

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES  
Danielle L. Bowers, President  
Tuesday, July 5, 2023**

**A G E N D A**

CALL TO ORDER

6:00PM

- President Bowers called the meeting to order at 9:05 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

- The Invocation was led by Councilwoman Daniels.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Bowers.

COMMUNICATIONS- NONE

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR- NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by President Bowers, the minutes from the Legislative Session of June 27, 2023, were deemed approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- **The City Clerk read [Bill 5-2023](#) into record** – An Ordinance appropriating American Rescue Plan Act funding from the United States Department of Treasury and authorizing certain expenditure of such fund.
- **President Bowers requested that the City Solicitor review the intent language of Bill 5 – 2023, lines 54-69. Whereas, in the course of reviewing the proposed uses of ARPA funds in the initial legislation introduced at the Legislative Session of February 28, 2023, the Council of the City of Harrisburg undertook a series of townhall meetings to obtain further public input to determine what amendments, if any, should be considered for adoption of the 2023 ARPA budget; and Whereas, the intent of this budget ordinance is to: (1) appropriate all remaining ARPA funds for use as REVENUE REPLACEMENT; (2) authorize and direct that those REVENUE REPLACEMENT funds be transferred to the City’s General Fund to provide for programs, capital projects, and associated administrative costs, at such**

time and in a manner to comply with applicable federal regulatory restrictions and formulas to determine annual eligible REVENUE REPLACEMENT entitlement; (3) authorize and direct those transfers occur over the course of the City's 2023, 2024, and 2025 Budget Years, the timing and details thereof to be included in Proposed Budgets or Budget Reallocations during that period; and (4) subject to prior approved General Fund appropriations, authorize and direct that the programs and projects listed in the adopted Final ARPA Budget Ordinance shall be recognized as intended uses of the City's replaced revenues.

- Amendment 1: President Bowers moved, seconded by Vice President Green to amend the legislative intent of Bill 5 -2023.
- President Bowers called for a vote on Amendment 1 and this passed 6-0.
- President Bowers requested that the City Solicitor review lines 84-89 of Bill 5-2023 in regards to legislative intent.
- Amendment 2: President Bowers moved, seconded by Councilman Majors to amend the legislative intent of Bill 5 -2023, lines 84-89. In order to ensure that all ARPA funds shall remain available for use in an efficient, cost-effective manner, the intent of this Budget Ordinance is to use all remaining ARPA funds awarded to the City for REVENUE REPLACEMENT. The City shall adhere to the Legislative Intent of the Final ARPA Budget Ordinance, and address the approved priorities, programs, and projects listed herein through proposed General Fund and Capital Budgets and Budget Reallocations.
- President Bowers called for a vote on Amendment 2 and this passed 5-1 with Councilwoman Daniels voting in the negative.
- Amendment 3: President Bowers moved, seconded by Councilman Majors to amend Section 3 lines 96-103. SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION. for REVENUE REPLACEMENT. Upon adoption of this Final ARPA Budget Ordinance, the sum of \$200,000 shall be immediately available for transfer and use as General Fund revenues without further approval of Council for the initial administrative costs of personnel, equipment, goods, and services deemed necessary to commence staff hiring and planning for programs and projects, within such departments and bureaus budgets as to be determined by the Mayor. The use of additional funds shall be subject to prior approvals in the normal course of business for the appropriation of General Fund revenues and Budget expenditures.
- President Bowers called for a vote on Amendment 3 and this passed 5-1 with Councilwoman Daniels voting in the negative.
- Amendment 4: President Bowers moved, seconded by Councilwoman Green to amend Section 4 lines 105-109. SECTION 4. APPROVED LIST FOR 2023, 2024, AND 2025 GENERAL FUND PROJECTS, PROGRAMS, AND ACTIVITIES. Subject to approval of any related General Fund Budget and/or Budget Reallocation, the following is the approved list of proposed activities and related allocations determined to be City General Fund priorities for the 2023, 2024, and 2025 Budget Years.
- President Bowers called for a vote on Amendment 4 and this passed 5-1 with Councilwoman Daniels voting in the negative.
- Council agreed to strike line 116 regarding the Small Business Assistance program.

- President Bowers moved to add the Community Matters Grant Program back into the activity section of line 131.
- President Bowers then withdrew her motion in order to determine what funding will be remaining to use.
- President Bowers then reviewed lines 116-124 with Council members and asked if there were any questions or concerns, and there were none. Tree Removal **PROGRAM** **[and Pruning for Senior**

Citizens]	\$ 500,000.00
Home Repairs	\$5,000,000.00
Delinquent Refuse/Disposal Bill Assistance	\$1,000,000.00

