

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

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. Mr. Baltimore was excused.

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

- Bruce Weber gave City Council an update on the proposed 2018 Capital Area Transit Budget.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Sam Moore from “This Stops Today” thanked Ms. Daniels and Mr. Johnson for notifying her about Resolution 44-2017. She said that since 2015 they have been talking about Police Union Contracts and what we can do to ensure public safety for all. She hopes that the contract will have a residency requirement, ban on paid leave for officers who killed someone, giving the public the ability to be able to view disciplinary reports and citizen complaints that should remain on their files. Additionally, she said that they want an independent agency to investigate all use of force cases, they have over 450 signatures in support of this. They would like to see ongoing training for Police. They reached out to the FOP and the Mayor’s Office and they haven’t received a response, but they hope the public will be able to be a part of the Work Session.
- Daniel Graham said that there are more Police patrols downtown on foot/bicycle and that is good, but we need more. He said that if Cumberland County won’t cooperate and pay their share for CAT, the State should take over Cumberland County and make them pay and provide more bus services. He said that every City should have adequate bus services every day running frequently up to midnight. He said we need a commuter train service on all local railroads that are already in place. He said that there is also enough public interest to have another train from Harrisburg to Pittsburgh, so a round-trip is possible in one day.

- Melanie Cook asked what action Cumberland County has taken to approve the budget. She also asked if there has ever been an attempt to get all parties involved to sit down and get this resolved. She said how would any citizen support an initiative if the leaders aren't willing to compromise. She said that she also has a concern with Tractor Trailers being parked on Division Street, that has become a safety concern. She said if there is no ordinance on the books, vehicles can park wherever they want and nothing can be done about this. She said the last time we spoke informally, the trucks disappeared for a month, but now they are back. She said there is not another municipality in this region that would allow these trucks to park in front of schools and in residential areas. Also, she said she has been noticing transitional facilities popping up around the city. She said she's concerned that these facilities are popping up and the community knows nothing about who is living in these homes, with no control. She said that she doesn't know what their offenses are and who is overseeing them, she asked what sub-committee handles this.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by President Williams, with no objections the Legislative Session Minutes of April 24, 2017 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- None

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- None

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- None

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- None

RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 11-2017 into record** - A Resolution approving the transfer of 22 nonconforming or otherwise irregular properties to the Harrisburg Redevelopment Authority for sale or other disposition.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **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 called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 42-2017 into record** - A Resolution confirming the appointment of Mr. Malcom M. Murray, Esquire to serve as the Assistant City Solicitor for the City of Harrisburg's collection matters.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 43-2017 into record** – A Resolution approving a professional services agreement with SMS Systems Maintenance Services, Inc. for maintenance support of the City’s SAN server.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 44-2017 into record** - A Resolution of the Council of the City of Harrisburg ratifying the 2017-2020 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Harrisburg and the Fraternal Order of Police Capital City Lodge No. 12.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Safety Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Johnson asked Chief Carter the status of the Mental Health Training. He also asked when the Police General Orders will be put the city’s website.
- Mr. Allatt said that on Sunday, him and Mr. Baltimore witnessed a shooting on 15th Street and when talking to the neighbors, there was frustration about the response time. He said that it would be helpful to inform the public on the best way to report crimes and if we can send something out to public to explain when you call 911, what is helpful to know to help solve the crime.
- Ms. Daniels said that there have been a few shootings and people call after the shootings have taken place and no one comes. She said that in one incident, neighbors called the police after a shooting, waited 10 days and no one came to collect the bullets and people have been using them as artwork.
- Chief Carter said that a lot of the time shots are fired and no one calls the police, he said if you don’t call we don’t know. He said that he hates to say that people are used to hearing shots fired, but it’s true and they don’t call. He said when people call, they respond. He said that the Police have close to 90 handguns, 5 shot guns, 7 rifles that were taken off the street this year. Chief Carter said that he agrees that there are too many half-way houses and the community does have a right to know who lives there.
- Mr. Majors asked Chief Carter about campaign advertisements and saw that his picture was on an ad, he asked if he knew about it.
- Chief Carter said that he knew.
- Mr. Majors asked if anything was on the books with regards to halfway-houses.
- Mr. Grover said that the numbers are skyrocketing and not enough people to track them. He said you don’t know until someone complains. He said the first thing to do is to contact Codes to see if it is permitted. If the property is not zoned, you must file and action at the District Court.
- Mr. Johnson said the reality is we have Rooming Houses.
- Mr. Grover said that if there are these houses out there, there is a need for housing here. He said that there are 23 Rooming Houses that were “grandfathered” in, but he found over 100 that were “off the books”. He said that enforcement is tough and how do you take the people and throw them out. He said if anyone has an easy answer to that, he’d love to know. He said the city needs to revisit this, as well as AIR BNB issues.
- Mr. Majors announced that South Allison Hill will be having a Multi-Cultural Parade from 12-4PM on the 1400 Derry Street, he encouraged residents to enjoy the festivities.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:09PM.