

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES**

Tuesday, July, 2 2019

A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.
- President Williams announced there was an Executive Session held before the meeting regarding legal issues pertaining to the City of Harrisburg.

ROLL CALL

- The Assistant 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 Mr. Madsen.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Mr. Lenwood Sloan, of the Harrisburg Peace Promenade, gave updates on the first African-American Monument to be placed at K. Leroy Irvis Lawn.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Russell Blust asked about Resolutions 48 & 49 – 2019 on the agenda, he asked if they were being discussed tonight and if he would have the opportunity to comment on them. He said he likes the idea of the third-party consulting companies he just would like to see more of it across the board and he said he thinks it would be a good move for the City of Harrisburg.
- Les Ford said he came to express concerns regarding a specific timeline and the fundamental risk that is at stake. He asked if anyone knew the exact dollar amount that was at risk? He said 4.2 million dollars is a significant amount of money to leave on the table and the conversations are happening. He said he was pleading with the city to address the government structure that has been put in place by the federal administration so we don't miss out on the necessary CDBG funding.
- Fred Hanson of 434 Boas Street said he would like to address parking concerns specifically commuter parking permits. He said there is a state employee that is abusing the parking permit. He discussed his findings on what is required to obtain a commuter parking permit. He stated his first concern was that the requirements don't state a specific parameter for how far a person can live outside of the city and still obtain a commuter permit. He also said according to the Ordinance enacted in 1978, he doesn't see where legally the city had any basis to issue a commuter parking permit as it is never mentioned throughout the Ordinance. He asked council to please look into ratifying or amending the Ordinance to reflect the requirements as it pertains to commuter parking permits.
- Tim Rowbottom of 2333 S. 18th Street, asked is there stuff posted somewhere that isn't on the agenda and how can he have access to this information. He asked if the public has access to legal discussions and documents. He said his concern is that he feels all discussions and documents should be made public. He asked to be added to all correspondence regarding litigation with the city.
- Neil Grover, City Solicitor and City Council President Wanda Williams answered Mr. Rowbottom's questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by President Williams, with no objections the Legislative Session Minutes of June 25, 2019 were deemed approved.

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

- Mr. Allatt made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ms. Green to discuss Resolution 47, Resolution 48, Resolution 49 and Resolution 50.
- City Council had detailed discussions regarding Resolution 47, Resolution 48, Resolution 49 and Resolution 50 in order to consider these Resolutions for passage for this meeting.
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 47-2019 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to submit a grant application in the amount of approximately \$4.2 million dollars to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration and Healthy Homes Supplement program to promote, identify and remediate housing-related health hazards in homes with lead-based paint hazards.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0**
- **Councilman Majors read Resolution 48-2019 into record** - A Resolution ratifying a professional services agreement with Urban Engineers, Inc. for the purpose of providing construction inspection and construction management services for the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0**
- **Councilman Majors read Resolution 49-2019 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a professional services agreement with TRC Engineers, Inc. for the purpose of providing construction inspection and construction management services for the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0**
- **The Assistant City Clerk read Resolution 50-2019 Amended into record** - A Resolution to consider the City of Harrisburg's Historic Architectural Review Board's recommendation to deny the application of a Certificate of Appropriateness filed by Wendell Hoover to replace wooden windows with acrylic windows in the property located at 2015 North 2nd Street, Harrisburg, PA.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-1 with Ms. Daniels voting in the negative.**
- **Mayor requested Council vote on Resolution 25-2019** – A Resolution confirming the appointment of Mr. Bruce Weber to serve as Department Director of the Department of Budget and Finance for the City of Harrisburg.
- Ms. Green made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Majors to discuss Resolution 25 – 2019.
- City Council had detailed discussion regarding Resolution 25 in order to consider this Resolution for passage for this meeting.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-1 with Ms. Bowers voting in the negative.**

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Allatt said Mr. Hanson's concern about parking is prompting an even bigger issue as parking becomes more and more scarce around the city and when the new federal courthouse is built it will only catapult into a graver issue. He said the Ordinance does need to be looked at and cleaned up as much as possible to help combat the future parking crisis.
- Neil Grover said he agreed and currently legislation is being drafted to discuss business district and residential parking issues and that it's a difficult issue to resolve. He will keep council updated on his discussion with Rich Kotz, Parking Administrator for Harrisburg.
- Mr. Grover also wanted to note the tight deadline the was released to the nation in regards to the federal CDBG funding. He said this normally happens in May and it is now July however the federal administration has not pushed back the deadline for application submissions, which is August 15th. He said that in order to meet deadlines the administration has asked for a special public hearing to comply with the advertising requirements. The administration would like the special public hearing meeting to be held July 9th and then again on August 6th.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM.