

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, October 8, 2019**

A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

ROLL CALL

- City Clerk called the roll and 6 members were present during roll call, namely: Ben Allatt, Danielle Bowers, Ausha Green, Dave Madsen, Westburn Majors and Wanda R. D. Williams. Ms. Daniels was excused.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- Mayor Papenfuse introduced new employees in Department of Economic Development.
- Representatives from the Harrisburg Housing Authority reported on the Summer Youth Program.
- Mayor Papenfuse gave an update on the Kittelson & Associates, Inc. - I-83 Capital Beltway PennDOT Project.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Lisa Hughes asked City Council for help with regards to the murder of her brother. She asked for help getting an independent investigation and gave City Council packets.
- Danny offered condolences to the family. He asked for more information on the companies being interviewed for the city's water and if City Council was involved. He asked for the opinions of Ms. Green and Bowers regarding privatization of our city's water.
- John said he is in support of keeping our water supply public. He said we do need improvements and citizens need to find a way to make that work in order to keep our water.
- Ms. Hutchinson said she is a junior at Central Dauphin High School and opposes the sale of the city's water.
- Mr. Miller said he is a senior at Susquehanna Township High School. He said the issue of privatizing water is very important to them and he strongly opposes it.
- Kate thanked City Council for caring about our water. She said she opposed privatizing the city's water. She said one of the companies that bid on the city's water is the one from Flint, Michigan.
- Matthew said water is an essential building block of human life and it should be under the control of the people it feeds and nourishes. He asked City Council to protect the residents.
- Christina Kostecky said it's great there is a lot of support for our water system. She said we privatized parking for short term goals and it is the pain in our side. She said the rates might be low in the beginning, but in the long term the private sector hikes up the prices. She encouraged City Council to find examples from other City's who run their water well.
- Melanie Stegman said she just moved here and wants to buy a house in the city. She said she is moving her company here from Seattle and wants to be part of the solution to fix the water infrastructure. She encouraged City Council to think positively because things will get better.

- Vishal said he is having a difficult time talking about ideas because everything was kept secret from the residents. He said he has 5/6 of the letters of intent that he obtained through a right-to-know that he is willing to share. He said the process needs more transparency and he urged City Council to be stronger in demanding such from the Mayor.
- President Williams announced that an Executive Session was held on October 2nd to discuss Legal Issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by President Williams, with no objections, the Legislative Session Minutes of September 17, 2019 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Allatt reported on the Work Session of October 1st.
- Chair Bowers reported on the Work Sessions of September 24th and October 1st.
- Chair Madsen reported on the Work Session of September 24th.
- Chair Majors reported on the Work Sessions of September 24th and October 1st.
- Chair Williams reported on the Work Sessions of September 24th and October 1st.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- **The City Clerk read Bill 9-2019 into record-** An Ordinance forgiving and discharging City real estate taxes including interest, penalties and costs and striking off tax liens for certain sinkhole impacted properties in the area of the 1400 Block of South 14th Street.
- **President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Bill 10-2019 into record -** An Ordinance amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg by creating Chapter 3-147 authorizing and providing for a business parking permit program; authorizing the establishment of business parking districts; authorizing the establishment of related eligibility conditions and procedures; providing for certain powers and duties for the administration of said program; authorizing the Mayor to designate an Administrator thereof; authorizing the adoption of regulations and fees of said program; and providing penalties for violation of Chapter 3-147 and related regulations.
- **President Williams placed this in the Public Safety Committee.**

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- **Bill 7-2019** – An Ordinance to technically amend and update the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg to conform with 2018 Legislative Acts adopted by the City Council regarding Part 3 of Title 9 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg entitled “Municipal Waste, Recycling, and Composting Code,” to provide severability and repeal of all prior inconsistent City ordinances, and to supplement the Appendix of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg with a rental, collection and disposal rate schedule for large sanitation containers used for Construction and Demolition Waste, Residential Waste and the Farm Show.
- **Bill 7-2019** was removed from the agenda.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 8-2019 into record** – An Ordinance amending Chapter 6-311.2, entitled “Contaminating water supply; maintaining well” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg to allow City-owned non-potable water supply wells to be used for the City comfort facilities within the City parks.
- **President Williams called the vote and this passed 6-0.**

RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 54-2019 into record-** A Resolution confirming the reappointment of Ms. Franchon D. Dickinson to serve as Director of Building and Housing Development (DBHD) for the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Williams called the vote and this failed 2-4, with Mr. Allatt, Ms. Bowers, Ms. Green and Mr. Madsen voting in the Negative.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 55-2019 into record** – A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to enter into an Easement Agreement with Greenworks Development, LLC for the purpose of installing three bollards in the public right-of-way in front of the Midtown II Educational Building along the northern side of Reily Street, between Susquehanna and Third Streets, in the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Williams called the vote and this passed 6-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 56-2019 into record** – A Resolution reappointing Mr. Brian J. Ostella to serve on the City of Harrisburg Audit Committee.
- **President Williams called the vote and this passed 6-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 57-2019 into record** – A Resolution approving the disposition of surplus equipment by the Bureau of Vehicle Management.
- **President Williams called the vote and this passed 6-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 58-2019 into record**– A Resolution confirming the appointment of Nelva V. Wright to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority (SARAA).
- **President Williams called the vote and this passed 6-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 59-2019 into record** – A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a master license agreement with Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, for use of certain City property for the installation of wireless communications equipment.
- **President Williams called the vote and this passed 6-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 60-2019 into record** – A Resolution approving the disposal or donation of certain 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 called the vote and this passed 6-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 61-2019 into record** – A Resolution ratifying an agreement between the City of Harrisburg and Link Computer Corporation for the purpose of providing software to support the City’s agreement with the Borough of Steelton.
- **President Williams called the vote and this passed 6-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 62-2019 into record** – A Resolution reappointing Mr. Alex Reber to serve on the City of Harrisburg Audit Committee.
- **President Williams called the vote and this passed 6-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 63-2019 into record** – A Resolution ratifying the submission of a grant application and execution of a grant agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of replacing two (2) diesel-powered, bulk collection trucks.
- **President Williams called the vote and this passed 6-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 64-2019 into record** – A Resolution ratifying the submission of a grant application to PA WalkWorks to fund design work for the City of Harrisburg’s “Urban Meadow Extension” Project.
- **President Williams called the vote and this passed 6-0.**

