

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES  
Tuesday, April 9, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

- The Assistant City Clerk called the roll and all 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 Mr. Madsen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Client Outreach and Logistics Coordinator, Susan Brown-Wilson, gave an update regarding the cities Lead Safe Program and how residents can take advantage of the program and who is eligible to participate. She shared a video of the work that the Lead program has completed in homes around the City.
- City Engineer, Wayne Martin, gave an update regarding the Sinkhole Project, the design plans for making the sinkhole area into greenspace and gave a timeline of completion.
- Fire Chief, Brian Enterline, gave an update regarding the Dock Street Dam and the steps that are being taken to protect the dam by adding dam safety buoys. He stated that him and his team were successful in deploying the buoys in the damn as well as lights and he is happy with the work they accomplished.

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

- Russell Blust said he has been with the city for a long time helping and taking on big projects no one else wanted. He would like to see the Lead program continue. He stated there is another concern he has regarding lead in the water. He also expressed his tenant/landlord issues he has had over the past several months. He would like the Administration to adopt a tenant registration program.
- Ben Countz said he wanted to make an informative statement to Council and residents regarding the non-profit organization he works for called Wild Heart, based in S. Allision Hill. They initiated a summer project that consists of 8 weeks of beautification, removing illegally dumped trash. Mr. Countz said with the help of public works and 800 volunteers they have been able to remove about one million pounds of trash in the neighborhood. They are gearing up for their third year and are prepared to remove about 500,000 pounds of trash. He wanted to encourage partnership and volunteerism to local neighborhoods. He gave the Assistant City Clerk his business cards to give to Council.
- Tim Rowbottom thanked Council for the opportunity to speak. Mr. Rowbottom read a letter regarding several complaints that he filed with the Court of Common Pleas.
- Richard Soto handed the Assistant City Clerk a paper regarding information on the Phase 4 program. He said it is for people who do not have a high school diploma or GED to help them obtain their diploma or GED from Steelton High School. He said the program is free. Mr. Soto asked Council what the plans are for kids this summer for Parks and Recreation. He also asked Mayor Papenfuse if he is involved in the Federal Courthouse meetings as far as creating jobs and helping residents get jobs. He stated many residents are qualified for those jobs and deserve opportunities.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- President Williams moved the approval of the Legislative Session Minutes of March 26, 2019 to the next Legislative Session on April 23, 2019.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- There were none.

## ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- There were none.

## ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There were none.

## ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- There were none.

## RESOLUTIONS

- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 92-2018** - 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 services.
- **President Williams called the vote and this passed 5-2 with Ms. Daniels and Mr. Madsen voting in the negative.**
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 21-2019** - A Resolution of the City of Harrisburg urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to support Restore Pennsylvania, a \$4.5 billion Infrastructure Improvement Plan.
- **President Williams made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Vice-President Allatt to further elaborate on Resolution 21-2019.**
- **President Williams called the vote and this passed 7-0.**
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 22-2019** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to enter into an Easement Agreement with Zito Media Communications, LLC for the purpose of installing underground high-speed fiber optic cables in the public rights-of-way along Front Street and into Riverfront Park.
- **President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.**
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 23-2019** – A Resolution confirming the appointment of Ms. Franchon D. Beeks to serve as Director of Department of Housing and Development for City of Harrisburg.
- **President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.**
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 24-2019** - A Resolution confirming the appointment of Mr. David A. Baker to serve as Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities for the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.**
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 25-2019** - A Resolution confirming the appointment of Mr. Bruce Weber to serve as Director of the Department of Budget and Finance for the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.**
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 26-2019** – A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a Parking Agreement with the Harrisburg Downtown Improvement District, Inc. and the County of Dauphin to offset certain downtown parking meter and enforcement revenues.
- **President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.**
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 27-2019** - A Resolution approving the disposal or donation of certain personal property owned by the City of Harrisburg which has exhausted its useful life for City Operations, or has nominal value, no value, or less value than the disposal cost.
- **President Williams placed this in the Public Safety Committee.**

- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 28-2019** - A Resolution ratifying the submission of a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the purpose of developing a Chutes & Ladders playground in Reservoir Park.
- **President Williams placed this in the Parks and Recreation Committee.**

#### OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Majors announced this Saturday from 9AM – 1PM there will be the Great Harrisburg Litter Clean Up. Registration locations are throughout the City of Harrisburg in Uptown, Midtown, and Allison Hill. He said for more information to visit the Tri-County Community Action Center website at [www.CACtricity.org](http://www.CACtricity.org). He stated that the implementation of the new sanitation bill will look to improve upon some of the issue's residents face with littering and illegal dumping.
- Mr. Allatt announced a Special Work Session being held this Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM in Council Chambers regarding a graduate class from Penn State Harrisburg who worked on an Affordable Housing Study as their capstone project. They are going to share some of the results and the work of the study at this meeting.
- Ms. Bowers reiterated Mr. Allatt's announcement of the Special Work Session. In addition, she announced upcoming small business workshops that the City of Harrisburg is hosting for free. The first one is April 12<sup>th</sup> from 11AM -1PM at HACC and will be held in the Stabler Room. The theme is "Positioning your business for success in a competitive market." April 26<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> from 11AM – 1PM at the Dixon University Center. The theme is "Understanding business structure." Also, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11AM - 1:30PM at Dixon University Center is a workshop. The topic is "Google seminar and bonus website content." For more information and to register visit: [www.harrisburgpa.gov/workshops](http://www.harrisburgpa.gov/workshops).

#### ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:07PM.