

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, February 25, 2020**

A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:20PM.

ROLL CALL

- Deputy 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. Allatt.

COMMUNICATIONS

- President Williams announced that Bill 2-2020 has been removed from the agenda. Bill 3-2020 will be amended, Resolution 12-2020 will be amended and Resolution 11-2020 will be removed from the agenda. She said Resolution 16-2020 will be placed in the Community & Economic Development Committee and discussed at the March 3rd Work Session. She said letters will be going in the mail today regarding CDBG applications.
- Nelva Wright, Health Officer and member of the Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority updated council and the public about “Real ID” which is a Homeland Security mandate that requires a star to be placed on your drivers license in order to board domestic flights.
- President Williams made a statement regarding affordable housing within the City of Harrisburg.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Les Ford spoke on behalf of the Heinz-Menaker Senior Center. He requested the assistance of the Administration and City Council. He took note to the update regarding the HUD schedule and the meeting on March 3rd. He said that he will continue to press on the importance of funding for the senior center.
- Boyd Strain spoke in support of the Heinz-Menaker Senior Center. He is the Treasurer for the center and asked council to keep them informed regarding the HUD funds.
- Tarik Casteel said he supports affordable housing and has been trying to develop more affordable housing on top of everything they developed around the HUB. He said they tried to develop another block of affordable housing, but they were denied by the Zoning Hearing Board and cut from doing 8 to 6 units. He said he changed the format of his design, but was denied and he asked City Council for assistance to restructure the Zoning Hearing Board.
- James White said he is there in support of Tarik Casteel’s appeal to City Council. He said here is a situation, where there is a genuine commitment for affordable housing. He talked about the great work that Mr. Casteel has done so far, and how an asset this project would be for the city.
- Sheila Dow-Ford said as a member of the Heinz-Menaker Senior center, she thanked the colleagues that spoke up today and she supports the effort for HUD funding. Additionally, she said on behalf of Impact Harrisburg, she wanted to inform City Council that they gave a presentation to the ICA and she’d like to bring the same to City Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by President Williams, with no objections, the Legislative Session Minutes of January 28, 2020 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Allatt reported on the Work Session of February 11, 2020.
- Chair Madsen reported on the Work Session of February 11, 2020.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- **The City Clerk read Bill 4-2020 into record** - An ordinance vacating and striking from the Official Map of the City of Harrisburg South 14th Street within the block bounded by Magnolia Street and Cloverly Terrace pursuant to Chapter 3-109 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.**

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- **The City Clerk read Bill 3-2020 into record** - An ordinance vacating and striking from the Official Map of the City of Harrisburg Minnie Alley within the block bounded by Moltke Alley and Wallace Street and Moltke Alley within the block bounded Maclay Street and Peffer Street pursuant to Chapter 3-109 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg.
- Mr. Madsen moved, seconded by Mr. Allatt to include a condition: that the Buonarotti Trust repair the sidewalk at Parcel number 07-002-001 in conformance with the City's Property Maintenance Code.
- President Williams called for the vote on the amendment and the motion carried 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 12 – 2020 into record** - A resolution granting an extension of time of the approval of the Subdivision and Land Development Plan for 2216 Brookwood Street and 516 Melrose Street (known as Brookwood Commons) until March 31, 2022.
- Mr. Madsen moved, seconded by Mr. Allatt to extend the timeframe until April 30, 2020 to allow the Planning Commission to review and make recommendation.
- President Williams called for the vote on the amendment and the motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- **The City Clerk read Bill 1-2020 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 Harris Street, North 7th Street, Boyd Street and Wallace Street; Boyd Street between Wallace Street and North 7th Street; and Cowden Street between Boyd Street and Reily 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.**
- **Bill 2-2020** - An Ordinance amending the City of Harrisburg's Official Traffic Control Map pursuant to Chapter 3-109 of the Codified Ordinances by converting Hamilton Street and Harris Street from one-way to two-way operations between North 6th Street and North 7th Street and converting Clinton Street from one-way eastbound to one-way westbound between Wallace Street and North 7th Street.
- **President Williams removed this from the agenda.**
- **The City Clerk read Bill 3-2020 (As Amended) into record** - An ordinance vacating and striking from the Official Map of the City of Harrisburg Minnie Alley within the block bounded by Moltke Alley and Wallace Street and Moltke Alley within the block bounded Maclay Street and Peffer 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 2-2020 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to enter into a professional services contract with Maverick Strategies for strategic guidance and intelligence gathering for lobbying-related services.
- Mayor Papenfuss spoke in support of passage for Resolution 2-2020.
- Mr. Majors said he understands what the advocacy does, but we have to be mindful of where resources get directed. We could have principals working for the City of Harrisburg, we as elected officials have to be champions as well. He said that he has an issue with the length of the contract.
- Ray Zaborney spoke on behalf of Maverick Strategies and said the more continuity they have the easier it is, but City Council could decide to opt out after 60 days.
- Mr. Allatt asked when the contract expires. (April 1st)
- Ray Zaborney agreed to a 30 day opt out.
- Ben Allatt made a motion, seconded by to table this Resolution for the next Legislative Session on March 10, 2020. (March 3rd for possible discussion)
- President Williams called for the vote on the motion to table and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 7-2020 into record**- A Resolution approving the First Proposed 2020 Budget Reallocations in order to reclassify certain allocations and authorize the roll forward of certain 2019 Budget Year commitments.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**
- **Resolution 11-2020** - A Resolution approving the transfer of Strawberry Square Arcade, an elevated walkway connecting Strawberry Square to 30 North 3rd Street, The Whitaker Center for the Science & Arts, Walnut Street Garage and the Harrisburg Hilton, to Strawberry Square Condominium Association.
- **President Williams removed this from the agenda.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 12 – 2020 As Amended into record** - A resolution granting an extension of time of the approval of the Subdivision and Land Development Plan for 2216 Brookwood Street and 516 Melrose Street (known as Brookwood Commons) until March 31, 2022.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed As Amended 7-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 13-2020 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a professional services agreement with Maher Duessel, PC for the purpose of providing audit preparation services to the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 14-2020 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a professional services agreement with Ecological Services, Inc. for the purpose of providing lake management services at Italian Lake.
- **President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 15-2020 into record** - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harrisburg authorizing and approving an Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Settlement Agreement between the City of Harrisburg and Ambac Assurance Corporation.
- **President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 16-2020 into record**- A Resolution in support of state legislation to allow every resident of Pennsylvania access to a valid driver's license regardless of immigration status.
- **President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.**

OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ben Allatt requested that we come up with a city-wide strategy regarding parking.
- Wes Majors said over the weekend he attended a few community meetings and one of the main concerns with the residents were that Harrisburg gets the resources that we need to take care of the population that we do serve. Additionally, with regards to the Census, make sure everyone participates because trillions of dollars are allocated based on this data.
- Mayor Papenfuse introduced Ms. Nona Watson, the new Community & Economic Development Director for the City of Harrisburg.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:27PM.