

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES**

Danielle L. Bowers, President

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

- President Bowers called the meeting to order at 6:03PM.

ROLL CALL

- The City Clerk called the roll and all 7 members were present during roll call, namely: Shamaine Daniels, Ausha Green, Dave Madsen, Jocelyn Rawls, Ralph Rodriguez Westburn Majors and Danielle Bowers.

INVOCATION

- The Invocation was led by Councilman Majors

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Daniels

COMMUNICATIONS

- The Assistant City Clerk Michael Parker was introduced to the public.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Ron Johnson thanked members of City Council who attended the most recent meeting of his neighborhood crime watch group, and expressed the importance of community engagement. He also informed Council of a recent car chase at 19th and Market street(s) involving a State Police vehicle. He expressed to residents in the area the importance of their presence at City Council meetings.
- Caitlin McDonough expressed concerns about the record of Council meetings. She inquired about the State Street project and funds involved. She asked for financial accountability. She also expressed the desire to have a Bike Lane on State Street.
- Ashley Smith expressed concerns about unfair treatment in regards to obtaining permits for her small business event.
- Les Ford requested clarification on Resolutions 20-2022 and 24-2022.
- Evelyn Hunt thanked Council for putting out a Press Release about meetings to discuss the State Street project. She also expressed the desire to have a representative from PennDOT present at the meetings due to the fact that the street is run by the State. She spoke about the average age of pedestrians who are struck by vehicles. She also wanted to know about the availability of the City Treasurer's office and if it was a fully functional office. She inquired if the office was fully budgeted.
- Loretta Barbee-Dare of Summit St. expressed concerns about Resolution 21-2022. She also expressed concerns about the parking availability and traffic safety for children getting off the bus at 13th and Walnut street(s).
- Deborah Momy thanked City Council for their timely response in having neighborhood trees trimmed. She said work still needs to be done, but appreciates the quick response.
- Laura Harding said she was present at the Zoning Hearing Board meeting where they discussed the project related to Resolution 21-2022 and there was a lot of opposition to this project. Additionally, the Camp Curtin Neighborhoods United attended the meeting with the project related to Resolution 14-2022 and strongly opposed this project as well. She said this is why it is important to have these meetings recorded, so City Council is able to view these meetings ahead of time before making a decision.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by President Bowers, with no objections, the Legislative Session minutes of April 26, 2022 were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Bowers reported on the Work Session of May 3, 2022
- Chair Green reported on the Work Session of May 3, 2022
- Chair Madsen reported on the Work Session of May 3, 2022

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 14-2022 into record** - A Resolution approving a Preliminary/Final Land Development and Lot Consolidation Plan to rehabilitate an existing building into a twenty-two (22) unit multifamily dwelling and construct a parking lot with twenty (20) off street parking spaces.
- **Councilwoman Daniels asked President Bowers to withdraw Resolution 14-2022 from the agenda pending written confirmation of extension request from Mr. Peffley.**
- **President Bowers withdrew Resolution 14-2022 from the agenda.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 20-2022 into record-** A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a professional services agreement with the Research Foundation of the City University of New York, on behalf of the National Network for Safe Communities at John Jay College to provide consulting services to help reduce gun violence in Harrisburg.
- **President Bowers suspended the rules for further discussion on Resolution 20-2022**
- **City Council had a brief discussion regarding status of Resolution 20-2022**
- **President Bowers called for the vote and this passed 7-0**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 21-2022 into record-** A Resolution approving a Preliminary/Final Land Development and Lot Consolidation Plan to convert the existing building located at 100 N. 13th Street into a twelve-unit multi-family dwelling and to consolidate 112 N. 13th Street and 109-119 ½ Linden Street with the same.
- **President Bowers called for the vote and this passed 5-2, with President Bowers and Councilwoman Rawls voting in the negative.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 24-2022 into record-** A Resolution ratifying the submission of a grant application to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the purpose of developing and implementing a Group Violence Intervention strategy, to help reduce gun violence in the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Bowers called for the vote and this passed 7-0**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 25-2022 into record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to enter into a professional services agreement with Maher Duessel, PC for the purpose of providing audit preparation services to the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Bowers called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 26-2022 into record** – A Resolution confirming the appointment of Stephen Y. Ekema-Agbaw, Esquire to serve as the Senior Deputy City Solicitor for the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Bowers called for the vote and this passed 7-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

- Councilwoman Rawls reminded the public about the upcoming Teen Summit to be held on May 18th 6pm at the Camp Curtin Academy with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated also sponsoring the Summit.
- Councilman Majors informed the public of reduced rate internet services for low income and disabled residents. More information can be found at getinternet.gov.

NEW BUSINESS

- President Bowers announced that there will be no City Council meeting on Tuesday May 17th due to Election Day. The next Legislative Session will be held on May 24th at 6 pm. The State Street Public meetings will be held on Thursday, June 1st at Lincoln School located at 1601 State St. The second meeting will be held on Monday, June 6th at the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity House from 6-8pm located at 2020 State Street. The third meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 22nd at Lincoln School located at 1601 State Street. The Administration has created a new website for residents to leave their concerns. The website is www.harrisburgpa.gov/statestreet. She announced there will be the first annual soccer championship by Dauphin County on Saturday May 21st at Skyline Soccer Field. The Kevin Garnett “Hoop It Up” 3 on 3 basketball tournament sponsored by Harrisburg Police will take place on Saturday, June 25th from 9am-9pm.
- Councilman Majors informed the public of an invitation to comment on the I-83 proposal on May 25th at the Penn Harris Hotel from 3:30-7:30 pm. More information can be found on the website: PennDOTpa.gov which will be up on June 9th.
- Councilwoman Rawls inquired about the possibility of mailers being sent to the public in regards to reduced rate internet services and an invitation to comment on the I-83 proposal.
- President Bowers advised that this would be an effort by the Administration, and she would submit the request to them.
- Councilwoman Green informed the public of the Mayor’s Press Conference on May 11th at 11:00am to announce the new ARPA funding proposal.
- Councilman Rodriguez encouraged residents to attend the Neighborhood Square Watch meetings which covers the area of 18th-20th St. on Derry St. and 18th-20th St. on Market St. and also encouraged representatives from PennDOT to attend City Council meetings.
- Councilwoman Green informed the public about the new ARPA funding proposal being broken down into different categories of spending which will be announced at the Mayor’s Press Conference on May 11th at 11:00am.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

