

HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, December 19, 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 all 7 members were present during roll call, namely: Ben Allatt, Shamaine Daniels, Ausha Green, Cornelius Johnson, Dave Madsen, Westburn Majors and Wanda R. D. Williams.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- President Williams announced an Executive Session was held on December 5th at 5PM to discuss legal issues.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Keisha George-Williams, President of 521 Local (CRW) asked her representatives to stand and said they are in attendance for hopes that City Council will be in favor of the proposed upgrades before them. She expressed displeasures with Ms. Daniels regarding her communications with AFSCME. She said there is a chain of command and if she has any issues with AFSCME she should talk to her, the Staff Representative or the Director.
- Dave Showman said that there is a lot of negativity around the city. He said we need to give out some love. He said that he will be passing out teddy bears and cookies and giving them to police officers to distribute. He said because after all, it is the birth of Jesus Christ.
- Tim Doutrich said that he feels passionate about the sanitation department getting upgrades. He said these guys are at work faithfully every week. He asked City Council to vote in favor of getting their upgrades.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon Motion by President Williams, with no objections the Legislative Session Minutes of November 28, 2017 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Johnson reported on the Work Session of December 5, 2017.
- Chair Allatt reported on the Work Session of December 5, 2017.
- Chair Majors reported on the Work Session of December 5, 2017.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- **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).
- Ms. Green made a motion, seconded Mr. Johnson by to make the following amendment: Line Item 399099 Estimated Cash Carryover will be increased \$10,000 from \$175, 889.20 to \$185, 889.20 to be used for consulting for the Comprehensive Plan.

- President Williams called for the vote on amendment (A) and this passed 7-0.
- Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Allatt to make the following amendment: Increasing Line Item 421030 CONSULTING \$50,000 for Chutes and Ladders Playground Design; Increasing Line Item 454004 IMPROVEMENT - PLAYGROUND \$819,000 for \$534,000 for Chutes and Ladders Playground in Reservoir Park, \$285,000 for 4th and Dauphin Playground; Decreasing Line Item 452000 BUILDING AND STRUCTURES by \$155,000 where \$130,000 will be used for Bandshell Lighting. There will be a \$714,000 total increase in line item 399099 ESTIMATED CASH CARRYOVER.
- President Williams called for the vote on amendment (B) and this passed 7-0.
- Ms. Daniels made a motion to revert the salaries in the Law Bureau, Solicitor to \$85,000, Sr. Deputy Solicitor to \$75,000, Deputy Solicitor to \$55,000 and Assistant Solicitor to 62,000. There was no second for this motion, motion failed.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- **The City Clerk read As Amended 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 called for the vote and this passed 6-1, with Ms. Daniels voting in the negative.
- **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 called for the vote and this passed 7-0.

RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 108-2017 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a contract with LexisNexis Claims Solutions Inc. for the Police Bureau to subscribe to the online citizen reporting software called Desk Officer Reporting System.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 115-2017 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to acquire by agreement certain real property in lieu of eminent domain proceedings.
- 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 called for the vote and this passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Allatt said he has observed Council proceedings for the last 10 years and gave thanks to his fellow members for elevated the level of discussions. He looks forward to working together in the future. He encouraged the administration to continue the respectful discourse of doing the work of the people. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Mr. Johnson thanked the Police for the Shop with a Cop Event. He said he was able to eat breakfast with them and it was great to allow the kids seeing police as human beings. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

- Ms. Green thanked everyone for their efforts and cooperation for the budget season. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday.
- Mr. Madsen said the budget is an intimidating process. He thanked everyone for their support and he look forward to working together in the new year.
- Ms. Williams said she did her research with regards to the salaries this year. She said the people who received increases certainly deserved it. She said she does question Mr. Grover and she will certainly hold him accountable. She thanked the Administration for their hard work on the budget. She wished everyone a Happy and safe Holiday Season.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:51PM.