

HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, November 28, 2017
A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

ROLL CALL

- The City Clerk called the roll and all 7 members were present during roll call, namely: Ben Allatt, Shamaine Daniels, Ausha Green, Cornelius Johnson, David Madsen, 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 Mr. Johnson.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Mayor Papenfuss gave City Council a presentation of his proposed 2018 Budget.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Olivia Peck said that she thought all of the alleys are going to be paved in 2018. She asked if she could see a public plan with regards to a strategy. She asked if the Lobbyist that the city plans to hire can address the blighted properties.
- Lewis Butts asked if the city plans on increasing the number of employees to get some of this work done. He said we need to be aggressive in hiring residents for some of these upcoming projects.
- Dave Shuman said he gets flyers that state "I'll buy your house" in the mail. He said there is a real problem with absentee landlords in the city. He said we need to do some enforcement with regards to that.
- Lewis Butts said that we should hire our own to trim trees in the city and not private contractors.
- Aaron Johnson said the city trees are managed by city employees, unless they are private contractors being hired by homeowners. He said residents are responsible for their own trees unless it is a safety issue. He said they cut down about 15 trees for senior citizens in 2017.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by President Williams and seconded by all Council with no objections, the Legislative Session Minutes of November 14, 2017 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- **The City Clerk read Bill 13-2017 into record** - An Ordinance establishing the budget for the Municipal Government of the City of Harrisburg for the year Two Thousand Eighteen (2018).
- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.

- **The City Clerk read Bill 14-2017 into record** - An Ordinance amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg, Title V, Licensing and Taxation, Part V, Real Estate Taxes, Chapter 5-501, Property Tax, by establishing for the year Two Thousand Eighteen (2018) a tax levy on land and improvements and providing for the distribution of taxes levied and assessed and providing for a tax rebate for the difference between the tax due and attributable to the year Two Thousand Eighteen (2018) tax levy over the tax due and attributable to the year Two Thousand Six (2006) tax levy for qualifying senior citizens.
- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 15-2017 into record** - An Ordinance to technically amend and update Section 2-307.7 of the Codified Ordinances of the City relating to Personnel to include salary ranges of pay for non-represented exempt management positions within the City of Harrisburg for the 2018 budget year.
- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 74-2017 into record** – A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a professional services contract with Maverick Strategies for strategic guidance and intelligence gathering for lobbying related service.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-1, with Ms. Daniels voting in the negative.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 90-2017 into record** - A Resolution approving the Second Amendment to a Lease, Licensing and Operating Agreement between the City of Harrisburg and the National Civil War Museum, modifying provisions to provide for the sale and purchase of the City-owned historical collection, providing for the payment of rents to the City, providing for the offsets of rents as a reimbursement for capital expenditures made in the course of operating the facility, providing for the establishment of both a building reserve fund and funding for the Reservoir Park Master Plan from proceeds of the sale of the historical collection and otherwise resolving the disputes of the parties.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 116-2017 into record** - A Resolution approving the Seventh Proposed 2017 Budget Reallocation.
- President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Johnson asked for a follow up on the 3rd Street project with regards to satisfying MBE, WBE requirements. He said that he understands we have a list of contractors the city uses, but some were sent solicitations for services and some were not. He said that he doesn't understand why we have such low participation.
- City Engineer Wayne Martin addressed Mr. Johnson's questions and there was a continued discussion with regards to the 3rd Street Project.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Allatt reminded everyone that Budget Hearings will take place on December 12th and December 13th at 5:30PM. He asked Council Members to submit all questions to the City Clerk by December 5th.
- Mr. Majors announced that Resolution 115-2017 will be added to the December 5th Work Session at 5:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:17PM.