

*Intergovernmental Cooperation Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  
Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting  
May 29, 2019*

*Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Governmental Center, City Council Conference Room  
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<b>Members Present</b>	Ms. Audry Carter, Ms. Kathy Speaker MacNett, Ms. Tina Nixon, and Mr. David Schankweiler. Mr. H. Ralph Vartan arrived late.	
<b>Ex-Officio Members Present</b>	Mr. John Raymond and Mr. Dan Connelly representing Member Bruce Weber	
<b>Staff Present</b>	Jeff Engle, Esq., Independent General Counsel, and Mr. Jeffrey Stonehill, Authority Manager	
<b>Call to Order</b>	Mr. Schankweiler called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.	
	Mr. Schankweiler noted that just before the meeting began, the Authority had received a packet of official documents transmitted by Mayor Papenfuse in his role as Chief Fiscal Officer of the City of Harrisburg; and further, Mr. Schankweiler expressed gratitude to the Mayor for the quick turnaround of addressing the comments delivered by the Authority only a week earlier; and, incorporating his responses into the final submission. He also thanked the Mayor's staff for all their assistance. He noted that he attended a meeting with the Mayor and City Council President, and others, where the draft plan had been discussed. Mr. Schankweiler explained that the Authority would talk about the Five-Year Financial Plan, as submitted on May 29, 2019, as he anticipated some action this evening. He noted that one of the submissions was a legal opinion from City Solicitor, Neil Grover; and, before any discussion occurs, he asked Mr. Grover to review the legal opinion that he included in the packet that was transmitted.	
<b>Comments from the City Solicitor</b>	Mr. Neil Grover, Solicitor, City of Harrisburg, explained that he had included a legal opinion, which he authored, detailing his interpretation of the timetable and requirements of Act 124 of 2018, the enabling State legislation. Mr. Grover explained that he did this partially for posterity and to create a framework for the ongoing work of the City working with the Authority. He explained that pursuant to Act 124 and his interpretation, the Mayor was required to submit to the Authority: the final Five-Year	

	<p>Financial Plan, the current 2019 City of Harrisburg adopted budget, the newly released 2019 Capital Improvements Plan, and the Mayor’s Certification Letter attests to the completeness and accuracy of the financial documents. This and Mr. Grover’s legal opinion constitute the transmittal dated May 29, 2019. Mr. Grover went on to explain that the Act envisioned that this submission would be at the same time as the City budget cycle, but because of the lateness of the appointments to the Authority, that this was not possible for the City’s 2019 Fiscal Year. However, he expressed his opinion, that beginning with the 2020 budget process, the City and the Authority would be back on the timetable envisioned by the Act. Finally, he thanked Mr. Connelly for his work on reports under Act 47 status and explained that Mr. Connelly would transition those reports to the Authority, once the City exits Act 47 status, which would come with the adoption of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City, and the Authority.</p>	
<p><b>Question by Mr. Schankweiler</b></p>	<p>Mr. Schankweiler asked Mr. Grover what would happen if the City Council made further changes to the Mayor’s final Five-Year Financial Plan after the Authority approves it. Mr. Grover explained that the Act was silent on this matter, that he believes the document could be re-approved several times over the five years covered by the Act, and that any changes would be captured in the 2020 budget process.</p>	
<p><b>Statement by Mayor Papenfuse</b></p>	<p>Mayor Papenfuse thanked the Authority for the presentation of the memorandum at their previous meeting, which detailed eight (8) requested points of clarification or expansion in the draft Five-Year Financial Plan. He explained that he and his staff attempted to add material to address the eight (8) points in the final plan. He acknowledged the quick turnaround and expressed his hope that the Authority would take action at this meeting.</p>	
<p><b>Adjournment to Executive Session</b></p>	<p>Mr. Schankweiler adjourned the Authority to Executive Session to discuss Mr. Grover’s interpretation of Act 124 of 2018, and receive legal advice from Mr. Jeff Engle, Esq., regarding any action that might take related to the plan.</p>	
<p><b>Call to Order</b></p>	<p>Mr. Schankweiler called the meeting back to order at 5:05 p.m.</p>	

	<p>Mr. Schankweiler asked if the Authority wished to take action on the Mayor's final Five-Year Financial Plan, as submitted on May 29, 2019.</p>	
	<p>Ms. MacNett made a motion to approve the plan as presented, but then stated that she had some additional reservations that she would like to cover during the comment period. The motion received a second from Mr. Vartan.</p> <p>Mr. Schankweiler asked for comments.</p> <p>Ms. MacNett stated that the plan needed refinements. She mentioned economic development as a concern. She said the plan lacked some of the provisions that the Authority wanted to see. She said that she feels that the Authority was rushed, but that this was a first necessary step.</p> <p>Mr. Vartan, as the second to the motion, added his agreement with Ms. MacNett's points. He stated the baseline financial projections on Page 22 are something that City residents should congratulate the city on having achieved. He added that the points on Page 26 to Page 29 need more work. He stated that, in his opinion, the City needs to stop, appreciate the good work that has been done, the good place the City is now in, and then get back to work.</p> <p>Ms. Nixon agreed with the comments from Ms. MacNett and Mr. Vartan. She added that a lot more work needs to be done.</p> <p>Ms. Carter said she concurred with all comments made. She added that it was a lot of information to digest in four hours. She hopes the revised baseline estimates will bear fruit. She added he concerns about economic development. She finished by saying the City of Harrisburg is a jewel.</p> <p>Mr. Schankweiler called the question.</p>	<p>On a motion by Ms. MacNett, seconded by Mr. Vartan, with a vote of 5-0, the Mayor's Five-Year Financial Plan, as submitted on May 29, 2019, is approved</p>
	<p>Mr. Schankweiler stated that the he would work with the Authority Manager to pen a letter to the Mayor, which would cover which areas the Authority still believe are lacking. He added that the Authority will continue to cooperate with the Mayor, his staff, and City Council over the five years. He added that we all want the same outcomes. We all want what is best for the City of Harrisburg. Finally, he mentioned that Jeff Engle would be creating a draft Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement, and acknowledged that it was the hope to have a draft for all the parties to review on June 10 or June 11.</p>	

<b>Public Comments</b>	There were none.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Motion by Ms. Carter, seconded by Mr. Schankweiler	Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.
<b>Next meeting</b>	The next regular meeting of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority for Harrisburg will be held at 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at a location to be determined.	

Respectfully submitted:




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