

HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, June 9, 2020

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 6 members were present during roll call, namely: Ben Allatt, Danielle Bowers, Shamaine Daniels, Ausha Green, Dave Madsen and Wanda R. D. Williams. Westburn Majors was excused for the beginning of the meeting, he arrived at 6:11PM.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

- The Moment of Silence was led by Ms. Williams.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- Mayor Papenfuse addressed City Council and the public regarding the examination of “use of force policies” within the Harrisburg Police Force. He asked the public to review the “use of force general order” on the city’s website www.harrisburgpa.gov and submit questions or suggestions for further discussion.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Caitlin McDonough expressed various concerns of public safety and systemic racism. She asked council for increased civic engagement and to provide more resources to the community. She asked council to show the citizens of Harrisburg that Black Lives Matter.
- Claude Phipps asked what the status of the Comprehensive Plan was and the time for public review and comment. He said this has been outstanding for over 5 years and we need to get the plan on the books.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by President Williams, with no objections, the Legislative Session Minutes of May 26, 2020 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

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 40-2020 into record-** A Resolution appointing Mr. Leland Nelson to serve on the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC).
- **President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 41-2020 into record -** A Resolution appointing Mr. Ambrose Buck to serve on the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study Coordinating Committee.
- **President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 42-2020 into record-** A Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study Regional Transportation Plan Implementation Program for eight hundred thirty-two thousand four hundred thirty-seven dollars and ninety-four cents (\$832,437.94) to fund a lane diet, landscaping, and curbing work on Forster between 2nd and Front Streets.
- **President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 43-2020 into record -** A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a professional services agreement with Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. for the purpose of providing East-West Multimodal Connection—Phase 1 Engineering Services.
- **President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 44-2020 into record -** A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a professional services agreement with Wilson Consulting Group, PC for the purpose of providing engineering services including conceptual design, final design, and bidding/construction services for the Boyd Street Urban Meadow Expansion.
- **President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 45-2020 into record -** A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Herman International Ministries DBA Wildheart Ministries to provide labor for the disassembly and packaging for transport of the ground-mounted section of the Solar Panel Array at 2525 N 7th Street Harrisburg, PA 17110.
- **President Williams suspended the rules for further discussion of Resolution 45-2020.**
- **Chair Majors asked Mayor Papenfuse, Dave West, Deputy Director of Public Works & Christopher Nafe, Sustainability Manager to give an overview of this resolution.**
- **There was a detailed discussion regarding the logistics of this agreement.**
- **President Williams went back into session.**
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 46-2020 into record -** A Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Department of Homeland Security's 2020 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program to fund projects that manage catastrophic incidents by improving and expanding regional collaboration for catastrophic incident preparedness.
- **President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 47-2020 into record -** A Resolution confirming the resumption of street cleaning schedules and enforcement of parking-related ordinances.
- **President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.**
- **Neil Grover, City Solicitor requested City Council Vote on this Resolution.**
- **Mr. Majors clarified that this resume street cleaning schedules beginning June 15th.**
- **The Mayor confirmed that both parking enforcement officers and street sweepers will be on the street, starting Monday. He stated that he gave the public two-week notice.**

- **Mr. Majors reminded everyone that there is an interactive map on the city's website to review when and where the street sweepers will be at. He suggested possibly issuing warnings instead of ticketing to ensure people got proper notice.**
- **The Mayor asked SP Plus, but they do not give that commitment. He said regarding City enforcement, they are able to do that. SP Plus did, however wait two weeks to start and they have been working cooperatively with the city.**
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Daniels said we will be starting to address our playgrounds and said if anyone is interested in participating to please e-mail her at: sdaniels@harrisburgpa.gov. Additionally, she asked the status of the "Housing Bill" and "Public Safety Bills".
- Mr. Grover stated that he lost all support staff throughout the pandemic, so there hasn't been much done regarding the "Housing Bill". He said the "Public Safety Pieces" will be coming down in pieces and they have been in touch with their outside counsel on the difference of policy vs. statutory changes. He anticipates drafts will be to Ms. Green before next Tuesday's meeting.
- Mr. Majors said he knows several of our council members are working diligently to work on reforms within our police department. He said we always talk about a lack of communication, but the time is now to have these discussions. He said he looks forward to having these conversations on how we work to improve accountability and move forward. He encouraged the public to hold us accountable to ensure we are engaged.
- President Williams agreed with Mr. Majors that we need to sit down and have these discussions, by engaging our citizens and having these discussions with our Police Commissioner.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 7:26PM.