

HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, September 12, 2017
A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

ROLL CALL

- The City Clerk called the roll and all 7 members were present during roll call, namely: Ben Allatt, Shamaine Daniels, Destini Hodges, Cornelius Johnson, David Madsen, Westburn Majors and Wanda R. D. Williams.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- David A. Madsen was sworn in as a member of Harrisburg City Council by the Honorable Judge Serratelli.
- Police Chief Carter and Captain Olivera gave a presentation about available crime blotters.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Kim Thomas said her son was killed on August 7, 2016. She said she continues to see the officer. She asked why she has to see him every other day. She said she is scared every time she sees him. She asked what can be done about this situation.
- William Carelock said he was concerned with a property in his neighborhood, 344 Muench Street (He handed City Council Pictures to view). He said this property has been vacant for 20 years and there are squatters in there. He said this is taking their property value down. He wants to know what can be done about this.
- Paula Strickland said for the last seven years she has been calling the city about 414 Muench Street. She said the house is vacant and people have been breaking into the house. She said the house is boarded up in the front, but not the back. The Police came out and she called back in and was told to come back into City Hall to fill out a complaint form. She said she doesn't want to wait until the house catches fire. She asked if the city can do this.
- Ron Johnson said his neighbors are petrified with all of the illegal stuff that is going on in his neighborhood. He said he passed out flyers in his neighborhood that says, "we are telling." He asked for help.
- Sheila Dow Ford said she'd like to talk about "neighborliness" and the respect that we owe one another. She said she has a position in this community, but she is distressed by what she perceives as untoward action by this body. She said an individual was permitted to disparage another individual within this community. She said she believes in courage that has defined her life. She said without speaking up when you need to speak up or to allow one person to bully another, you will not survive as a body. She said each of you is responsible for conveying and watching out for the others. She said this is a message of "neighborliness." They have lived here for 23 years and contributed a great deal to the community. She said it pains her to say that she will not stand by and be disparaged. She said she was brought up in a place where she learned to speak up and defend her family.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by President Williams with no objections, the Legislative Session Minutes of August 29, 2017 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Allatt reported on the Work Session of September 5, 2017.
- Chair Hodges reported on the Work Session of September 5, 2017.
- Chair Johnson reported on the Work Session of September 5, 2017.
- Chair Williams reported on the Work Session of September 5, 2017.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- **The City Clerk read Bill 6 -2017 into record** - An Ordinance for the purposes of reauthorizing, within the City of Harrisburg, an area designated as a Neighborhood Improvement District, designating a non-profit corporation to administer the same, accepting a business plan for the district and authorizing assessments for the operation there of and meeting all other requirements under the Neighborhood Improvement District Act for continuation of the same and repealing all inconsistent ordinances or parts of ordinances.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 11-2017 into record** – An Ordinance Chapter 2-503 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg on the organization of the Youth Commission and authorizing the creation of an application process for the selection of its youth members.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 12-2017 into record** – An Ordinance amending the City of Harrisburg’s Traffic Control Map pursuant to Chapter 3-109 of the Codified Ordinances by changing the flow of traffic of Goodwill Drive between Cameron Street and North 12th Street from a two-way street to a one-away street.
- This was removed from the agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 55-2017 into record** - A Resolution approving a professional services agreement with Traffic Planning and Design, Inc. to update traffic signal and school zone permit plans at various locations in the City.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 62 – 2017 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to enter into a contract with Bizodo Inc. d/b/a SeamlessDocs for a subscription to SeamlessGov Online Form Automation Platform.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 68-2017 into record** – A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan submitted by Jeanine Peterson to construct a new school/medical office building with associated improvements and to expand the existing parking lot for Hamilton Health Center.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 76-2017 into record** - A Resolution approving the Fifth Proposed 2017 Budget Reallocation in order to provide for additional program and equipment allocations.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 87 – 2017 into record**- A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to submit a grant application for a Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society, Inc. RECreation and Parks Technical Assistance Program ("RecTAP") Grant, supported by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, for the Harrisburg Parks Conservancy Project.
- President Williams placed this in the Parks, Recreation and Enrichment Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 88 – 2017 into record**- A Resolution authorizing and approving the formation of a task Force to explore community policing policies, law enforcement training initiatives, and creation of a civilian review board.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Safety Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 89 – 2017 into record**- A resolution ratifying the submission of an amendment to a previously submitted grant application to the Department of Community & Economic Development for the purpose of modifying the fund amount requested and the City's match in the connection with the Chestnut Street Revitalization Project.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- Mr. Allatt moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to bring Resolution 90-2017 from the floor. **Resolution 90-2017** - A Resolution approving the Second Amendment to a Lease, Licensing and Operating Agreement between the City of Harrisburg and the National Civil War Museum.
- President Williams called for the vote and the motion carried 7-0.
- President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Majors asked for an update on the Comprehensive Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Madsen said that he attended the Compost Meeting and announced that there will be a site visit on September 20th.
- Mr. Johnson said that he has worked in Susquehanna Township. He said he could see how it could be an advantage for both, but it really comes down to explaining what the compost site can be for everyone. He said the original issue was just the level of how the information was received in the Edgemont Community. He asked for better communication moving forward.
- Mr. Majors announced that on September 14th there will be a Multimodal Discussion at 7PM at 219 Hummel Street. Additionally, he announced that the next two weeks are Harrisburg Restaurant week, he encouraged everyone to attend. He recommended that in the future we work together to improve the quality of life for residents with regards to codes enforcement and how we address blight issues.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.