

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, June 11, 2019**

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 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. Bowers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- Justin Steinbugl gave a presentation, regarding the National Service Line Warranty Program. He is the new representative for the Central Pennsylvania area.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Ron Johnson said it is out of control in his neighborhood and something has to be done. He said it doesn't make any sense where he has to pay his taxes and is kept hostage in his home. He said he will be here until there is some kind of resolve to these issues.
- Joe Gusler (President, Central PA Building & Construction Trades Council) asked City Council to table Resolution 36-2019 regarding Harrisburg University. He said the university is receiving a 0% interest bond from Dauphin County and if it's issued during construction, it will kick prevailing wage in on the project and that is a concern.
- Geoffrey Knight spoke in support of Resolution 30-2019. He said as every square foot of land that the city loses will affect the finances of Harrisburg. He said the issues go further than those closest to the highway, but everyone in South Harrisburg because it is an environment justice issue for these residents. He said the question is not how can we afford to spend the money, but how can we afford not to spend the money.
- Milton Taylor said he is being harassed by his landlord regarding City Codes. He asked City Council what he can do to stop the harassment.
- Mark Pickens said he is there on behalf of "Wheels in Motion" and is asking for help to improve accessibility for the residents of Harrisburg.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by President Williams, with no objections the Legislative Session Minutes of May 30, 2019 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Madsen reported on the Work Session of June 4, 2019
- Chair Majors reported on the Work Session of June 4, 2019
- Chair Williams reported on the Work Session of June 4, 2019

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- There was none.

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There was none.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- **The City Clerk read Bill 1-2019 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 Hamilton Street, North 7th Street, Clinton Street and Wallace Street; Wallace Street between Clinton Street and Hamilton Street; Clinton Street between North 6th Street and Wallace Street; and Cowden Street between Harris Street and Clinton Street 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.**

RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 23-2019 into record** – 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 called the vote and this failed 3-4, with Allatt, Bowers, Green and Majors voting in the negative.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 24-2019 into record** - 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 called the vote and this passed 5-2, with Bowers & Green voting in the negative.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 30 – 2019 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a professional services agreement with Kittelson & Associates, Inc. to perform a traffic and community impact analysis on the proposed I-83 Capital Beltway PennDOT project.
- **President Williams called the vote and this passed 5-2, with Madsen & Williams voting in the negative.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 36 – 2019 into record** - A Resolution approving the Lot Consolidation and Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan submitted by Dr. Eric Darr on behalf of Harrisburg University to construct a new 17-story, mixed-use building including a hotel, restaurant and university classrooms.
- **President Williams suspended the rules, to allow representatives from Harrisburg University to discuss Resolution 36-2019.**
- Harrisburg University’s Legal Counsel advised that there is no public money going into this project. She said all of the debt will be paid by the university from private funding.
- President Williams said there were concerns about the bidding process.
- Harrisburg University’s Legal Counsel stated that they are doing the “Contractor U” to educate the community. Additionally, they have bid schedules for the project and they will be holding “meet and greets” for the pre-bids to introduce the sub-contractors to smaller diverse contractors and foster relationships, so everyone gets a piece of the project.
- Mr. Majors said they appreciate the outreach efforts, but asked how they are communicating this as far as outreach.
- Harrisburg University’s Legal Counsel said they met with Charlie White and received the contractor list that he had and went on the DGS website to narrow down the search to local DBE Contractors and contacted them. Additionally, they have been handing out hard copies as well.
- Mr. Madsen requested to continue the conversation with the city and Harrisburg University.
- Ms. Bowers asked if there were and DBE goals identified.
- Harrisburg University’s Legal Counsel said there were not, but they want to attack it two-fold with the companies and workforce.

- Ms. Bowers asked if they hired a compliance officer to monitor the contract.
- Harrisburg University's Legal Counsel said they did not, because their funds are tight.
- **President Williams called the vote and this passed 6-0, Allatt Recused from Voting.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 38-2019 into record** - A Resolution in support of U.S. Congressional efforts to enact the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019 to address climate change in the United States.
- **President Williams called the vote and this passed 7-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 39-2019 into record** - A Resolution ratifying a professional services agreement with Civitas, LLC for the purpose of providing HUD technical assistance and training related to IDIS systems management for the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Williams placed this in the Building & Housing Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 40-2019 into record** - A Resolution ratifying a professional services agreement with Real Estate Strategies, Inc. for the purpose of providing technical grant assistance services to the City of Harrisburg's Department of Building and Housing Development to support its HUD related programs and reporting requirements.
- **President Williams placed this in the Building & Housing Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 41-2019 into record** - A Resolution ratifying a professional services agreement with YAG Properties, LLC for the purpose of preparing a comprehensive grant application to HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes and provide technical assistance related to the program.
- **President Williams placed this in the Building & Housing Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 42-2019 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into an interim operational agreement with the Borough of Steelton to provide collection and disposal services for residential municipal solid waste and recycling and otherwise undertake the process to secure a long-term Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement.
- **President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.**

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Majors thanked his colleagues for supporting Resolution 30-2019. He said it is a multi-billion-dollar project that PennDOT is taking on and it's important that we take care of our residents and businesses to improve that project.
- President Williams thanked Mr. Majors for his comments, but said it appears that the Department of Transportation already did a study and we should've utilized our lobbyist to go to the Commonwealth.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Green congratulated the students of Harrisburg High School, the class of 2019. She said she looks forward to the positive things they do in the city.
- Ms. Williams announced that there are new affordable 37-unit apartments called "Paxton Place" for people 62 years of age and older. The number is 570-743-6700 and these are scheduled to be completed by Fall 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:01PM.