- **REPLACE SOUTH HARRISBURG POOL** \$8,000,000.00
- [South Harrisburg Spray Park]
- **ADA-ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT** **\$1,500,000.00**
- Upgraded Fire Radio System \$ 900,000.00
- Demolition of Blighted Property \$1,500,000.00
- Amendment 5: President Bowers moved to strike the Healthy Corners Pilot Program, seconded by Vice President Green.
- President Bowers called for a vote and this passed with a vote of 4-1 with Councilwoman Daniels voting in the negative.
- President Bowers then reviewed lines 126-131 with Council members and asked if there were any questions or concerns, and there were none.
- Amendment 6: President Bowers then moved to add the Community Matters Program; line 131 with the allocation of \$1,000,000, seconded by Councilman Majors.
- President Bowers called for a vote and this passed with a vote of 5-0.
- Amendment 7: Under the advice of the City Solicitor, President Bowers moved to strike the ARPA reference in line 113, seconded by Vice President Green.
- President Bowers called for a vote and this passed with a vote of 5-0.
- Amendment 8: City Solicitor advised Council to start with a motion to change the section number of section 5, and the first two lines, and then to go through each sub paragraph with a vote. Also renumbering section 4 to section 5, additional provisions, a new section A, a list of activities in section 4 of the final ARPA budget ordinance, the following reflects the legislative intent for specific activities.
- President Bowers so moved under the Solicitor’s counsel, and Councilman Majors seconded.
- President Bowers called for a vote and this passed with a vote of 4-1 with Councilwoman Daniels voting in the negative.
- Amendment 9: City Solicitor proposed a new subsection A, section 5: Replace South Harrisburg Pools; Funds for the replacement of the South Harrisburg pool are intended for replacement request for proposals related to professional services for designed professionals to require multiple design options, and include an option for pool replacement.
- President Bowers so moved under the Solicitor’s counsel, and Councilman Majors seconded.
- President Bowers called for a vote and this passed with a vote of 5-0.
- Amendment 10: City Solicitor proposed a new subsection B of section 5: **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**; The program should create career training opportunities, the models and work of other programs

including the Youth Corp program and others should promote and develop skills in the area of sustainability, Information Technology, and skilled labor and more.

- **President Bowers so moved under the Solicitor's counsel, and Councilwoman Green seconded.**
- **President Bowers called for a vote and this passed with a vote of 5-0.**
- **Amendment 11: City Solicitor proposed the following change to section 5, subsection C: SENIOR PROGRAMMING; The program should allow organizations serving the city's senior population to apply for funding to support senior programming activities.**
- **President Bowers so moved under the Solicitor's counsel, and Councilwoman Green seconded.**
- **President Bowers called for a vote and this passed with a vote of 5-0.**
- **Amendment 12: City Solicitor proposed the following change to section 5, subsection D: BRIDGE HOUSING PROGRAM; The program should fund short term housing needs for those experiencing temporary homelessness in the city, the program may allow for partnerships with entities in the area.**
- **President Bowers so moved under the Solicitor's counsel, and Councilwoman Green seconded.**
- **President Bowers called for a vote and this passed with a vote of 5-0.**
- **Amendment 13: City Solicitor proposed the following change to section 5, subsection E: COMMUNITY MATTERS GRANT PROGRAM; The program would support underserved minority communities, minority owned and women owned businesses, and established 501c3 non-profit entities in the city that serve underserved and low income communities. The program may be modeled as a city-based version of a modified Dauphin County Community Matters Grant Program.**
- **President Bowers so moved under the Solicitor's counsel, and Councilman Majors seconded.**
- **President Bowers called for a vote and this passed with a vote of 5-0.**
- **Amendment 14: City Solicitor proposed the following change to section 5, subsection F; COMMUNITY CONNECTION HUBS; The program should provide for spaces that encourage workforce development, job seeking, and skill building. Program goals may be served through partnerships with local libraries, businesses, and non-profits.**
- **President Bowers so moved under the Solicitor's counsel, and Councilman Majors seconded.**
- **President Bowers called for a vote and this passed with a vote of 5-0.**
- **Amendment 15: City Solicitor proposed the following change to section 5, subsection G; The Departments and Bureaus charged with development and implementation of programs for the listed activities should develop program specifics by working groups. The Chair of the Standing Committee designated to review matters for a Department or Bureau with oversight of a program shall be provided notice of all such meetings, with an option to attend.**
- **President Bowers so moved under the Solicitor's counsel, and Councilwoman Green seconded.**
- **President Bowers called for a vote and this passed with a vote of 5-0.**
- **Amendment 16: City Solicitor proposed a technical amendment for the additional provisions section re-lettering the remainder of paragraphs B through G.**

