

HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, January 24, 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. Allatt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Ronald Johnson commended City Council and the Mayor for the love and kindness that they have shown Mr. Boyd. He said that there have been several shootings around 14th and Market. He said that is an area where they work with children and he asked if they could get additional police presence.
- Les Ford said that he has notes tonight, so that he gives proper consideration. He said that he'd like to talk about Mr. Boyd. He quoted Oscar Wilde: "The only thing worse in life than being talked about is not being talked about". He said month in and month out Mr. Boyd talked about civic/civil engagement. He said that Mr. Boyd wasn't always civil, but it had a civic character to it. He said that he has always listened to Mr. Boyd, but hasn't always agreed with him. He said that he has never heard him attack someone as a person. He said that he understands that we couldn't keep him forever, but he misses him. He said that sometimes he felt that the City Council meetings would not get started until Mr. Boyd was here. He engaged Council and the Community, too many people remain silent. He encouraged everyone to get involved and answer the call to civic engagement. He ended by saying, "something is coming to Harrisburg" as Mr. Boyd said 4 months ago. He said that void is the absence of Mr. Boyd.
- Daniel Graham said lets respect the police and thank them for protecting our city. He said he wishes the police would patrol the busy intersections more carefully downtown. He said to chase the irresponsible drivers down and charge them a fine of \$200. He said let us thank and show respect for our new President Donald Trump because he is doing a good job. He asked about Resolution 89-2016 and asked what exactly do they mean about modifications.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by Ms. Williams, with no objections, the Legislative Session Minutes of January 10, 2016 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Johnson reported on the Public Safety Committee Meeting of January 18, 2017.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- **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 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 2-2017 into record** - A Resolution approving the Collection Agreement between the City of Harrisburg and the Harrisburg School District for the collection of the Business Privilege Mercantile Tax and the Amusement Tax for the 2017 tax year.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 3-2017 into record** - A Resolution approving the First Proposed 2017 Budget Reallocations in order to reclassify certain allocations and authorize the roll forward of certain 2016 Budget Year commitments.
- **President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 85-2016 into record** – A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a professional services agreement with SGS Architects Engineers, Inc. for design and construction management services in connection with the 15th Street Police Precinct Facility.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 87-2016 into record** – A Resolution ratifying the Domestic Animal Protective Services Agreement, as amended with the Humane Society of Harrisburg Area to provide services to the City of Harrisburg's Animal Control Program.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 88-2016 into record** – A Resolution ratifying the submission of a grant application to Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") for the purpose of funding the purchase of fifty (50) air-line units and eighty (80) face pieces for the Bureau of Fire.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 89-2016 into record** – A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to enter into a grant agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the purpose of funding modifications to the intersection of Second and Chestnut Streets in the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Johnson asked the Mayor for more information about the Citizen Complaint Process.

New BUSINESS

- Mr. Allatt announced that he will be having a Budget & Finance Committee Meeting on February 1st at 5:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 6:35PM.

