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MINUTES January 17, 2017 6:30 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: President Helfrich called the January 17, 2017 general public comment session to order at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, 101 S. George St., York, PA, with the following members present: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson, Sandie Walker, Renee S. Nelson, Henry Hay Nixon, Vice President, and Michael Ray Helfrich, President, with President Helfrich presiding.

Members of the Administration in attendance included: Jason Sabol, Assistant Solicitor.

Members of York City Council staff in attendance included: Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk.

I. Public Comment

There was no public comment. Therefore, President Helfrich adjourned the general public comment session at 6:31 p.m. and convened Council's Legislative Session.

II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order: 6:31 p.m.

III. Roll Call

IV. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

V. Moment of Silence observed.

VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of **January 3, 2017**: Council dispensed with the reading of the Minutes and unanimously approved them as written.

VII. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements: None

VII. Meeting(s) Scheduled:

- **Committee Meeting:** Scheduled for **Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** in City Council Chambers. Council will discuss items for February's legislative agenda.
- **Special meeting:** During its committee meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**, Council will be conducting public interviews of selected candidates to fill the vacancy in the office of York City Controller. Immediately following interviews, Council will recess its committee meeting and convene in special session to appoint a candidate to fill said vacancy to serve until the first Monday of January 2018. Council will reconvene its committee meeting immediately following the special session.

IX. Status of Prior Committee Referrals: No reports.

- X. Legislative Agenda: (Order of Business – Action on Subdivision/Land Development & HARB Resolutions; Final Passage of Bills/Resolutions; New Business.)

Subdivision / Land Development / HARB

1. **Resolution No. 9** - A Resolution

Approving the preliminary/final subdivision plan submitted by York Academy Regional Charter School. (To combine parcels located at 2 W. Hamilton Ave.) ([View](#))

Introduced by: Henry Hay Nixon

Originator: Economic & Community Development (PP&Z)

Resolution No. 9, Session 2017, A Resolution approving the preliminary/final subdivision plan submitted by York Academy Regional Charter School to combine 5 parcels into 1 consisting of 2 tracts at 2 W. Hamilton Ave., was introduced by Nixon, read at length, and on motion of Nixon, seconded by Nelson, Resolution No. 9 came up for discussion.

David Koratich, LSC Design, outlined the project and said land development plans for the school should be ready next month.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 9 **PASSED** by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon, Nelson, Helfrich – 5; Nays – 0.

2. **Resolution No. 10** - A Resolution

Authorizing a release of security funds. (To The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist - \$42,344.50 related to improvements at 140 N. Beaver St.) ([View](#))

Introduced by: Henry Hay Nixon

Originator: Economic & Community Development (PP&Z)

Resolution No. 10, Session 2017, A Resolution authorizing the release of security funds to The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist in the amount of \$42,344.50 related to building additions and site improvements at 140 N. Beaver St., was introduced by Nixon, read at length, and on motion of Nixon, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 10 **PASSED** by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon, Nelson, Helfrich – 5; Nays – 0.

Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions

3. **Final Passage of Bill No. 1, Ordinance No. 1** - A Bill

Amending Bill No. 26, Ordinance No. 22 of Session 2016. (To correct 2017 appropriations resulting from adjustments made to the 2017 adopted budget.) ([View](#))

Introduced by: Michael Ray Helfrich

Originator: Business Administration (Finance)

Final Passage of Bill No. 1, Ordinance No. 1, Session 2017, A Bill amending the 2017 Budget to correct appropriations resulting from adjustments made to the 2017 adopted budget, which was introduced by Helfrich at the January 3 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Helfrich, seconded by Nixon, Bill No. 1, Ordinance No. 1, **PASSED** by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon, Nelson, Helfrich – 5; Nays – 0.

4. **Final Passage of Bill No. 2, Ordinance No. 2** - A Bill

Amending Article 933 “Sewer Rentals” of the Codified Ordinances. (To reduce sewer fees) ([View](#))

Introduced by: Michael Ray Helfrich

Originator: Business Administration (Finance)

Final Passage of Bill No. 2, Ordinance No. 2, Session 2017, A Bill amending Article 933 “Sewer Rentals” of the Codified Ordinances to reduce sewer rates from \$9.15 per 1,000 gallons to \$9.10 per 1,000 gallons, which was introduced by Helfrich at the January 3 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Helfrich, seconded by Walker, Bill No. 2, Ordinance No. 2, **PASSED** by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon, Nelson, Helfrich – 5; Nays – 0.

New Business

5. Introduction of **Bill No. 3** - A Bill Amending the 2017 Budget. (To increase revenue & expenditures for the Treasurer’s Office) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Michael Ray Helfrich
Originator: Treasurer

Introduction of Bill No. 3, Session 2017, A Bill amending the Treasurer’s 2017 budget to increase revenue in the amount of \$71,313.00 and expenditures in the amount of \$70,396.00 to allow fulfillment of requirements related to the operations of the Office of City Treasurer, was introduced by Helfrich, read by short title, and **DEFERRED** to the January 25, 2017 Committee meeting.

6. Resolution No. **10** - A Resolution Approving a conditional offer of employment as a probationary police officer. (G. Deweiler) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Business Administrator (HR)

Resolution No. 11, Session 2017, A Resolution approving a conditional offer of employment as a probationary police officer be submitted to Galen Deweiler, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Nixon, Resolution No. 10 **PASSED** by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon, Nelson, Helfrich – 5; Nays – 0.

7. Resolution No. **11** - A Resolution Appointing/Reappointing members to various boards & authorities. ([View](#)) ([Resumes](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Council / Mayor

Resolution No. 11, Session 2017, A Resolution approving the following appointments/reappointments to various boards and authorizes:

1. Reappointment of Patricia Kehr as a member of the York City Civil Service Board to serve until the first Monday of January 2021.
2. Reappointment of John Fox as a member of the Historical Architectural Review Board to serve until the first Monday of January 2022.
3. Reappointment of Mark D. Shermeyer as a member of the Historical Architectural Review Board to serve until the first Monday of January 2022.
4. Reappointment of Robert Pullo as a member of the York City Revitalization and Improvement Zone Authority (CRIZ) to serve until the first Monday of January 2022.
5. Appointment of Clair P. Anderson as a member of the York City Human Relations Commission to serve until July 16, 2019.

The Resolution was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 11 **PASSED** by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon, Nelson, Helfrich – 5; Nays – 0.

XI. Requests for Future Meetings: None

XII. Council Comment

President Helfrich thanked all who participated in activities held during Martin Luther King Day.

Councilwoman Walker requested that a representative from the Administration and Treasurer's Office attend the January 25th committee meeting.

Councilwoman Ritter-Dickson invited residents to attend the African-American Love Feast and that Council Vice President Nixon will be honored.

Assistant Solicitor Sabol announced restaurant week and invited residents to participate.

XIII. Administration Comment: None

XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative session of City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers (general public comment begins at 6:30 p.m.). There being no further business, the January 17, 2017 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

XV. Resumption of Public Comment Period (at the discretion of the presiding officer): None

Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk

Michael Ray Helfrich, President of Council