

Harrisburg City Council
Special Meeting Minutes

A special meeting of the City Council was called to order on June 17, 2019, at 5:30pm. Present was Mayor Julie Burke – Van Luvanee, council members Ryan Berg, Danny Tank, Ryan Olson and Kevin Maxwell. Also present from the City were Michael McMahon, Toby Huizenga, Andrew Pietrus, Jill Johnke, Joe Stonesifer and Mary McClung. All motions were by majority vote and approved unanimously by those members present unless otherwise indicated.

Motion Berg, seconded Tank to recess at 5:31 pm – Members of the board and attendees of the meeting toured the RISE building. No city business was conducted.

Motion Tank, seconded Olson to reconvene the meeting at 6:03 pm

No public comment.

Business Item 1. Strategic Planning Work Session – Adrienne McKeown, President of the Harrisburg Economic Development Board and board members provided information regarding the acquirement of properties for development within the central business district. They also provided information on their efforts to hire a full time President and CEO for the Harrisburg Economic Development Corporation and Chamber of Commerce.

Discussion centered around preserving architectural design standards in certain zoning districts, expectations, level of commitment, ownership and being consistent in moving forward with the strategic plan and the use of tools that have been and are being developed, if an outside consultant would help move things forward in the right direction and the costs involved. Discussion moved to the continuation of the Vision Committee or a new formation of a Vision Committee or similar committee and how it would be structured and their purpose. Also discussed was the need for a gap analysis or staffing model to be completed either by a 3rd party or within.

Action items for the July 1st City Council meeting consist of council's financial support for the HEDC staff position, joint endeavor with HEDC for the acquirement of the RISE building and the reformation of the Vision Committee or some type of similar committee and their structure and purpose.

With no further business, a motion was made by Tank, seconded by Maxwell to adjourn the special city council meeting at 7:46pm.

Submitted by Jill Johnke, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Finance Officer