

HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, November 23, 2021

A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

- The Deputy 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 Mr. Allatt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- Dan Miller, City Treasurer, came before Council to discuss his concern with **Tyler Technologies, Resolution 63-2021**, a procurement software company that was approved by Council that was not vetted by the Treasury or Controllers office. Mr. Miller also gave an update on the annual billing legislation.
- Council requested Neil Grover, City Solicitor and Steve Bortner, Director of IT, come to podium to answer Councils questions regarding Mr. Miller's concern.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Pam Parson wanted to give an update on the citizens who are looking into illegal dumping are continuing to locate sites, attempting to identify the owners of the property, and photograph. She said the vast majority of the trash is industrial or commercial, and tires which is more than likely businesses as opposed to individual dumping. She mentioned the debris from the construction work taking place at 2101 N. 6th Street, the Hudson building, and where that debris is being dumped and why it is allowed to be dumped on Redevelopment Authority property. She asked about the permits for the beach house on City Island and where all their debris from construction was discarded. She said there is quite a bit of debris and sand located on Bailey Street that could be dumping from the beach house. She said they have been noting where construction has been happening and if appropriate building, construction, and demolition permits are in place. She said they are finding that is not the case at 2801, it only had a demolition permit and it was out of date and as of 10 days ago it did not have a building permit.
- President Williams asked Ms. Parsons what the citizens who are gathering this illegal dumping information are doing with it, are they tracking and recording and sharing it with the Codes department?
- Pam Parsons said they plan to share it with codes and some of the information will be shared with Dauphin County, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and with the federal government, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- President Williams responded to Ms. Parsons and asked her to please ensure she shares the illegal dumping information with codes and with the public works director, Mr. Spriggs. Ms. Williams also asked her to reach out to Mike Hughes, Tax and Enforcement Administrator to address the permits issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- President Williams asked Council if there were any omissions, deletions, or corrections for the meeting minutes for the Legislative Session of November 9, 2021. Councilwoman Bowers made the following corrections; the meeting minutes for Legislative Session of November 9, 2021 were then deemed approved.
- **Corrections:**
 - **Under the section:** Courtesy of Floor - the third bullet point/comment should reflect the correct spelling of the participants last name, removing the letter e from Cooke to reflect Melanie Cook.
 - **Under the section:** New Business – the third bullet point, in the second sentence, the word announce should be past tense (announced) and 10-1PM, add AM after 10.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Chair Green reported on the Work Session of November 16, 2021.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- **The Deputy City Clerk read [Bill 18-2021](#) into record** - An Ordinance establishing the budget for the Municipal Government of the City of Harrisburg for the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two (2022).
- **President Williams placed this in the Budget and Finance Committee.**
- **The Deputy City Clerk read [Bill 19-2021](#) into record** – An Ordinance amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Harrisburg, Title V, Licensing and Taxation, Part V, Real Estate Taxes, Chapter 5-501, Property Tax, by establishing for the year Two Thousand Twenty Two (2022) a tax levy on land and improvements and providing for the distribution of taxes levied and assessed and providing for a tax rebate for the difference between the tax due and attributable to the year Two Thousand Twenty Two (2022) tax levy over the tax due and attributable to the year Two Thousand Six (2006) tax levy for qualifying senior citizens.
- **President Williams placed this in the Budget and Finance Committee.**
- **The Deputy City Clerk read [Bill 20-2021](#) into record** - An Ordinance of the City of Harrisburg establishing a new Part 2-1100 of the Codified Ordinances of Harrisburg entitled “Responsible Contracting” establishing a governing threshold; providing for the adoption of certain procedures related to the solicitation and award of certain public contracts within the City; providing for certification requirements for certain public contractors; providing for certification requirements for subcontractors on certain public contracts; and providing for certain public contract review procedures.
- **President Williams placed this in the Budget and Finance Committee.**

ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- **The Deputy City Clerk read [Bill 13-2021](#) into record** - An Ordinance amending Chapter 3-141, Disabled Parking in Residential Neighborhoods of Title 3, Public Safety, providing for technical amendment thereto regarding reserved disabled parking and providing for related technical amendments to the Traffic Code.
- **Ms. Green made a motion to suspend the rules to discuss the technical amendment, 2nded by Ms. Bowers.**
- **Ms. Green read the following technical amendment Bill 13-2021: remove line 76 – 81 and then re-letter it to make line 74 letter B and line 82 letter C and line 84 letter D.**
- **President Williams called the motion to vote on the amendment which was 2nded, by Ms. Bowers.**
- **President Williams called the vote and this amendment passed 7-0.**

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- **The Deputy City Clerk read [Bill 13-2021 As Amended](#) into record** - An Ordinance amending Chapter 3-141, Disabled Parking in Residential Neighborhoods of Title 3, Public Safety, providing for technical amendment thereto regarding reserved disabled parking and providing for related technical amendments to the Traffic Code.
- **President Williams called the vote and this passed 7-0.**

RESOLUTIONS

- **The Deputy City Clerk read [Resolution 85-2020](#) into record** - A Resolution of the Council of the City of Harrisburg to adopt a Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.
- **Chair Madsen commented on the Comprehensive Plan process and said he hopes this will be a moving document for the future.**
- **Councilwoman Bowers read a statement for the record pertaining to this Resolution.**
- **President Williams called the vote and this passed 6-1 with Ms. Bowers voting in the negative.**
- **The Deputy City Clerk read [Resolution 80-2021](#) into record** - A Resolution appointing Mr. James Hobbs to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board of the City of Harrisburg.
- **President Williams placed this in the Building and Housing Committee.**
- **The Deputy City Clerk read [Resolution 81-2021](#) into record** - A Resolution approving a Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan to rehabilitate the existing building on the principal parcel at 2101 North 6th Street into a mix of uses, to consolidate thirteen existing parcels into five distinct lots, and to develop vacant lots in the adjoining block.
- **President Williams placed this in the Community and Economic Development Committee.**

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Majors wanted to thank every Chair Madsen and the community at large for working on the Comprehensive Plan and especially the Planning Commission as it has taken almost a decade of trying to get this into fruition after forty years of not touching it at all. He knows the dedication and efforts it took to get it this far and he is happy to see it moving forward and at least getting started. He hopes for it to be a living document that we can shape and mold each year. He hopes to continue to work with the community groups to make this document more inclusive and more of a reality. He looks forward to working with the new Administration on making this plan a viable option for citizens in the community. He thanked everyone for their hard work.
- Ms. Green expressed her appreciation and gratitude for being a part of the process and being able to set aside politics to reflect the greater good of the community and its needs. She too looks forward to working with the new Administration and making this a living document that tailors to the growing needs of infrastructure, technology advancements, and adapts to emergency situations such as we have seen with the Pandemic. She also thanked everyone on the planning commission and the public for their input and dedication to the plan.
- President Williams said she looks forward to working with everyone on the plan and thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication as well.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Bowers announced two notes of congratulation. She congratulated the Bureau of Technology for their recent shared *Dot.com Gold Award* for their redesign of the City's website. The Dot.com Awards are an international awards competition that honors excellence in web creativity and digital communication. Gavin was the web and logo designer. She said the website is definitely more user friendly and she thanked everyone

- who helped redesign the website, City Council for their input and the public for providing their feedback via surveys.
- She also wanted to congratulate the Harrisburg High Cougar football team for making it to the Mid-Penn Commonwealth Champions and District 3 - 6A Champions. She congratulated the coaches and the players and wished them all luck as they strive for the state championship. She wanted them to know the city supports them and is very proud of them.
- Mr. Madsen announced there will be a holiday home decorating contest sponsored by LS Community Investment, there will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place entries. Judging for City of Harrisburg will be Dec. 12th – Dec. 20th. The application deadline to submit entries is November 27, 2021. Contact information for the applicants is LScommunityinvestment@aol.com and www.LScommunityinvestments.com.
- President Williams wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

- The Meeting was adjourned at 6:51PM.