour and it’s creating a huge headache to get through in the morning with one lane and it is also becoming a safety issue.
- Ms. Williams asked for the status of the Comprehensive Plan. Has the Planning Commission got back with you Mr. Grover?

- Mr. Grover said that the Planning Commission has asked to meet with the Planning Bureau for an informational meeting and that meeting has not been scheduled yet. He understood that one of the two vendors have now provided their report, but he hasn't had an update as of yet.
- Mr. Majors said that he is looking at the timeline and the Steering Committee is supposed to be meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>, were the members notified? He said that he spoke with a member at the grocery store and she said that they were never notified.
- Mr. Grover said that he will have to check with Mr. Knight. He said he doesn't know if the commission has met yet to approve the timeline, but some have voiced the concern as to whether the timeline is realistic.
- Mr. Baltimore asked about the current status of the plan and if the former contractor's work is being edited by the Administration.
- Mr. Grover said that what was provided by Council at that time is what was submitted by the Contractor, the edits that were drafted in response by the agency (Planning Bureau). What has happened since then is other contractors have provided their chapter, but certainly they were retaining the work of the original contractor but the outside contractors are completing the work that hasn't been finished. As he understood that when this body had its meeting, there was a question (Mr. Johnson) about whether the City should get other technical services to secure the end product and he conveyed that very strongly to the Planning Bureau that this was the suggestion to finalize, but he doesn't know if they had spoken to anyone on that issue or not.
- Mr. Allatt asked about the sub-contractors.
- Mr. Grover said it is his understanding that they were cut out.
- Mr. Baltimore said that he is concerned with where we are.
- Mr. Grover said that the Law Bureau's position is that it will be the Fall with when these meetings will happen. He said the difference is that the Planning Commission thinks that they will need additional public meetings.
- Mr. Baltimore said that he will be having a meeting after the election to have further discussion about this.
- Ms. Williams said that there were some re-writes that we had some concerns with and City Council wants to see what was changed by the Administration.
- Mr. Grover said that it his understanding that Mr. Knight has the exact same concerns and will make sure the residents suggestions go into the plan.
- Mr. Johnson said that he understands that there were two outside contractors working on completing chapters. But, what about the other chapters that were submitted uncompleted and where do we go from there? So that is why he asked for more technical assistance since we had no resolution as to move forward.
- Mr. Allatt said that it appeared that Mr. Peters had a lot of documents that we don't have.

- Mr. Grover said that we have not going into court to do that for economic reasons, because the expense of that is real.
- Mr. Allatt said that we are clearly missing a lot and clearly, he had a lot.
- Mr. Grover said that it his understanding that the decision was made that we have to move on because we were never going to get it turned over, but that “big thing” (documents) was provided in some part by members of the commission, but not the Planning Bureau. He said he doesn’t know if the commission received all of this, but it was about as unofficial as can be. He said that he has our data, we went to his office to get this turned over to us and he turned over nothing. He said that we could go to court, and get a judge to compel what is there but then the question is if the data is based on information that was gathered, how much do we already have?
- Ms. Williams asked about the final payment.
- Mr. Grover said that he is not getting a payment as far as the city is concerned.
- Ms. Williams asked when the Planning Commission is meeting again.
- Mr. Walmer said that they usually meet once a month and the next meeting could be the beginning of May.
- Mr. Baltimore asked if this was going to be a court battle or are we going to complete this ourselves?
- Mr. Grover said that this was paid for by Public Dollars and any claim that they belong to a third party is nonsense. Mr. Peters has taken this position and that is why this is difficult.
- Mr. Baltimore said that you sound confident.
- Mr. Grover said yes. He said it depends where we are and if the city has a lot more expenses, it makes litigation a much more responsible thing to do. He said it depends where the loses are and we are not there yet to know the answer.
- Mr. Baltimore said that going forward, are we going to go with what we have?
- Mr. Grover said that Council’s recommendation to have technical support is wise and there are discussions as to what that will be. He said in his day they used to be called “copywriters” or the question is if it’s someone in the Planning side of the world. He said that we do have some people in Economic Development that have some of those skills (technical assembly) and Ms. Parker has indicated that she would like to give them a try, but that decision is still being made.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Majors announced that on March 29<sup>th</sup> Capital Region Water has approved a street sweeping services contract with DBI Services and they have begun today. He said the City will still handle snow removal, leaf collection, trash removal and street sweeping for special events. The Street Sweeping days are going to remain consistent, but he wanted to note for the record that this has been taken over by DBI Services. He said that he received a few phone calls today that there was some miscommunication, but those issues have been remedied. He said they do have an app that you can visit through CRW's website (888-510-0606 info@capitalregionwater.com) that you can view to track which streets have been swept. Additionally, Church Without Walls (104 Robert's Valley Road) will be doing a children's consignment sale on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> from 9-4PM.
- Mr. Baltimore said that the Girl's softball team won two games and the Boys baseball team won two games straight. He said it was special and we are proud of both teams.
- Mr. Johnson said that he was alarmed to find out this weekend that the basketball courts on Reservoir Park were destroyed. He said he is not sure what the intent was, but this shows that we as a community have to safeguard our assets. He said we need to take care of our facilities, because the actions of two or three can affect thousands. He said as we take steps to replacing these backboards, we as a community are doing all that we can to protect what is ours for generations to come and for children who enjoy going to those courts to play. Additionally, he said that on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM there will be a meeting at Transcend Church in regards to the master plan for Reservoir Park. Transcend is located at 1801 State Street, food will be provided so you can come hungry.
- Ms. Williams announced that the next Legislative Session will be on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6PM; Committee Work Session on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM and Legislative Session on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6PM.

## ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 7:11PM.