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 65-2019 into record** – A Resolution recommending the reappointment of Mr. Wayne S. Martin to serve on the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) for a two-year term.
- **President Williams called the vote and this passed 6-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 66-2019 into record**– A Resolution authorizing the City to negotiate and enter into a professional services agreement with Melissa Snyder for the purpose of serving as the event coordinator for the Artsfest of Greater Harrisburg for 2020.
- **President Williams called the vote and this passed 6-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 67-2019 into record**- A Resolution ratifying an agreement between the Pennsylvania Historical Museum (PHMC) and the City of Harrisburg (City) providing for the transfer of the Harrisburg City Archives to the care, custody, and control of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.
- **President Williams called the vote and this passed 6-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 68-2019 into record** – A Resolution ratifying a Contribution Agreement No.08A804 between the City of Harrisburg and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in the amount of \$50,000 for Herr Street Sidewalk reconstruction and ADA compliance as part of the PennDOT Herr Street Improvement Project.
- **President Williams called the vote and this passed 6-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 69-2019 into record** – A Resolution appointing Ms. Tymia Q. Green to serve on the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC).
- **President Williams called the vote and this passed 6-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 70-2019 into record** - A Resolution confirming the appointment of Mr. Marc Woolley to serve on the LERTA Appeals Board.
- **President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 71-2019 into record** - A Resolution confirming the appointment of Mr. Brian Enterline to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority (SARAA).
- **President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 72-2019 into record** - A Resolution approving the Fourth Proposed 2019 Budget Reallocation.
- **President Williams placed this in the Budget and Finance Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 73-2019 into record** - A Resolution approving the transfer of the Riverside Firehouse located at 3201 N. 4th Street to the Harrisburg Redevelopment Authority for sale or other disposition.
- **President Williams placed this in the Public Safety Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 74-2019 into record** - A Resolution of the Council of the City of Harrisburg recognizing October 2019 as lesbian, gay bisexual, transgender, and queer History Month, and encouraging all people of the City of Harrisburg to Work to advance the cause of equality and to recognize the contributions of Harrisburg's lesbian, gay bisexual, transgender, and queer residents to the City and its community.
- **President Williams called the vote and this passed 6-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Green announced City Council will be hosting the Pre-Trick or Treat Night Bash on October 30th from 5-7PM at two Fire Houses: 1820 N. 6th Street and 9 South 13th Street. She invited families to come dressed in their costumes and enjoy the night.
- Mr. Madsen announced that applications are available online for City Council's Youth Commission and encouraged students to apply. He said the deadline is December 13th.

- Mr. Majors announced that we received a letter from Dauphin County regarding the changes to polling places that will take effect for this election. He said the 6th Ward at the Susquehanna Art Museum polling place will be moved from the lobby to the Education Center. The 9-3 polling place “Edison Village” will be changed from the Community Room to the Small Meeting room. The 1st Ward will be changed from the Passage of India to UPMC Pinnacle located at 1000 Paxton Street. The 4th Precinct was changed from St. Michael’s to City Hall, 10 N. 2nd Street. The 7-2 will be changed from 1401 Cumberland Street to Downey Elementary, 1312 Monroe Street. The 9-4 will be changed from the Bellevue Park Community Center to John Harris Field House 2451 Market Street. The 10-1 was changed from Our Lady Blessed Sacrament to Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church, 2430 N. Third Street. The 10-3 was changed from the Mosque to the Scottish Rite Cathedral (west side of ballroom), 2701 N. Third Street. The 10-4 was changed from the Teamsters Building to the Scottish Rite Cathedral (east side of ballroom), 2701 N. Third Street. He said residents will receive a mailer notifying them of these changes.
- President Williams announced a new initiative that City Council is doing. She said City Council is looking for special citizens or “Unsung Heroes” that they would like to recognize. She said applications are online or by contacting the City Clerk and the deadline is November 15th. She said the selected residents will be recognized at a meeting in December. She congratulated Cougar Academy student Dasha Brown who was recognized as the 2nd place scholarship winner by the Pa Municipal League. She asked for a round of applause for Ms. Dasha Brown.
- Mayor Papenfuse said due to an irresponsible vote this evening he is sad to report that he received the resignation letter from Ms. Dickinson. He said this puts the city in jeopardy from implementing the \$5.6 Million Dollar grant and CDBG Funding.
- Marc Woolley said he wants the public to understand the work that Ms. Dickinson has done. He said she was able to reconcile accounts, rectify over twenty findings that HUD has imposed on our Housing Department and she will be sorely missed. He said there will be major changes in that Department. He said this move hamstrung the ability to put an affordable housing program on the books and they are going to have to look at the program as a whole. He said when he first arrived there were things that City Council wanted to see and Ms. Dickinson checks the box. He said he was disappointed.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 7:52PM.