

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES  
Thursday, July 6, 2017**

**A G E N D A**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:20PM.

**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 Ms. Hodges.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- There were none.

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

- Dan Snowden said the matter with the Scott's and Barbara Cox has gotten worse. He said she is being threatened constantly. He said he wanted to bring this to your attention and asked for assistance for Ms. Cox.
- Cheryl Thompson said she has been a resident for almost 40 years. She said her neighborhood was always peaceful, but in the last six months she is frightened. Two weeks ago there was a shooting behind her house at 8:30AM. She said part of the problem is landlords are not being held accountable. She asked if the police could be more actively involved in their neighborhood.
- Ronald Johnson said Ms. Thompson is one of her neighbors. She said it seems that their community is being left out of the city's plan. He brought letters down last week and was going to read it, but Ms. Thompson said it all. He said a lot of his neighbors are older and they just want to live in peace. He said normally he handles things on his own, but when he needs help he comes here.
- Dave Showman said he purchased 35 units and was going to share his plan. Him and his wife went away for a few weeks to the Indy 500 and when they returned everything was fine. He said he knows why it was fine because his eyes are on you. He said it's time to move security lights in alleys and back yards. The cost of the unit is \$40. He offered an open house at 210 Herr Street to share how to install units and offered to help install on certain days as needed.
- Jayne Buchwach said she is concerned with the neighborhood around 19<sup>th</sup> and Market Street. She said she has been in discussion with Captain Moody and she will be tied in with Crime Watch PA. She said she would like to see more police presence, particularly more community policing. It's important to have officers be able to talk to the neighbors and even share an iced tea. She said they want to support the city.

- Khaldun Rasheed said crime is a problem in the city. He said he remembered we had sub-stations all over the city. He expressed his concerns with the new cars that are needed by City Codes. He asked what will happen to the old cars. He asked Mr. Johnson about 2<sup>nd</sup> and Walnut Street(s). He said none of the businesses have a rear exit and that is a fire safety issue.
- Ron Chapel announced his 2<sup>nd</sup> year anniversary of his show “Real Rap with Ron Chapel.” He invited all members of City Council to attend his celebration on Monday night at 7PM, they will have food and the show starts at 8PM. Secondly, he asked City Council to vote against providing HPD riot gear and to use that money for police cameras instead.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by President Williams, with no objections, the Legislative Session Minutes of June 27, 2017 were deemed approved.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Allatt reported on the Work Session of July 5, 2017.
- Mr. Karl Singleton addressed City Council. He said there was a community meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup>. He said one of the things that came out of this meeting is that there is a need for outreach with the Department of Justice. The DOJ agreed to do several workshops and putting a plan together for Harrisburg. He said more information will be forthcoming.
- Chair Johnson reported on the Work Session of July 5, 2017.
- Chair Majors reported on the Work Session of July 5, 2017.
- Chair Williams reported on the Work Session of July 5, 2017.

#### ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- There were none.

#### ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- **The City Clerk read Bill 8-2017 into record** - An Ordinance appropriating Community Development Block Grant funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Fiscal Year 2017 and authorizing expenditure of such funds.
- Mr. Allatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson to make the following amendments: To reduce the Public Safety Amount by \$15,000 to \$90,000; Reduce the Green Space Clean Up amount by \$10,000 to \$43,110; Add a line item to provide funds to the Heinz-Menaker Senior Center of \$25,000.
- President Williams called for the vote on the amendment and this passed 6-0.

#### ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- **The City Clerk read Bill 7-2017 into record** - An Ordinance appropriating HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Fiscal Year 2017 and authorizing expenditure of such funds.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 8-2017 As Amended into record** - An Ordinance appropriating Community Development Block Grant funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Fiscal Year 2017 and authorizing expenditure of such funds.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 9-2017 into record** An Ordinance appropriating Emergency Solutions Grant Program funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Fiscal Year 2017 and authorizing expenditure of such funds.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.

## RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 51-2017 into record** - Resolution approving an agreement with Yarnell Security Systems for installation of servicing of a video security system at Reservoir Park.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 56-2017 into record** - A Resolution approving a Comcast business services agreement for internet and phone services at the Reservoir Park Mansion.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 58-2017 into record** - A Resolution approving a Comcast business services agreement for internet services at the 4th and Emerald Street Park to operate the park's video surveillance system.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 59-2017 into record** - A Resolution approving a Comcast business service order agreement for phone services for Park Maintenance.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 60 -2017 into record** - A Resolution approving receipt of funding from Tri County Community Action for the purchase and installation of a video security at 4th & Emerald Street Park and approving an agreement with Yarnell Security Systems for servicing of same.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 64-2017 into record** - A Resolution approving a professional services agreement with Dawood Engineering, Inc. to provide engineering services for MulDer Square.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 65-2017 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to enter into a Master Equity Lease Agreement with Enterprise FM Trust and a Service Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. for a vehicle management program that will improve the overall maintenance and replacement of the City's fuel-powered, non-pursuit, non-specialty vehicle fleet.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 66 -2017 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to accept a financing proposal from Santander Bank, N.A. for the purpose of financing the lease purchase of two (2) 2017 Ford Escape SE 4WD vehicles for use by the City Codes Department.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 69-2017 into record** – A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a Master of Services agreement for engineering and environmental services with Barton & Loguidice, D. P. C for a conceptual plan, a PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) WMGR025 General Permit Application and related services.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.
- **Resolution 70-2017** – A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate enter into a professional services contact with Sigma Resources for Transitional management-related services within the Bureau of Information Technology.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Johnson encouraged people to voice concerns or questions with regards to Eastern University. He asked the administration to put the lease online for the public to view and be able to send comments to the City Clerk. He said he wants to make sure that we have community buy in.
- President Williams asked that we make sure to let individuals know that this is a Christian University, which has a requirement to take certain courses.
- Mr. Johnson said 2 years ago we applied for a COPS grant that was focused on Community Policing. Where are we with that grant and community policing efforts.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Daniels said that Harrisburg Area Now and others will be hosting a movie showing of “Equal means Equal” at the Midtown Cinema at July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:15PM. She invite everyone to attend.
- President Williams wished everyone a safe and happy summer. She said City Council will return on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

## ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:09PM.