

HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, November 24, 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 all 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 Mr. Madsen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET – Mayor Eric Papenfuse gave a PowerPoint presentation on his proposed 2021 Budget for the year 2021.

- President Williams suspended the rules to interview Ms. Emily A. Farren, Esquire.
- President Williams conducted a brief interview with Ms. Emily A. Farren, Esquire, regarding her qualifications as it relates to her responsibilities as Assistant City Solicitor.
- President Williams went back into session to bring Resolution 84-2020 from the floor.
- Ms. Williams made a motion to bring Resolution 84-2020 from the floor, seconded by Mr. Allatt.
- President Williams called for the vote and the motion carried 7-0.
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 84-2020 into record** - A Resolution confirming the appointment of Ms. Emily A. Farren, Esquire to serve as the Assistant City Solicitor for the City of Harrisburg's collection matters.
- President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Brandon Basom submitted the following comment: Dear Members of City Council, I am writing AGAIN to call for the city to make public its contract with the Harrisburg Bureau of Police. It is astounding and unprofessional that this has been kept from the residents at large this long. What is the city and HBP trying to hide? Is the expectation that a new contract will be negotiated and approved without the input and consent of the people of Harrisburg? For all the talk by city officials of wanting our engagement and help, there doesn't seem to be much desire to give us what we need to do either of those things.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by President Williams, with no objections, the Legislative Session Minutes of November 10, 2020 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Allatt reported on the Work Session of November 17, 2020.
- Chair Bowers reported on the Work Session of November 17, 2020.
- Chair Madsen reported on the Work Session of November 17, 2020.
- Chair Majors reported on the Work Session of November 17, 2020 and the Public Hearing of November 23, 2020.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- **The City Clerk read Bill 14-2020 into record** - An Ordinance establishing the budget for the Municipal Government of the City of Harrisburg for the year Two Thousand Twenty One (2021).
- **President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Bill 15-2020 into record** - An Ordinance amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg, Title V, Licensing and Taxation, Part V, Real Estate Taxes, Chapter 5-501, Property Tax, by establishing for the year Two Thousand Twenty One (2021) a tax levy on land and improvements and providing for the distribution of taxes levied and assessed and providing for a tax rebate for the difference between the tax due and attributable to the year Two Thousand Twenty One (2021) tax levy over the tax due and attributable to the year Two Thousand Six (2006) tax levy for qualifying senior citizens.
- **President Williams placed this in the Budget and Finance Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Bill 16 – 2020 into record** - An Ordinance amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg, adding thereto Title 12, entitled Affordable Housing; establishing incentives for the development of affordable dwelling units through the use of affordable housing development certifications and agreements; authorizing the promulgation of rules and regulations to establish and maintain affordable housing programs; and imposing fines and penalties for willful non-compliance with program requirements and agreements.
- **President Williams placed this in the Building and Housing Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Bill 17-2020 into record** - An Ordinance amending Part 3 of Title 7, the Zoning Code of the City of Harrisburg, to provide certain zoning relief for developments which contain affordable housing dwelling units in the City of Harrisburg to encourage the development of affordable housing throughout the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Williams placed this in the Building and Housing Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Bill 18-2020 into record** - An Ordinance amending Part 1 of Title 9, Streets and Sidewalks, and adding thereto Chapter 9-117, entitled, Street Vacations and providing standards therefore; requiring the submission of proposed land development plans or lot consolidations in conjunction with a petition to vacate a street; incorporating a public good proposal requirement for each petition; and in furtherance of the development of affordable housing, declaring the development of affordable housing associated with an application to vacate a street to be a qualifying public good.
- **President Williams placed this in the Building and Housing Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Bill 19 – 2020 into record** - An Ordinance amending Chapter 5-503, Tax Abatement and Exemptions of Title 5, Licensing and Taxation Code, to adjust real estate tax incentives to better provide for the development of affordable housing units in the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Williams placed this in the Building and Housing Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Bill 20-2020 into record** - An Ordinance vacating and striking from the Official Map of the City of Harrisburg rights-of-ways within the block bounded by the Boyd Street urban meadow, North 4 Street, Reily Street, and Logan Street and within the block bounded by Harris Street, North 4 Street, the Boyd Street urban meadow and Logan 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 were none.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- **The City Clerk read Bill 13-2020 into record** - An Ordinance vacating and striking from the Official Map of the City of Harrisburg a portion of Kent Alley within the block bounded by 1820 North 5th Street, North 5th Street, Kelker Street, and Fulton Street and an unnamed grocer's alley running from that portion of Kent Alley to Kelker 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 77-2020 into record** - A Resolution approving the disposition of surplus equipment and vehicles which have exhausted their useful life for City operations by the Bureau of Vehicle Management.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 83 2020 into record** - A Resolution ratifying an agreement between the City of Harrisburg and Inservco Insurance Services, Incorporated, for the provision of third-party administrator services relating to general liability and related claims.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 87-2020 into record-** A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan submitted by Tarik Casteel on behalf of TLC Work-Based Training Programs, Inc. to construct eight (8) residential units on a vacant lot at 440 Kelker Street.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 89-2020 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City to negotiate and enter into a Master Certified Local Government Grant Agreement with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) providing for eligibility to apply for grants through the Certified Local Government Grant Program for projects that support the City's historic preservation program.
- **President Williams called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 90-2020 into record** - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harrisburg approving the provisions of a term sheet to modify and amend 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 91-2020 into record-** A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a Domestic Animal Protective Services Agreement with the Humane Society of Harrisburg Area to provide services to the City of Harrisburg's Animal Control Program.
- **President Williams placed this in the Public Safety Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 92-2020 into record** - A Resolution ratifying the City of Harrisburg's application for a Driving PA Forward—Level 2 EV Charging Rebate for thirty-six thousand dollars (\$36,000.00) to help offset the cost of installing four (4) EV additional dual-plug charging stations on City Island.
- **President Williams placed this in the Parks & Recreation Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 93-2020 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a multi-year agreement with Property Registration Champions, LLC, to register vacant, abandoned, and foreclosed properties within the City.
- **President Williams placed this in the Building and Housing Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 94-2020 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.
- **President Williams placed this in the Budget & Finance Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 95-2020 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with the Borough of Penbrook for the purpose of authorizing the City to provide municipal solid waste and recycling collection and disposal services within the Borough.
- **President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.**

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 96-2020 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with the Borough of Paxtang for the purpose of authorizing the City to provide municipal solid waste and recycling collection and disposal services within the Borough.
- **President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 97-2020 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a professional services contract with Malkiyah S. Goldberg & Associates Consulting, LLC to provide program management consulting services related to the City's FDA Retail Standards Grant Program.
- **President Williams placed this in the Budget and Finance Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 98-2020 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a professional services agreement with Murray Associates Architects, P.C. for the purpose of providing architectural and interior design services related to alterations to the existing flooring in two firehouses.
- **President Williams placed this in the Public Safety Committee.**

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Majors said for the next Legislative Session, he would like to add the Bill related to the Teamsters Street Vacation.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Majors asked everyone to be careful over Thanksgiving regarding the spread of the Corona Virus. He encouraged people to utilize technology with you families and to be responsible as we get closer to a vaccine.
- Ms. Williams announced that there will be a Work Session on December 1st at 5:30PM, a Budget Hearing on December 8th at 5:30PM, a Budget Hearing on December 9th at 5:30PM and the final Legislative Session of the year will be on December 10th. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 8:04PM.