

**HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
Danielle L. Hill, President  
Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

6:00PM

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

ROLL CALL

- The City Clerk called the roll and all 7 members were present; namely: Crystal Davis, Ausha Green, Lamont Jones, Robert Lawson, Jocelyn Rawls, Ralph Rodriguez, and Danielle Hill.

INVOCATION

- The Invocation was led by Councilman Lawson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Hill.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Central PA MLK-365 presented on the [MLK Day of Service](#) – Shelly Lipscomb Echeverria, Chair; Kristen Keys, Board Member; and Joseph Robinson Jr., President of the Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Development Institute.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- Robert Williams raised concerns regarding the conduct and legal advice of the City Solicitor, alleging ethical violations and mismanagement that he believes have resulted in significant legal costs to the City. He referenced a federal lawsuit stemming from a whistleblower matter and questioned whether proper authorization and appropriations were made for outside legal counsel. Mr. Williams requested an audit of legal expenditures, raised concerns about past disciplinary actions involving the City Solicitor, and asserted that the Solicitor has failed to properly represent the interests of the City and its taxpayers.
- Tymika Moore stated that she was physically assaulted by a department head while performing her duties as a city employee. She alleged that after attempting to report the incident, she was terminated and has since been unable to successfully file a police report despite repeated efforts with multiple agencies. Ms. Moore stated that she ultimately filed a private criminal complaint and was advised by the District Attorney's Office to attempt again to file a police report. Ms. Moore requested City Council's support in ensuring that she is permitted to file a report and that appropriate processes are followed.
- Jonathan Luff stated that he was placed on administrative leave in December 2025, filed a disciplinary complaint with the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Disciplinary Board, and was subsequently terminated. He requested that City Council exercise its oversight authority to review the circumstances surrounding his termination and allow him to address statements he believes were made about him in executive session. Mr. Luff also raised concerns about the use of public funds for outside legal counsel without formal Council authorization and urged Council to follow statutory processes regarding investigations and appropriations.

- Scylla expressed concerns about reports of ICE and DHS activity in and around the region. Scylla asked what steps City officials intend to take to protect residents regardless of immigration status and requested safeguards to ensure community safety and civil rights.
- Russel Blust spoke regarding longstanding disputes related to his trash billing and bankruptcy proceedings. He alleged improper application of payments, violations of federal bankruptcy law, and misconduct by the City Solicitor. Mr. Blust stated that his efforts to resolve the matter through various offices have been unsuccessful and asserted that his billing issues have impacted his ability to manage or sell his properties.
- Carrie Fowler reported observing ICE activity in the city and urged City Council to adopt a resolution affirming Harrisburg’s commitment to protecting residents regardless of immigration status. She advocated for limiting cooperation with federal immigration enforcement, requiring judicial warrants, and ensuring City agencies do not inquire about immigration status, emphasizing community trust and public safety.
- Robert Weldon stated concerns regarding potential asbestos exposure in his rental property, which he occupied for seven years. He described learning of the possible hazard only recently and expressed concern about health risks, particularly to children. He requested that the city address housing safety and accountability regarding environmental hazards.
- Lewis Butts spoke broadly about transparency, civic engagement, and community coordination. He encouraged the City and School District to avoid scheduling meetings at the same time to allow residents to participate in both. Mr. Butts discussed the importance of infrastructure, environmental advisory representation, food access, local history, and community storytelling, and called for cooperative efforts to strengthen Harrisburg.
- Libby Profitt spoke on immigration enforcement issues, distinguishing between civil and criminal immigration matters. She expressed concern about rising taxes and stated support for enforcement of existing laws. She encouraged Council to be cautious regarding advice received and to consider multiple perspectives when evaluating public concerns.
- George Craker introduced a newly formed nonprofit organization, *The Happy Lifestyle*, which focuses on employing individuals experiencing homelessness. He stated that the organization has had success in other cities and in Harrisburg and is now seeking to scale operations. He provided the organization’s website and described its mission to provide employment opportunities
- Carlos Johnson stated that his company is seeking to employ justice-involved youth in the Harrisburg area for highway construction work. He explained that the program includes paid training followed by full employment opportunities. He provided flyers and invited City officials to learn more about the initiative.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes for the Legislative Session of December 15, 2025, stand approved.
- The minutes for the Special Legislative Session of December 29, 2025, stand approved.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

- There was none.

#### ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- There was none.

## ORDINANCES FOR AMENDMENT

- There was none.

## ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

- There was none.

## RESOLUTIONS

- **The City Clerk read [Resolution 1-2026](#) into record** – A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a professional services agreement with WCA Public Safety Assessments for the purpose of providing psychological testing and assessment for the City’s Bureau of Police.
- **President Hill moved this into the Public Safety Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read [Resolution 2-2026](#) into record** – A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to negotiate and enter into a professional services agreement with Floura Teeter Landscape Architects, Inc. to provide landscape architectural services for Vernon Street Park and Playground located at 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Vernon Street.
- **President Hill moved this into the Parks, Recreation & Enrichment Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read [Resolution 3-2026](#) into record** – A Resolution approving the First Proposed 2026 Budget Reallocation in order to authorize the roll forward of certain 2025 Budget Year encumbered commitments and to reaffirm certain 2025 capital project and program appropriations.
- **President Hill moved this into the Budget & Finance Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read [Resolution 4-2026](#) into record** – A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for 1332 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street submitted by Adam Breneman of Breneman Properties, LLC, to expand the existing non-conforming “Multifamily Dwelling” use onsite by converting space occupied by the former funeral home, and associated site and access improvements.
- **President Hill moved this into the Community & Economic Development Committee.**
- **The City Clerk read [Resolution 5-2026](#) into record** – A Resolution approving the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for 2601 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (Building 1) submitted by Gregory Hallquist of Pennmark Harrisburg Holdings, LLC, to convert the vacant hospital building into a mixed-use building, and associated site and access improvements.
- **President Hill moved this into the Community & Economic Development Committee.**

## OLD BUSINESS

- There was none.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Councilwoman Rawls posed a question to City Solicitor Grover regarding what safeguards City Council could put in place to ensure City employees, including police, are not coordinating with ICE, and what concrete steps Council could take now that residents are reporting ICE presence.

- Solicitor Grover stated that there is not a formal agreement between the City and ICE and that past agreements were limited, expired, and unrelated to immigration enforcement. He explained that questions regarding ICE activity and inter-agency cooperation are primarily operational matters for the Police Bureau and suggested the Public Safety Chair coordinate a discussion with police leadership to clarify protocols. Solicitor Grover also noted that Council could consider adopting a resolution affirming support for resident safety regardless of immigration status, while cautioning that potential federal responses are unpredictable.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.