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City Council Minutes
September 22, 2026

Mayor:	Robert Duncan, Presiding
Council President:	Mike Caughey, Present
Councilors Present:	Kimberly Downey, Cindy Knox, Dana Henry, Jeremy Moritz and Dan Meyers
Staff Present:	City Administrator Michele Eldridge, Public Works Director Chuck Scholz, and City Recorder/Municipal Court Administrator Lori Ross
Meeting Location:	Harrisburg Municipal Center Located at 354 Smith St

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Robert Duncan

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL by Mayor, Robert Duncan, at the hour of 6:31pm.

CONCERNED CITIZEN(S) IN THE AUDIENCE: All in attendance were there for items on the agenda.

THE MATTER OF MEETING WITH A MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE FROM LCSO IF ONE IS AVAILABLE: Sergeant Frambes reviewed the stats for August 2026. Some of the highlights included:

- Two crashes including a 15-year-old, driving with her father, crashing into the Dollar General.
- Curfew violations.
- Continued issues with E-bikes.
- Egging incidents.
- Sergeant Frambes added that LCSO staff is getting stronger, therefore, LCSO will start having a presence again at home football games.

THE MATTER OF REVIEWING LEGISLATIVE BALLOT STAFF RESULTS WITH COUNCIL: Eldridge referred to **Addendum 1**, the spreadsheet showing ballot choices for staff and Council, and **Addendum 2**, the total results, which clearly outlined the five main priorities as highlighted.

- Henry **motioned to select the areas shaded on the legislative ballot as the priorities for LOC and was seconded by** Caughey**. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.** (Yes: Henry, Caughey, Downey, Knox, Moritz and Meyers. No: None.)

THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION IN RELATION TO THE BNSF COMMUNITY MEETING – IF NEEDED: Eldridge thanked Council for attending the BNSF Community meeting adding it turned out better than anticipated. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7th and will be open for all residents.

- Knox thanked Eldridge and Mayor Duncan for making the presentation clear and for having the local Law Enforcement Agencies present if needed.
- Downey added she heard only positive feedback from her neighbors.
- Eldridge added that Steven, with BNSF, will be reaching out to PNWR regarding the bouncing rails on Lasalle St stating it's a maintenance issue that needs to be addressed.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Eldridge informed Council the City is currently hearing complaints about cul-de-sac parking, and our current code is not backing the issue at hand. Eldridge asked Council if we should review the code to make it clearer, similar to what the City of Springfield uses. Scholz cautioned modifying anything that is different from the state statutes. Eldridge to bring back to a future meeting with more information, as required.
- SMAC meeting tomorrow, at 7pm in Halsey.
- Eldridge referred to **Addendum 3**, an appreciation letter from Council to Harrisburg resident, Ed Robbins, for his efforts in picking up garbage around town, while walking his dog.
- Eldridge will be on vacation starting Thursday, through October 6th.
- Eldridge thanked Public Works for their assistance in barking the newest pathway at Eagle Park.
- Vehicular access to Eagle Park will be closing for the season beginning tomorrow.

With no further business, the City Council Meeting adjourned at the hour 7:23pm

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Mayor **City Recorder**

Council legislative priorities – Support- Oppose & priorities 09.22.26

(S- SUPPORT/O-OPPOSE/M-MEH)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A1	Priorities
Bobby	O	S	O	M	S	S	M	O	M	S	M	M	M	S	O	O	S	M	M	S	O	M	M	S	M	S	S	Q
Mike		S															S							S		S	S	B, Q, X, Z, A1
Kim	M	?	M	M	M		S	O	M	M	M	O	M	M	S/M	S	M	O	M		O	S	M		S			F, T, X, Z, A1
Cindy	M	S	S	M	S	S	M	O	O	S	O	O	O	S	O	O	S	M	M	S	O	M	S	S	M	S	S	F, J, Q, X, Z
Dana	O	S	M	M	S	S	S	O	M	S	O	M	O	O	O	O	S	M	M	M	O	O	M	S	M	M	S	B, G, J, Q, U(O), X
Jeremy	M	S	M	O	S	S	M	O	O	S	O	S	S	S	O	O	S	O	O	S	O	M	S	S	M	S	S	B, J, Q, W, Z
Dan	M		M	O		S	M	O	M		O	M	M	S	O	O		O	O	S	O	M	S		M	S	S	B, E, J, Q, X
Michele	O	S	M	M	S	S	M	O	M	S	O	M	M	S	O	O	S	M	M	S	M	O	S	S	M	S	S	B, J, Q, T, X, Z
Chuck	O	O	O	O	S	O	O	O	O	O	O	S	O	O	O	O	S	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	E, G(O), M(O), N(O), Q, A1(O)
Cathy	M	S	S	M	S	S	M	M	M	S	M	M	M	S	O	O	S	M	M	S	O	M	S	S	M	S	S	B, J, X, Z, A1
Lori	S	S	M	S	S	S	S	O	M	S	M	M	M	S	O	O	S	M	M	S	O	M	S	S	S	S	S	E, Q, X, Z, A1

