

**1 HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, April 12, 2016
A G E N D A**

CALL TO ORDER

- President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:10PM.

ROLL CALL

- The City Clerk called the roll and all 7 members were present during roll call, namely: Ben Allatt, Jeff Baltimore, Shamaine Daniels, Destini Hodges, Cornelius Johnson, Westburn Majors and Wanda R. D. Williams.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Allatt.
- President Williams announced that the Legislative Session originally scheduled for April 26th has been rescheduled to April 27th due to Election Day.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Jackie Parker, Roy Christ and Neil Grover gave City Council a report of the recent Conference (Community Progress Leadership institute) they attended in Boston.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Ron Johnson asked for help on the 1800 block of Zarker Street. He said that parking is a safety concern because two new tenants are attempting to open up a garage at 1847 Market Street and neighbors are concerned. He said that he has been in contact with Mr. Botero from the City and it appears to be a zoning issue. He asked City Council for help.
- Mr. Boyd said it's pretty good being here after we couldn't celebrate the Honorable Martin Luther King Jr. He said there is a police problem. He said when you go up to 13th and Derry (St) look what you see. He said something has to be done about the illegal dumping. He said that he travels across the country and many great things are said about our city. But, he said to get rid of the outsiders who control this city because he is confused and the residents of this city are confused. He asked when we are going to find someone from this city who really cares.
- Jean Greco asked if there is a capital on the city, such as a tax base where you have to place a referendum on a ballot before you can raise taxes. She asked why triple the amount on the LST tax and how much is the city in debt and what is this money being used for.
- Jeremy Domenico announced that this Saturday is the "Great City Cleanup" and encouraged residents to participate. (9AM locations: Tri-Community, 329 Harris Street, Wesley AME Zion)

- Bill Cluck said that the Dauphin County Recycling Center is accepting electronics this Saturday. He said that the presentation by Mr. Christ and Mrs. Parker was very interesting because the articles he read that Goldman Sachs is entering into a settlement with the mortgage crisis and some of that has to be spent on affordable housing, including areas struck by natural disasters. He suggested that we reach out to the AG's office to get that money to the sinkhole residents. He said that the change in Legislative Agendas makes a conflict with the CRW meeting at the same time and if City Council has concerns or objections about agenda items that they should contact him. Lastly, he said he is currently the Vice-Chair for the CRW board and most Council Members have no idea what he does. He said that we saved the City from privatizing water. He said he understands the Mayor is trying to replace him and he feels disrespected because there has been no communication from him. He asked Council Members to take the time to sit down with him before they vote to replace him.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by Council President Williams with no objections, the Legislative Session Minutes of March 22nd were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Johnson reported on the Public Safety Committee Meeting of Monday, Thursday, March 24, 2016.
- Chair Hodges reported on the Parks, Recreation & Enrichment Committee Meeting of Wednesday, March 30, 2016.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- **The City Clerk read Bill 9-2016 into record** - An Ordinance adopting and approving modifications to the approved 2013 Recovery Plan for the City of Harrisburg, known as the Harrisburg Strong Plan, proposed by the Coordinator for the City of Harrisburg, and filed pursuant to the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act; and otherwise directing the preparation of ordinances, resolutions, agreements and other documents for consideration as would be necessary for the adoption and implementation of those measures enumerated for the financial recovery of the City.
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 10-2016 into record** - An Ordinance vacating and striking from the Official Map of the City of Harrisburg a portion of Glen Alley (between Yates Alley and Guy Alley) pursuant to Chapter 3-109 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 11-2016 into record** – An Ordinance vacating and striking from the Official Map of the City of Harrisburg a portion of Guy Alley (between Hudson Street and South 20th Street) pursuant to Chapter 3-109 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There was none.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- There was none.

RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 25-2016 into record** – A Resolution approving the submission of a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the purpose of improving the Riverwalk Slab and Steps in Riverfront Park.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 28-2016 into record** – A Resolution ratifying the submission of an Application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of funding the hiring of five (5) full-time firefighters for the Bureau of Fire.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Safety Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 29-2016 into record** – A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan and Lot Consolidation Plan submitted by Max Cohen of Meridian Recycling Limited to consolidate three lots at 651 Alricks Street, 638 Alricks Street and 3243 Pennwood Road and construct a storage building with associated improvements on the site.
- President Williams placed this in the Community & Economic Development Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 30-2016 into record**– A Resolution appointing Ms. Charla J. Plaines to serve on the Capital Region Water, a municipal authority, Board of Directors (the “CRW Board”).
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 31-2016 into record** – A Resolution appointing Mr. Garvey Pressley, Jr. to serve on the Capital Region Water, a municipal authority, Board of Directors (the “CRW Board”).
- President Williams placed this in the Administration Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 32-2016 into record** – A Resolution approving the City of Harrisburg’s acceptance of a right-of-way dedication offered for the purposes of widening a portion of Cona Street (between Yates Alley and Manada Street) pursuant to Chapter 7-515 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Daniels said if anyone is interested in learning more about the expungement process there is good information on the community legal services site of Philadelphia.
- Mr. Johnson announced that he will be having a Public Safety Committee Meeting on April 25th at 5:30PM.
- Ms. Hodges announced that the deadline is this Friday to apply for the Parks & Recreation summer jobs.
- President Williams announced that she will be having an Administration Committee Meeting on April 19th at 5:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:10PM.