

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
Danielle L. Bowers, President
Tuesday, October 22, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

6:00PM

- President Bowers called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

ROLL CALL

- The Assistant City Clerk called the roll and 6 members were present; namely: Shamaine Daniels, Crystal Davis, Lamont Jones, Jocelyn Rawls, Ralph Rodriguez, and Danielle Bowers.

INVOCATION

- The Invocation was led by Councilman Jones.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Rodriguez.

COMMUNICATIONS

- President Bowers read out a proclamation recognizing Olewine Nature Center's 25th Anniversary.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Emily Walker raised concerns regarding recent parking citations received near her residence on Green Street. Ms. Walker noted inconsistencies in the enforcement of parking restrictions, as there were no visible on-street signs indicating prohibited areas. Ms. Walker requested that City Council consider clearer signage and a more consistent application of parking regulations to prevent confusion and undue penalties.
- Denzel Jackson expressed support for the Group Violence Intervention (GVI) program, commending its dual benefits for both program participants and credible messengers who serve as mentors. Mr. Jackson emphasized that the program is a meaningful initiative providing new opportunities for those involved with the justice system and is particularly timely given the city's concerns over rising violence. Mr. Jackson voiced his desire to be an active participant in driving positive change within the community and encouraged City Council to continue supporting GVI as a valuable resource for Harrisburg's residents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes for the Legislative Session of October 8, 2024, stand approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

- Administration Chair Bowers reported out on the Work Session of October 15, 2024.
- Public Safety Chair Jones reported out on the Work Session of October 15, 2024.

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 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 called the vote and this failed by a vote of 6-0.**
- **The Assistant City Clerk read [Resolution 63-2024](#) 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 and training services to support the Group Violence Intervention program.
- **President Bowers called the vote and this passed by a vote of 6-0.**
- **The Assistant City Clerk read [Resolution 64-2024](#) into record** – A Resolution of the City of Harrisburg to authorize the filing of a Statement of Revival of the Cumberland-Dauphin-Harrisburg Transit Authority, also known as Capital Area Transit Authority, pursuant to the Municipalities Authorities Act to extend its term of existence for a period not to exceed fifty (50) years.
- **President Bowers called the vote and this passed by a vote of 6-0.**
- **The Assistant City Clerk read [Resolution 65-2024](#) into record** – A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a multi-year agreement with Hera Property Registry, LLC, to register foreclosed properties within the City.
- **President Bowers called the vote and this passed by a vote of 6-0.**
- **The Assistant City Clerk read [Resolution 66-2024](#) into record** – A Resolution approving the Sixth Proposed 2024 Budget Reallocation.
- **President Bowers moved this to the Budget & Finance Committee.**
- **The Assistant City Clerk read [Resolution 67-2024](#) into record** – A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a services agreement with Violence Interrupters, NFP, to provide training services related to violence prevention.
- **President Bowers moved this to the Public Safety Committee.**
- **The Assistant City Clerk read [Resolution 68-2024](#) into record** – A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Lot Consolidation and Land Development Plan submitted by Midtown Redevelopment, LLC to consolidate lots at eight (8) separate sites across six (6) separate blocks to construct “Multifamily Dwelling,” mixed-use, and townhouse structures, along with associated site and access improvements.
- **President Bowers moved this to the Community & Economic Development Committee.**

- **The Assistant City Clerk read [Resolution 69-2024](#) into record** – A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for 1103 South Front Street, submitted by Stephen Siller with Tunnel to Towers Foundation, to subdivide the existing parcel into two (2) individual lots, each accommodating a supportive housing project.
- **President Bowers moved this to the Community & Economic Development Committee.**
- **The Assistant City Clerk read [Resolution 70-2024](#) into record** – A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Land Development Revision Plan for 112 Market Street submitted by Brad Jones of Veterans’ Building Investors, LLC., to convert the existing eight-story office building into a residential building with 48 apartment units, along with associated improvements.
- **President Bowers moved this to the Community & Economic Development Committee.**
- **The Assistant City Clerk read [Resolution 71-2024](#) into record** – A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Lot Consolidation and Land Development Plan submitted by Cristina Herman with Wildheart Ministries, to consolidate five (5) parcels along the 1200 block of Market Street and develop a new mixed-use building with nine (9) residential units, 4,875 square feet of commercial space across four (4) commercial units, and associated site and access improvements.
- **President Bowers moved this to the Community & Economic Development Committee.**

OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

- Councilwoman Rawls announced upcoming Harrisburg Halloween Festivities and invited public participation.
- Councilman Rodriguez promoted an upcoming event, Civics and Me, scheduled for November 23, 2024 at the PA Farm Show Complex. Councilman Rodriguez announced the Writing for a Reason essay contest, in which he has pledged his December salary to the selected winner. Submissions are due by December 1st and the winner will be selected by a student review panel.
- Councilwoman Davis announced the No Vote Left Behind program, which will provide free transportation to polling stations for Harrisburg residents on election day to support those facing transportation challenges.
- President Bowers provided a scheduling update, noting that a Work Session will be held at 5:30 PM on November 12, 2024, followed immediately by a Legislative Session.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.