

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, September 22, 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 all 7 members were present during roll call, namely: Ben Allatt, Danielle Bowers, Shamaine Daniels, Ausha Green, Dave Madsen, Westburn Majors (Arrived at 6:22 PM and Wanda R. D. Williams).

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Green.
- President Williams announced that an Executive Session was held on Monday, September 21st involving Legal Issues.

COMMUNICATIONS

- There were none.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Kimeka Campbell submitted the following: I submit for your consideration this letter from Friends of Midtown and Young Professionals of Color with a personal note: If you live in Midtown, STOP CALLING THE POLICE ON BLACK BUSINESS OWNERS. I call on Mayor Papenfuse and the council address this issue by using the power they already have to reign in the bureau of police and stop them from acting as personal security services for the dominant culture residents of Midtown Harrisburg. In this particular instance, when the police were called, they came and harassed this business owner for allegedly not having a permit, but then left without even seeing the permit. The officers were extremely rude with the business owner--to the point of emotional distress--and then left! Thank goodness it wasn't worse, but this was PURE harassment. These officers should have recognized that the event was peaceful and lawful (it was a dinner for goodness sake!) and not harassed this business owner to the point of emotional distress. It's these kinds of small abuses of power and PURE WASTE of my tax dollars that I am COMPLETELY against on the part of the Harrisburg Bureau of Police!! They lead to bigger issues with misuse of power. Do not think for one moment that these issues are not connected to what is going on across the country right now. The Police Commissioner, The Mayor, and the Bureau keep telling us that they 'care about the community'. If this is true I call on them to put actions to their words and stop being used by discriminatory and prejudiced dominant culture residents to enact this kind of psychological violence on black business owners in the area. Thank you for your consideration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by President Williams, with no objections, the Legislative Session Minutes of September 8, 2020.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Allatt reported on the Work Session of September 15, 2020.
- Chair Bowers reported on the Work Session of September 15, 2020.
- Chair Green reported on the Work Session of September 15, 2020.
- Chair Madsen reported on the Work Session of September 15, 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 20-2020 into record** - A Resolution approving the revised Lot Consolidation and Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan submitted by Dr. Eric Darr on behalf of Harrisburg University to construct a new 11-story, institutional building consisting of university classrooms and a service unit.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 6-0, with Mr. Allatt abstaining his vote due to a conflict of interest.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 61-2020 into record**- A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan Submitted by Shalom House to construct an emergency and transitional housing facility on three vacant parcels along North 15th Street.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 66-2020 into record** – A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a professional services agreement with Civitas, LLC for the purpose of providing professional services to the City’s Department of Building Housing and Development including, but not limited to, technical assistance and general consulting services for General Technical Assistance, LEAD Tier II Site Specific Environmental Review, and CARES Act Technical Assistance.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 67-2020 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a Lease Agreement with Omnisite Media for the purpose of utilizing the access road in Paxtang Park in order to construct and maintain a billboard in the adjacent Scottsdale Shopping Center
- Mr. Madsen moved, seconded by Mr. Allatt to make the following amendment: Omnisite Media shall cover any and all costs moving forward as it relates to stormwater management for the duration of the lease agreement.
- President Williams called for the vote on the amendment and this carried 7-0.
- President Williams called for the final vote and this passed 6-1, with Ms. Daniels voting in the negative.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 68-2020 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the use of a *Limited Agreement For Certain Post-Employment Retirement Benefit Rates* to attract and retain experienced senior management officials for the Harrisburg Bureau of Police.
- Ms. Green made a motion, seconded by Mr. Madsen to suspend the rules for further discussion.
- There was a brief discussion with Mayor Papenfuse regarding costs and retirement projections.

- Chair Green asked to go back into session to vote on Resolution 68-2020.
- President Williams asked to keep the rules suspended for further discussion on Resolution 74-2020.
- There was a brief discussion with City Engineer, Wayne Martin.
- Mr. Majors asked that Resolution 68-2020 be considered for a vote this evening.
- President Williams asked to keep the rules suspended to allow further discussion on Resolution 75-2020.
- There was a brief discussion with City Solicitor, Neil Grover.
- President Williams went back into Council Session.
- President Williams called for the vote on Resolution 68-2020 and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 70-2020 into record** - A Resolution approving the Fourth Proposed 2020 Budget Reallocation.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 74-2020 into record** -A Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the DCED CFA Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Program for up to three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) to help fund the construction of the Urban Meadow Extension Project and to fund design and construction of related streetscape improvements on Reily Street.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 75-2020 into record** - A Resolution ratifying and approving the modification and one-year extension of the 2019-2020 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Harrisburg and Local 521, American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, District Council 90.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 76-2020 into record** - A Resolution approving a Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan to develop an approximately 200-space parking lot at 1501 North 7th Street.
- President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- President Williams inquired about the additional parking spaces/meters on North 6th Street.
- Mr. Grover said the legislation is currently under review in the Law Bureau.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Majors said September 23rd at the Latino Community Center there will be free COVID testing from 10-3PM. He reminded everyone about street sweeping and leaf collection and to remember to bag your leaves and put them out with your trash. He also said Saturday is the Litter Clean up, visit cactricounty.org to view all locations.
- Mr. Allatt asked about next week if there will be a Work Session.
- President Williams said there will be no meeting next week.
- Mr. Madsen said HBG University will be having a Public Town Hall Zoom meeting on September 28th at 5:30PM.
- Ms. Green announced that she will be having a Work Session to discuss Bill 8-2020 on October 6th after the Work Session.

- Mr. Majors reminded everyone to fill out their Census Forms.
- Ms. Williams congratulated the Alexander Building Construction Company for ranking #3 in the Central PA Business Journal. She announced that CAT will be having a program for veteran's with free transportation that gives a 10-day pass for those seeking employment. She announced All You Can Incorporated is having a "Coat Drive" that will continue until October 23rd and distribution will be on October 24th at 333 South 13th Street from 11AM – 3PM.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:13PM.