

HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, September 8, 2020

A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- Police Commissioner spoke on behalf of Mrs. Gloria Martin-Roberts regarding the passage of Resolution 69-2020.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Rafiyqa Muhammad submitted a comment in favor of Mrs. Gloria Martin-Roberts and the passage of Resolution 69-2020.
- Latroy Wilson asked with the recent tragic events that unfolded on Allison Hill. What notifications or regulation requirements are being put in place to warn the citizens of Harrisburg that a dangerous violent predator(s) could be in our neighborhoods?
- Elaine Groff asked what experience does Gloria Martin-Roberts have in the communications field that would make her qualified for the Communications Liaison position.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by Ms. Williams, with no objections, the Legislative Session Minutes of August 25, 2020 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Bowers reported on the Work Session of September 1, 2020.
- Chair Madsen reported on the Work Session of September 1, 2020.

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 63-2020 into record** – A Resolution ratifying a contract amendment between the City of Harrisburg and Marsh & McLennan Agency to provide aid to the City in the development and management of a request for proposals to solicit new pricing and vendors for its medical, prescription, dental, vision, and life insurance programs.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 64-2020 into record** – A Resolution ratifying the submission of an application to the 2020 Dauphin County CARES Act Municipal Grant program for up to eleven million one hundred and eighty-seven thousand seven hundred and three dollars (\$11,187,703.00).
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 5-0.** Recusal from Mr. Majors due to possible conflict of interest due to employment.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 69-2020 into record** - A Resolution authorizing and approving a senior management consulting services agreement for intra-governmental communications liaison services.
- **President Williams suspended the rules to allow further discussion on Resolution 69-2020.**
- **Mrs. Gloria Martin Roberts joined the meeting for further discussion on her qualifications in relations to this consulting services agreement.**
- **President Williams went back into session.**
- **Ms. Ausha Green proposed three amendments, firstly the contract would be a six-month contract. Secondly, a cell phone would be provided for Mrs. Gloria Martin Roberts. Finally, she would like to add that this position is only intended for the purpose of emergency communications between the Mayor and City Council.**
- **(1) Ms. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Madsen to make the contract six months from the date executed.**
- **President Williams called for the vote and this failed 3-3, with Mr. Madsen, Majors and Williams voting in the negative.**
- **(2) Ms. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Madsen that a cell phone be provided for Mrs. Gloria Martin Roberts.**
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 4-2, with Ms. Bowers and Mr. Majors voting in the negative.**
- **(3) Ms. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Madsen to add the following language under paragraph 2, adding section E. stating that she will be serving as the Emergency Communications Liaison between the Mayor and City Council.**
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 4-2, Ms. Bowers and Mr. Majors voting in the negative.**
- **President Williams called for the final vote as amended and this failed 2-4, with Ms. Bowers, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Green and Mr. Majors voting in the negative.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 70-2020 into record** - A Resolution approving the Fourth Proposed 2020 Budget Reallocation.
- **President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.**

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 71-2020 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to facilitate the completion of certain improvements in the ongoing MulDer Square project to be funded through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (“RACP”) under an award made to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Harrisburg; and otherwise approving the related “RACP Reimbursement Agreement” between the City and the Redevelopment Authority to advance reimbursable project costs in a sum no greater than three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00), in a manner consistent with the terms and conditions of the RACP grant.
- **President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 72-2020 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to act as co-applicant with the Harrisburg Housing Authority for the submission of an application to the Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants Program for up to four hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000.00) for the development of a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy for the South Harrisburg neighborhood, and to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the Harrisburg Housing Authority to carry out the purposes of the grant.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 73-2020 into record** - A Resolution appointing Kali Tennis to serve on the Harrisburg Architectural Review Board.
- **President Williams placed this in the Building & Housing Committee.**

OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Majors announced that there will be two COVID mobile testing dates on September 16th from 11-3PM at 1300 Community Drive and September 23rd from 11-3PM at 1301 Derry Street. The testing will be provided by Penn State Health. The Greater Harrisburg Litter Clean-up will be on September 26th (tricity.org). The Census is concluding at the end of the month and it is extremely important to complete this information because Harrisburg is still extremely under counted.
- Mr. Madsen followed up on the Census account and said we are currently at 48% participation, severely undercounted. He announced the County is having a virtual forum on September 10th regarding education on child abuse and sex trafficking from 6PM – 7:30PM.
- Ms. Daniels said November 3rd is election day and there is a shortage of poll workers, if you are interested please contact the elections bureau.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:46PM