*Commentary; G: The fix was revised last year by Kotek, so need to try again. H: The answer is to address the drug problem as the root. N: Upgrading and keeping rates affordable are oxymorons. Can't have both. T: Need more details to determine if I support. U: The people have already spoken loud and clear about this.

General comments: Part of deciding what to support or oppose includes weighing priorities. When there is only so much time and energy to go around, it is important to focus on things that are the most important or will have the most positive impact to citizens. However, some items are opposed because I disagree with them, and think they may be bad for citizens- either short-term or long-term. Some initiatives I am also cautious to support without more information. What do they really mean by 'strengthen' or 'improve'. Will it actually benefit citizens or might it actually end up being a bad policy? *Michele's post note: Exactly! Testimonials can include an about face; as people get more information, and especially, as legislative bills are updated with language that clarifies intent.*

Agreement

HARRISBURG LEGISLATIVE BALLOT: All Results 09.22.26

[+ signifies a priority is supported]

[- stands for a priority to oppose that issue; also red text.]

Support	Oppose	MEH	Priority		Legislative Issues
1	4	5		A:	Promote the Equitable Development of Sustainable Telecom Infrastructure
8	1		6	B:	Maintain Local Control of a Safe, Modern ROW
2	2	6		C:	Support Equitable Access to Technology
1	3	6		D:	Support Responsible Municipal Use of Technology
8		1	3	E:	Support Municipal Cybersecurity Proficiency
8	1		2	F:	Administrative Procedures Act Reform
3	1	6	1+ 1-	G:	Public Meetings Law Clarity
	9	1		H:	Funding and Coordination for Shelter and Homeless Response
	3	7		I:	Full Funding and Streamlining for Housing Production
7	1	1	6	J:	Land Availability and Land Use Streamlining
	6	4		K:	Invest in Community Energy Resilience Disaster Planning
2	2	6		L:	Support Expedited Local Renewable Energy Generation
1	3	6	1-	M:	Support Increased Energy Transmission Capacity
7	2	1	1-	N:	Maintain Affordable Energy While Supporting Grid Hardening and Modernization
1	9	1		O:	Resource Programs for Energy Efficiency Planning & Project Development
1	9			P:	Support Administrative Capacity
9		1	9	Q:	Targeted Prevailing Wage Changes
	4	6		R:	Alcohol Revenue Modernization
	3	7		S:	Emergency Communication System Resources
7	1	1	2	T:	Strengthening Economic and Workforce Development
	9	1	1-	U:	2027 Transportation Package
1	3	6		V:	Cautious Adoption of Autonomous Vehicles
6	1	3	1	W:	City Supported Street Sign Traditions
8	1		8	X	Infrastructure Funding
2	1	7		Y	Water Reuse
8	1	1	7	Z	Ratepayer Assistance
9	1		4+ 1-	A1	Water Workforce Development

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Ed Robbins
204 Monroe St.
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September 21, 2026

Dear Mr. Robbins;

We would like to extend to you our gratitude and appreciation for what you do in our community. Many of us have noticed that when you walk your dog in the downtown area of town, that you also pick up garbage while you are doing it. It's rare now it seems, to find people who care enough about the place where they live, to do something that they aren't recognized for.

Therefore, this letter is to let you know how thankful we are towards your efforts. You provide an excellent example of what it means to have pride in your community. It takes dedicated individuals like you to keep our shared spaces clean, safe, and beautiful for everyone.

Actions like yours often go unnoticed, but the positive impact on our local environment and community pride is immediate and deeply appreciated.

Thank you again for your initiative, civic spirit, and hard work.

Warm Regards;

Mayor Robert Duncan, on behalf of the Harrisburg City Council

Addendum 3