

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES  
Danielle L. Bowers, President  
Tuesday, March 11, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- President Bowers called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

- The City Clerk called the roll and 6 members were present, namely: Ausha Green, Robert Lawson, Westburn Majors, Jocelyn Rawls, Ralph Rodriguez, and Danielle Bowers. Shamaine Daniels was absent (excused).

**INVOCATION**

- The Invocation was led by Councilman Rodriguez.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Majors.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Presentation by Ms. Jenifer Wintermyer, Executive Director of the Tri- County Community Action Commission, who announced the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Harrisburg Litter Cleanup occurring on April 22, 2023 from 8:00 am -11:00 am at the following locations; 1514 Derry Street, 329 Harris Street, and 5<sup>th</sup> and Camp Streets.
- Presentation by Ms. Rhonda Mays, Executive Director of the Harrisburg Fair Housing Council, who announced the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Harrisburg Fair Housing Council, and its history and purpose.

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

- Mr. Michael Madden inquired about an update on the status of his application for the Zoning Hearing Board.
- Ms. Dimitria Diggs, and Ms. Ms. Valerie Cobbs spoke about the issues of gun violence, heavy traffic, and loud noise during late night hours in their neighborhood emanating from D& L Good Hood Food at 1501 Herr Street. They also stated that the neighbors are fearful and feel unsafe due to the recent and persistent gun violence in the immediate area.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Upon motion by President Bowers, with no objections, the Legislative Session minutes of March 14, 2023, were deemed approved.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

- Chair Lawson reported on the Work Session of April 4, 2023.
- Chair Majors reported on the Work Session of April 4, 2023.
- Chair Bowers reported on the Work Session of April 4, 2023 in the absence of Chair Daniels.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING- NONE

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT – NONE

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE- NONE

#### RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 27 – 2023 into the record.** - A Resolution confirming the re-appointment of Tiffanie E. Baldock, Esquire to serve as the Senior Deputy City Solicitor for the City of Harrisburg.
- **Resolution 27 – 2023 passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 30 - 2023 into the record.** - A Resolution appointing Mr. Ed Jaroch to serve on the Audit Committee for the City of Harrisburg.
- **Resolution 30 – 2023 passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 31 -2023 into the record.** - A Resolution appointing Mr. Andre Campbell to serve on the Audit Committee for the City of Harrisburg.
- **Resolution 31 - 2023 passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 32 – 2023 into the record.** - A Resolution appointing Ms. Jamie Roberts to serve on the Audit Committee for the City of Harrisburg.
- **Resolution 32 – 2023 passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 33 – 2023 into the record** - A Resolution appointing Mr. Austin Cheers to serve on the Audit Committee for the City of Harrisburg.
- **Resolution 33 – 2023 passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 34 – 2023 into the record.** - A Resolution ratifying the submission of a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the development of a Cost Benefit Analysis of the Paxton Creek Dechannelization Project; and authorizing the City of Harrisburg to designate Marita J. Kelley as the designee for execution of the grant agreement and related documents.
- **President Bowers moved Resolution 34 – 2023 to the Administration Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 35 – 2023 into the record.** - A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Land Development and Lot Consolidation Plan for 2709 & 2717 North Front Street submitted by Adam Kerr with E.I. 2709 North Front Street, LLC, to demolish the existing office buildings on the subject properties, combine the lots into a single parcel, and construct a 21-unit multi-family dwelling.
- **President Bowers moved Resolution 35 – 2023 to the Community and Economic Development Committee,**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 36 – 2023 into the record.** - A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for 202 State Street submitted by WIC Partners, to convert an existing office building into a four-unit multi-family dwelling.
- **President Bowers moved Resolution 36 – 2023 to the Community and Economic Development Committee.**

- **The City Clerk read Resolution 37 – 2023 into the record.** - A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Land Development, Lot Consolidation, and Subdivision Plan for 2151-2161 N. 4th Street submitted by Gary Lenker with Tri-County HDC, Ltd., to consolidate and re-subdivide the various lots comprising the project site into five separate parcels on which affordable townhomes will be constructed, along with associated improvements.
- **President Bowers moved Resolution 37 – 2023 to the Community and Economic Development Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 38- 2023 into the record.** - A Resolution appointing Mr. Seth Rubinstein to serve on the Harrisburg Planning Commission.
- **President Bowers moved Resolution 38- 2023 to the Administration Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 39- 2023 into the record.** - A Resolution appointing Mr. Jason Graves to serve on the Board of the Susquehanna Regional Transportation Authority.
- **President Bowers moved Resolution 39- 2023 to the Administration Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 40- 2023 into the record.** - A Resolution appointing Ms. JoAnn Gray to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board of the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Bowers moved Resolution 40- 2023 to the Administration Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read Resolution 41- 2023 into the record.** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a professional services agreement with Navarro & Wright Consulting Engineers, Inc. to design Universally Accessible, ADA-compliant playgrounds and other amenities for the 7th and Radnor Park, Gorgas Playground, Wilson Playground, and Reservoir Park.
- **President Bowers moved Resolution 41- 2023 to the Parks, Recreation, and Enrichment Committee.**

OLD BUSINESS- NONE

NEW BUSINESS- Vice President Green reminded the public of the series of Town Hall meetings to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act funding. The meetings will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 5:30 -7:30 pm at the Martin Luther King City Government Center, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Camp Curtin YMCA 2135 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, and April 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00am - 1:00 pm at Mount Olive Baptist Church, 1331 South 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Information is also available online. Councilman Lawson announced to the public that Capital Region Water will be re-enacting termination of services beginning in April, and that there is a customer assistance program available that can be found on the CRW website if you are in danger of your services being terminated. President Bowers reminded the public that the quarterly reports for 2022 and 2023 are available on E- Codes, she also announced that April 11<sup>th</sup> – April 17<sup>th</sup> is Black Maternal Health Week and the theme for this year is “Our Bodies Belong to Us; Restoring Black Autonomy and Joy.” This is a weeklong campaign founded by the ‘Black Mamas Matter Alliance’ to build awareness, activism, and community building to amplify the voices, perspectives, and lived experiences of Black Mamas and birthing people. If you are interested in learning more about the Black Mamas Matter Alliance you can visit their website at [blackmamasmatter.org](http://blackmamasmatter.org).

ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm.