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Minutes March 21, 2017 6:30 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: President Helfrich called the March 21, 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: Shilvosky Buffaloe, Interim Director of Economic & Community Development; James Crosby, Director of the Bureau of Housing Services; and Jason Sabol, Assistant Solicitor.

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

- I. Public Comment: As there was no public comment, President Helfrich adjourned the public comment session and convened in legislative session at 6:30 p.m.
- II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order: 6:30 p.m.
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- V. Moment of Silence observed.
- VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of **March 7, 2017**: Council dispensed with the reading of the Minutes and and unanimously approved them as written.
- VII. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements: None
- VII. Meeting(s) Scheduled:
 - **Council Committee Meeting:** Scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss items from the April legislative agendas (agenda items due by 12 noon on Wednesday, March 22, 2017).
- IX. Status of Prior Committee Referrals: None

- 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. **33** - A Resolution
Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Michael Ray Helfrich
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 33, Session 2017, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing a certificate of appropriateness to Martin Library for work to be done at 153 E. Market St.; and St. Mary's Church for work to be done at 313 S. George St., was introduced by Helfrich, read at length, and on motion of Helfrich, seconded by Nelson, Resolution No. 33 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon, Nelson, Helfrich – 5; Nays – 0.

Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions

2. Final Passage of **Bill No. 6, Ordinance No. 5** – A Bill
Amending the 2017 Budget. (\$121,000.00 for a Safe & Healthy Communities grant) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Henry Hay Nixon
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Final Passage of Bill No. 6, Ordinance No. 5, Session 2017, A Bill amending the 2017 budget for the Health Bureau in the amount of \$121,000.00 for a Safe & Healthy Communities grant, which was introduced by Nixon at the March 7th meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Nixon, seconded by Walker, Bill No. 6, Ordinance No. 5, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon, Nelson, Helfrich – 5; Nays – 0.

New Business

3. Resolution No. **34** - A Resolution
Approving the 2016 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). ([View](#))
Introduced by: Henry Hay Nixon
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS)

Resolution No. 34, Session 2017, A Resolution approving the 2016 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), was introduced by Nixon, read at length, and on motion of Nixon, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 34 came up for discussion.

Director Buffaloe said this is the annual performance review that is done year-to-year for the CDBG/HOME programs.

President Helfrich said there has been some talk in Washington, D.C., to cease or reduce this type of funding. He said this funding is used for things such as the first-time homebuyers program, assistance for homeless people, HIV testing, programs to teach people to read, and funding to remove slum and blight, just to name a few. He encouraged residents to lobby legislators to support continued funding of this program.


Vice President Nixon agreed with President Helfrich and added that this funding affects almost half of our residents which is an indication of how important this program is to each of us.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 34 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon, Nelson, Helfrich – 5; Nays – 0.

- XI. Requests for Future Meetings: None
- XII. Council Comment: None
- XIII. Administration Comment: None
- XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2017 (general public comment begins at 6:30 p.m.) in City Council Chambers. There being no further discussion, the March 21, 2017 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:40 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