

Moved by: Shirley A. Kent

A Resolution ratifying the authorization given to Gannett Fleming Inc. to expand Phase 1 of the geological survey regarding the sinkhole activity on South 14<sup>th</sup> Street into Phases 2 and 3 of the survey.

**WHEREAS**, in May 2014, the City of Harrisburg and Capital Region Water contracted Gannett Fleming to conduct a geological survey to determine the cause of multiple sinkholes that formed on the 1400-block of South 14<sup>th</sup> Street for approximately \$166,000; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 4, 2014, representatives from Gannett Fleming attended a Harrisburg City Council Public Works Committee Meeting to reveal the results from Phase 1 of the investigation of South 14<sup>th</sup> Street; and

**WHEREAS**, Phase 1 of the investigation revealed that South 14<sup>th</sup> Street is an active sinkhole area with approximately sixteen (16) fractures in the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the risk of additional sinkhole activity as a result of soil piping into fractures is generally triggered by water and is likely to increase in relation to any increased rain, snow, and ice; and

**WHEREAS**, City Engineer Wayne Martin explained that Phases 2 and 3 of the Geological Survey would provide the City with more information and methods to address the concerns of Harrisburg residents; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the state of emergency and sense of immediacy surrounding South 14<sup>th</sup> Street and other potentially affected areas of Harrisburg, City Council approved moving forward with Phases 2 and 3 of the Geological Survey; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE**

CITY OF HARRISBURG that Phases 2 and 3 of the geological survey are hereby ratified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate City officials are authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution and are charged with informing City Council of the findings from Phase 2 of the investigation upon its completion.

I second the Resolution: Wanda R. A. Williams

Presented to the City Council September 23, 2014

Wanda R. A. Williams  
President of City Council

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City Clerk

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