

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, December 18, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

- The City Clerk called the roll and 7 members were present during roll call, namely: Ben Allatt, Danielle Bowers, Shamaine Daniels, Ausha Green, Dave Madsen, Westburn Majors and Wanda R. D. Williams.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

- The Moment of Silence was led by Ms. Green.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- There were none.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Irwin Aronson, Esq. spoke as counsel to Central PA Building & Construction Trades Council and the Harrisburg Region Central Labor Council. He asked City Council to consider looking into the Federal Courthouse Construction and demand that they use local contractors of these trades to do the work.
- Rev. Frank E. Hairston-Allen, President of Harrisburg NAACP said it is unfair, immoral in a city that has 33% poverty rate for the Federal Government to build a courthouse without using local labor. He said it is our city, our labor and our money.
- Reginald Guy, MLK Leadership Institute said when developers come in and want to build stuff and do not hire people of color and local residents, just stop signing stuff. City Council should take time and evaluate, before having a plan that doesn't look like what we are advocating for the benefit of our city.
- Commissioner George Hartwick said he is disappointed. He said the courthouse is supposed to be an investment. The 6th and Reilly corridor should benefit from the economic investment in the city, yet we don't see Dauphin County employers (African American, Women & Union) at the table. He urged City Council and the Mayor in collaboration with the county to work to make sure the area benefits.
- Brandon Flood said on behalf of the Department of General Services, he wanted to add that there was a statewide disparity study released October 31st. He said the one thing that was found regarding small minority owned businesses is they are vastly under-utilized. He asked Council to take some time to look at the disparity study.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by President Williams, with no objections the Legislative Session Minutes of November 27, 2018 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Allatt reported on the Budget Meetings of December 11th and 12th.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- Chair Allatt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowers to table Bill 16-2018 and Bill 17-2018 until December 27th.
- President Williams called the vote on the motion and this carried 7-0.
- **Bill 16-2018** - An Ordinance establishing the budget for the Municipal Government of the City of Harrisburg for the year Two Thousand Nineteen (2019).

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- **The City Clerk read Bill 13-2018 into record** - An ordinance vacating and striking from the Official Map of the City of Harrisburg various unnamed paper streets within the block bounded by Maclay Street, North 7th Street, Peffer Street and Moltke Alley pursuant to Chapter 3-109 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**
- **Bill 16-2018** - An Ordinance establishing the budget for the Municipal Government of the City of Harrisburg for the year Two Thousand Nineteen (2019).
- **Tabled until December 27th.**
- **Bill 17-2018** - 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 Nineteen (2019) 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 Nineteen (2019) tax levy over the tax due and attributable to the year Two Thousand Six (2006) tax levy for qualifying senior citizens.
- **Tabled until December 27th.**

RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 27-2018 into record** - A Resolution endorsing the adoption and use of a Fund Balance Policy for the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 28-2018 into record** - A Resolution endorsing the adoption and use of a Debt Management Policy for the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**
- **The City Clerk read As Amended Resolution 83-2018 into record**– A Resolution affirming the City of Harrisburg’s public policy of fostering an inclusive and diverse community and opposing mental health professionals engaging in any counseling, practice or treatment that seeks to change an individual’s sexual orientation and/or gender identity or expression in persons under 18 years of age.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 85-2018 into record** – A Resolution appointing Mr. Yinka Adesubokan to serve on the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC).
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 88-2018 into record** – A Resolution appointing Mr. Josiah L. Yonker to serve as an alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board of the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 89-2018 into record**– A Resolution appointing Mr. Aaron N. Holt, Esq. to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board of the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 91-2018 into record** - A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan submitted by Gary Zimmerman on behalf of the United States Department of General Services to construct a new, multi-story Federal Courthouse Building.
- **President Williams removed this from the agenda.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 95-2018 into record** – A Resolution approving the Third Addendum to Assignment, Amendment and Restatement of Municipal Waste Disposal Agreement of the City of Harrisburg and the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 96-2018 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a professional services contract with Marathon Capital Strategies, LLC, to continue to serve as the City’s limited purpose Financial Advisor.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 98-2018 into record** - A Resolution approving the 2019 Municipal Domestic Animal Protective Services Agreement 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 7-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 99-2018 into record** – A Resolution approving the Fifth Proposed 2018 Budget Reallocation.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 100-2018 into record** – A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a professional services contract with Steve Zimmerman to provide access and service of the City’s historical mainframe programming operations and related services in the Bureau of Information Technology.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 101-2018 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to renegotiate and enter a services contract with Penn Waste, Inc., to continue to serve as the City's single stream recycling disposal service.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

- Ms. Green thanked all the participants in the Police Citizens Academy and urged residents to spread the word about the program.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Green congratulated the Harrisburg Police Department for receiving the “Rookie of the Year Award” for an excellent showcase of their first National Night Out.
- Mr. Majors congratulated the Harrisburg Cougar Football team on a great season. Additionally, he said that he hopes to sit down with the administration to hash out the budget and do what it takes to get things done in a timely manner.
- Ms. Williams said we would like to work together on the budget, but it takes all of us to work together. She said we need to work and respect each other, because it’s not just about us it is about the residents of the city.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was recessed and will convene on December 27, 2018 at 5:30PM.