

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES  
Tuesday, November 9, 2021**

**A G E N D A**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

- The City Clerk called the roll and all 7 members were present during roll call, namely: Ben Allatt, Danielle Bowers, Shamaine Daniels, Ausha Green, Westburn Majors, Dave Madsen and Wanda R. D. Williams.

**INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

- The Moment of Silence was led by Ms. Bowers.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Allatt.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- There was none.

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

- Pam Parson congratulated Council people Daniels, Green and President Williams on their election wins. She reminded City Council that there is a walk-thru uptown at 3PM at the parking lot of the Fair Housing Council with individuals from the Environmental Justice members to look at environmental hazards in that area. She said it is November and we haven't seen the Police Commissioner regarding the reports. She asked City Council not to approve the individual on the Zoning Hearing Board because she would make three people from Midtown who are white and the board lacks diversity.
- Laura Harding congratulated the two successful councilmembers (Daniels and Green) and Mayor-Elect Williams. She said she agrees with Ms. Parson on the Zoning Hearing Board comments. She said there will be County Commissioners at the walk-thru tomorrow and she asked councilmembers to attend. She said regarding the "Bath House" on City Island, there was a protest and they observed two toddlers who almost was hit by a car. She said there need to be safety measures in place.
- Melanie Cooke congratulated the successful elected officials and said she looks forward to positive change. She said she will be attending the environmental walk-thru, but this is not the first time we had this type of thing. She said they police these type of things in other cities, but here there are clear violations that do not get addressed. She asked that there be public meetings to discuss illegal dumping, because there needs to be a strategy to deal with these issues. She said the parking situation needs to be addressed in the City of Harrisburg. She asked what power does the city have to oversee some of these issues and policies regarding parking in the city. She expressed concerns with the Zoning Hearing Board and public input on certain development. She asked for an investigation on the sale of the 21.3 acre property that was recently sold for 12.5 million dollars on Herr Street.

- Evelyn Hunt said she called 911 at 4PM today to report a traffic light out at 17<sup>th</sup> and State Street, but no police showed. She said someone from the engineering office came to fix the light a half an hour later. She said this is unacceptable and very dangerous. She said the city needs better enforcement on State Street. She asked when the City Treasurer's Office going to open five days a week. She said that is where our revenue comes in and the office needs to be open. She said the city lost an excellent employee last week (Wayne Martin). She thanked him for all of his help and wished him well.
- Kimeka Campbell congratulated Mayor-Elect Williams and the two other councilmembers. She said regarding the "Beach House" how were they able to use a park permit to secure that location. She asked if that type of process is available for other residents. She asked for more information about the CDBG funds.
- City Solicitor, Neil Grover provided an explanation on the process the "Beach House" secured the park permit.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon motion by President Williams, with no objections, the minutes for the Legislative Session of October 26, 2021 were deemed approved.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- There were none.

#### ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- **The City Clerk read Bill 16-2021 into record** - An Ordinance to technically amend the Municipal Waste, Recycling, and Composting Code of Title 9 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.
- **The City Clerk read Bill 17-2021 into record** - An Ordinance vacating and striking from the Official Map of the City of Harrisburg two unnamed grocer's alleys within the block bounded North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Clinton Street, Logan Street, and Hamilton Street pursuant to Chapter 3-109 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg.
- President Williams placed this in the Public Works Committee.

#### ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There were none.

#### ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- There were none.

#### RESOLUTIONS

- **Resolution 79-2021** - A Resolution appointing Ms. Autumn Anderson to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board of the City of Harrisburg.
- This was removed from the agenda per the Council President.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- There were none.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Allatt asked the Solicitor to make the request to the Mayor that from here on out until the end of the year if the Mayor intends to make any personnel changes that he discuss that with the Council President.

- Mr. Majors announced that on November 20<sup>th</sup> will be the Holiday Parade. He asked the Solicitor about City Policies regarding remote work.
- President Williams announced that there was an Executive Session to discuss legal matters, prior to the meeting with the City Solicitor. She announce that there will be a “Peace Walk” on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 10-1PM in Hall Manor.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- The Meeting was adjourned at 6:41PM.