

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
Danielle L. Bowers, President
Tuesday, August 27, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

6:00PM

- President Bowers called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

ROLL CALL

- The Assistant City Clerk called the roll and 7 members were present; namely: Shamaine Daniels, Crystal Davis, Ausha Green, Lamont Jones, Jocelyn Rawls, Ralph Rodriguez, and Danielle Bowers.

INVOCATION

- The Invocation was led by Councilwoman Davis.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Green.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Recognition of the Nativity School Team for winning the championship in the inaugural Destry “Des” Mangus Classic.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Brandon Basom expressed his dissatisfaction with the persistent issues surrounding the State Street project and the lack of progress in addressing them. Mr. Basom also voiced concerns regarding recent comments made by the Mayor about potentially deploying the National Guard to enhance street policing. Mr. Basom argued that this approach is problematic due to existing disparities in local law enforcement practices and highlighted that local police officers are specifically trained for community policing, whereas the National Guard is primarily trained for combat.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes for the Legislative Session of July 9, 2024, stand approved.
- Councilwoman Rawls moved, seconded by Councilman Jones to correct the spelling of, “Jocelyn,” changing a spelling error of, “a,” to, “o.”
- President Bowers called for a vote and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.
- The minutes for the Special Legislative Session of July 30, 2024, stand approved.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- There was none.

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There was none.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- There was none.

RESOLUTIONS

- **The Assistant City Clerk read [Resolution 48-2024](#) into record** – A Resolution ratifying the submission of a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development’s Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program for \$117,228 for the purpose of constructing a multipurpose pavilion in Riverfront Park.
- **Councilman Rodriguez moved, seconded by Councilman Jones to suspend the rules for discussion.**
- **Rebecca Volmer, Grants Director, was present to provide clarification for the need of expediting the approval process and outlined details related to the contents of the resolution.**
- **Councilman Rodriguez moved, seconded by Vice President Green to return to session.**
- **President Bowers called for a vote and this passed 7-0.**
- **The Assistant City Clerk read [Resolution 49-2024](#) into record** – A Resolution appointing Connie Zeigler to serve on the Harrisburg Architectural Review Board of the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Bowers moved this to the Administration Committee.**
- **The Assistant City Clerk read [Resolution 50-2024](#) into record** – A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a professional services agreement with Murphy & Dittenhafer Architects to serve as the Architect / Engineering Firm for the restoration, rehabilitation, and reconstruction of the Broad Street Market’s Red Brick Building.
- **President Bowers moved this to the Parks, Recreation and Enrichment Committee.**
- **The Assistant City Clerk read [Resolution 51-2024](#) into record** – A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a professional services agreement with Marsh Claims Solutions’ Forensic Accounting and Claims Services to provide insurance claim accounting services to measure and document the revenue and property damage loss of the Broad Street Market’s Red Brick Building.
- **President Bowers moved this to the Parks, Recreation and Enrichment Committee.**
- **The Assistant City Clerk read [Resolution 52-2024](#) into record** – A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a professional services contract with State Street Strategies, LLC d/b/a One+ Strategies for strategic guidance and intelligence gathering for lobbying-related services.
- **President Bowers moved this to the Administration Committee.**
- **The Assistant City Clerk read [Resolution 53-2024](#) into record** – A Resolution approving the Fifth Proposed 2024 Budget Reallocation; confirming and otherwise clarifying the intended designation of revenue replacement funds under the American Rescue Plan Act as being attributed to public safety purposes under the general fund; and further confirming the award of certain available general fund program dollars to two (2) local organizations to provide services for bridge housing.
- **President Bowers moved this to the Budget & Finance Committee.**

OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

- Councilman Jones expressed his strong opposition to the neo-Nazi group that recently marched through the city, condemning their actions. Councilman Jones further noted that no permits were filed to authorize their activities, emphasizing that such unauthorized demonstrations pose significant dangers to the community.
- Councilwoman Rawls announced upcoming events in the City of Harrisburg and directed listeners to the city website for more information.
- President Bowers provided an update on current city vacancies as reported to her by the Department of Human Resources.
- President Bowers noted that the quarterly reports for the second quarter of the fiscal year 2024 have been published on the city's [ecode page](#).
- President Bowers announced that a Policy Work Session focused on Home Ownership is scheduled for August 28, 2024, at 5:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.