- President Bowers so moved under the Solicitor’s counsel, and Councilman Majors seconded.
- President Bowers called for a vote and this passed with a vote of 5-0.
- Amendment 17: City Solicitor proposed a technical amendment renumbering section 5 to section 6 on reporting.
- President Bowers so moved under the Solicitor’s counsel, and Councilwoman Green seconded.
- President Bowers called for a vote and this passed with a vote of 5-0.
- Amendment 18: City Solicitor proposed an amendment to strike the entirety of the prior section six and add a section 7 PROCUREMENT STANDARDS; Except as otherwise prohibited by law, the Procurement Standards provided under ARPA shall remain in effect for any phase of a project included in the Activities listed in Section 4, including the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200.321 regarding small and minority businesses and women’s business enterprises.
- President Bowers so moved under the Solicitor’s counsel, and Councilman Majors seconded.
- President Bowers called for a vote and this passed with a vote of 5-0.
- Amendment 19: City Solicitor proposed a technical amendment striking and renumbering the remaining paragraphs of this from section seven through ten, and make them sections eight through eleven.
- President Bowers so moved under the Solicitor’s counsel, and Councilman Majors seconded.
- President Bowers called for a vote and this passed with a vote of 5-0.
- Amendment 20: City Solicitor proposed a technical amendment changing the title of the ordinance from an ordinance appropriating American Rescue Plan Act funding from the United States Department of Treasury and authorizing certain expenditure of such funds to an ordinance appropriating American Rescue Plan Act funding from the United States Department of Treasury for revenue replacement and authorizing and directing certain expenditures of such funds.
- President Bowers so moved under the Solicitor’s counsel, and Councilman Majors seconded.
- President Bowers called for a vote and this passed with a vote of 5-0.

#### ORDINANCE FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- The City Clerk read [Bill 5-2023](#) into the record. An ordinance appropriating American Rescue Plan Act funding from the United States Department of Treasury for revenue replacement and authorizing and directing certain expenditures of such funds.
- President Bowers called for a vote and this passed with a vote of 4-1, with Councilwoman Daniels voting in the negative.

#### RESOLUTIONS

- The City Clerk read [Resolution 51-2023](#) into the record. A Resolution appointing Eric Hagarty to serve as a member of the Board of the Harrisburg Housing Authority.
- President Bowers called for a vote and this passed with a vote of 5-0.
- The City Clerk read [Resolution 52-2023](#) into the record - A Resolution approving the Third Proposed 2023 Operations- Related Budget Reallocation.
- President Bowers called for a vote and this passed with a vote of 5-0.

- **The City Clerk read [Resolution 53-2023](#) into the record** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to file the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant formal Application and Business Plan for the FNB Field Stadium upgrade project and execute the grant agreement and related documents in furtherance thereof.
- **President Bowers called for a vote and this passed with a vote of 5-0.**
- **The City Clerk read [Resolution 54-2023](#) into the record** - A Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023-2027 Five Year Consolidated Plan for the City of Harrisburg Department of Building and Housing Development.
- **The City Clerk read [Resolution 57-2023-](#) into the record** - A Resolution of the Council of the City of Harrisburg acknowledging and reaffirming a commitment to undertake certain City Island improvements and facility upgrades to the City-owned stadium presently known as FNB Field.
- **President Bowers suspended the rules for discussion.**
- **Business Manager Mr. Daniel Hartman gave a brief background on Resolution 57-2023 to City Council.**
- **President Bowers made a motion to go back into session, seconded by Councilman Majors.**
- **The City Clerk read [Resolution 53-2023-](#) into the record.** - A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to file the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant formal Application and Business Plan for the FNB Field Stadium upgrade project and execute the grant agreement and related documents in furtherance thereof.
- **President Bowers called for a vote and this passed with a vote of 5-0.**
- **The City Clerk read [Resolution 56-2023](#) into the record.** A Resolution of the Council of the City of Harrisburg acknowledging and reaffirming a commitment to undertake certain City Island improvements and facility upgrades to the City-owned stadium presently known as FNB Field..
- **President Bowers called for a vote and this passed with a vote of 5-0.**
- **The City Clerk read [Resolution 54-2023-](#) into the record.** A Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023-2027 Five Year Consolidated Plan for the City of Harrisburg Department of Building and Housing Development.
- **President Bowers moved [Resolution 54-2023](#) into the Community and Economic Development Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read [Resolution 55-2023](#) into the record.** A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Land Development and Lot Consolidation Plan for 1933 & 1951 Herr Street, filed by Nirmal Singh and Mohinder Kaur Gill with M&N, Inc., to demolish the existing diner and gas station structures, consolidate the lots, and construct a new gas station and convenience store, along with associated site and access improvements.
- **President Bowers noted that [Resolution 55-2023](#) has a deemed approved date of August 18, 2023 and moved this Resolution to the Community and Economic Development committee.**

- **The City Clerk read [Resolution 56-2023](#) into the record.** A Resolution of the Council of the City of Harrisburg to accept the findings and recommendations of the City of Harrisburg Disparity Study regarding procurement and contracting processes and to direct the commencement of an update to relevant provisions of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg, consistent with those findings.
- **President Bowers suspended the rules for discussion.**
- **The City Solicitor gave some commentary on [Resolution 56-2023](#).**
- **President Bowers made a motion to resume the Legislative Session, seconded by Councilman Majors.**
- **President Bowers called for a vote and this passed with a vote of 5-0.**

#### OLD BUSINESS

- **President Bowers gave an update on Resolution 35-2023.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

- **President Bowers informed the public of City Council Summer hiatus, from July 6, 2023 – August 7, 2023, with the next Legislative Sessions to be held on August 8 and 22, 2023.**

#### ADJOURNMENT

- The Meeting adjourned at 10:47 PM.