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COMMITTEE MINUTES MAY 25, 2016 6:00 p.m.

Police	Fire	Public Works	E&C Development	Business Admin	Rules & Admin
Walker Hill-Evans Nelson	Walker Hill-Evans Nelson	Nelson Hill-Evans Helfrich	Nixon Hill-Evans Walker	Helfrich Nixon Nelson	Hill-Evans Helfrich Walker

***Bold text indicates Chairperson**

Note: General Committee is chaired by Council President or designee and includes all Council members.

Council Members in attendance: Sandie Walker, Henry Hay Nixon, Renee S. Nelson, and Michael Ray Helfrich, Vice President.

Administration in attendance: David Michaels, Fire Chief; Carol Downs Brady, Deputy Treasurer; and Don Hoyt, Assistant City Solicitor.

City Council staff in attendance: Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk.

- I. Called committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Committee Issues for the June 7, 2016 legislative Agenda as follows:

FIRE ([View Issues Chart](#))

1. Bill amending the 2016 Budget in the amount of \$99,546.00 (For overtime & training)

Chief Michaels explained that they applied for and was awarded an AFG grant through the Federal government, which will be used to train fire personnel. He said this budget amendment is basically a house cleaning measure to include those grant funds into the 2016 budget. Currently, he stated, we have 11 officers; however, by the end of next year, 7 will be eligible to retire. Although they may not all retire at the same time, he said this training will ensure that our personnel are ready to fill any vacancies. This grant funding will cover costs for classes, instructor fees, books, etc.

Councilman Nixon asked if matching funds are required. Chief Michael said a 10% match or \$9,954.00 is required and will be paid through our training line item. Councilman Nixon said this is commendable and he's glad the grant was sought. He then asked if there has been any forward motion on negotiations for the next IAFF contract. Chief Michaels responded that the current contract expires in 2017 and no formal discussions have taken place at this time.

DECISION: A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Walker to place this item on the **6/7/16** agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas – Nelson, Walker – 2; Nays – 0.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ([View Issues Chart](#))

1. Resolution approving conditional offers of employment as probationary police officers.

Vice President Helfrich explained that this is the typical process used to appoint probationary police officers. Although certain conditions have to be met prior to formal appointment, he said this step begins the hiring process.

DECISION: A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Nixon to place this item on the **6/7/16** agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas – Nelson, Nixon, Helfrich – 3; Nays – 0.

GENERAL ([View Issues Chart](#))

1. Resolution authorizing the transfer of \$21,000.00 for temporary, part-time help.

Deputy Treasurer Brady outlined the responsibilities of the Treasurer's office. She then basically explained what was previously relayed by Treasurer Jefcoat that the Treasurer's office is requesting a budget amendment to more accurately reflect the projected revenues from the County of York (\$8,154) and the York City School District (\$14,306) and the expenses assigned to Other Professional Services. The budgeted figure for Other Professional Services has been reduced from \$30,000 in the 2015 budget to \$1,000 in the original 2016 budget, which is grossly inadequate to provide the essential services needed in the Treasurer's Office. She said they are requesting that line item to reflect \$21,000 to help them secure temporary, part-time help during the heavy tax collection period. Additionally, the reimbursement of approximately \$8,460 for the Treasurer's bond from the two aforementioned taxing entities was omitted from the projected revenue for the Treasurer's Office. The changes in these budget figures will have no negative effect on the projected end of year fund balance for the City of York and they are requesting a line item increase for Other Professional Services so they can hire needed help.

Vice President Helfrich said he has backed off on this request because he was hoping the Administration and the Treasurer's office would be able to come to an agreement. Since that hasn't happened, he said he would like to take the next two weeks to investigate these figures but would like to move forward with placing this item on the June 7 legislative agenda. If by that time things haven't been hashed out, he said we can either make amendments from the floor based on our findings or table this until a future meeting.

Councilman Nixon said he's reluctant to take any action on this request because it's his understanding that a \$50,000 offer is on the table from the County of York related to tax collection and because the Administration and Treasurer's office are at odds over the figures submitted by Treasurer Jefcoat.

DECISION: A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Walker to place this item on the **6/7/16** agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas – Nelson, Walker, Helfrich – 3; Nays – Nixon – 1.

II. Council Comment

Councilwoman Walker discussed a video being circulated on social media about the arrest of a citizen who felt he was being treated unfairly by a York City Police Officer. ([Read article #1](#)) ([Read article #2](#)) She said the incident is being investigated.

III. Administration Comment: None

IV. Next Committee Meeting **September 28, 2016** at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

V. Adjournment: There being no further business, the May 25, 2016 committee meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell , City Clerk

Carol Hill-Evans, President of Council