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MINUTES April 18, 2017 6:30 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: President Helfrich called the April 18, 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: Don Hoyt, Assistant Solicitor.

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

I. Public Comment

Franklin Williams, York, PA, spoke about the shooting death of 28 year old resident De'quan Williams by York City Police Officers on October 17, 2015. He continues to question why this shooting was considered justified by the York County District Attorney's Office. He suggested that Council act as the city's review board and automatically review cases of police involved shootings.

There being no further business, the general public comments session was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. President Helfrich then called the legislative meeting to order.

II. Call Legislative Meeting to Order: 6:40 p.m.

III. Roll Call

IV. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

V. Moment of Silence observed.

VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of **April 4, 2017**: Council dispensed with the reading of the Minutes and unanimously approved them as written.

VII. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements

VII. Meeting(s) Scheduled:

- **Committee Meeting** – Scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss items for the May legislative agenda. (Agenda items due by 12 noon on 4/19/17)

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

NOTE: HARB items will be included as a supplemental agenda item that will be sent out on Mon. 4/17/17.

**SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA
April 18, 2017
6:30 p.m.**

Subdivision / Land Development / HARB

1. Resolution No. **40** - A Resolution
Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Michael Ray Helfrich
Originator: HARB

Motion to waive Rule 215: A motion was made by Nixon, seconded by Nelson, to waive the provisions of Resolution No. 15 of Session 1969, to permit consideration of a supplemental agenda containing one Resolution. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon, Nelson, Helfrich – 5; Nays – 0.

Resolution No. 40, Session 2017, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing certificates of appropriateness for work to be covered in applications filed by Eric W. Jones for work to be done at 605 S. George St.; Todd Fogdall, Strand-Capitol Theater, for work to be done at 50 N. George St.; I-Ron-IC for work to be done at 1 W. Market St.; and Holly DeKarske for work to be done at 218 Liberty Court, 353 S. George St., and 632 S. Queen St., was introduced by Helfrich, read at length, and on motion of Helfrich, seconded by Walker, Resolution no. 40 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. 7, Ordinance No. 6** - A Bill
Amending the 2017 Budget. (\$48,328.95 for an AFG Training Grant award) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Fire/Rescue

Final Passage of Bill No. 7, Ordinance No. 6, Session 2017, A Bill amending the 2017 budget in the amount of \$48,328.95 for an AFG Training Grant award to rollover grant funds not expended in 2016 into the 2017 budget, which was introduced by Walker at the April 4, 2017 meeting of Council, and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Walker, seconded by Nelson, Bill No. 7, Ordinance No. 6, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon, Nelson, Helfrich – 5; Nays – 0.

3. Final Passage of **Bill No. 8, Ordinance No. 7** - A Bill
Amending the 2017 Budget. (\$14,900.00 for a State Fire Commission Grant award) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Fire/Rescue

Final Passage of Bill No. 8, Ordinance No. 7, Session 2017, A Bill amending the 2017 budget in the amount of \$14,900.00 for an Office of State Fire Commission grant award for the purchase of PPV fans,

bail-out kits, hose and appliances for department personnel, which was introduced by Walker at the April 4, 2017 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Bill No. 8, Ordinance No. 7, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon, Nelson, Helfrich – 5; Nays – 0.

4. Final Passage of **Bill No. 9, Ordinance No. 8** - A Bill Amending the 2017 Budget. (\$1,623.00 for an FM Global Fire Prevention Grant award) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Fire/Rescue

Final Passage of Bill No. 9, Ordinance No. 8, A Bill amending the 2017 budget in the amount of \$1,623.00 for an FM Global Fire Prevention Grant for the purchase of fire safety training videos, which was introduced by Walker at the April 4, 2017 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Bill No. 9, Ordinance No. 8, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon, Nelson, Helfrich – 5; Nays – 0.

5. Final Passage of **Bill No. 10, Ordinance No. 9** - A Bill Approving the editing and inclusion of the 2016 ordinances as part of the York City Codified Ordinances. Introduced by: Michael Ray Helfrich ([View](#))
Originator: Council

Final Passage of Bill No. 10, Ordinance No. 9, Session 2017, A Bill approving the editing and inclusion of the 2016 ordinances as part of the York City Codified Ordinances, which was introduced by Helfrich at the April 4, 2017 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Helfrich, seconded by Walker, Bill No. 10, Ordinance No. 9, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon, Nelson, Helfrich – 5; Nays – 0.

6. Final Passage of **Bill No. 11 (Pulled)**(Referred to 4/26/17 committee) – A Bill Amending Article 185(b) “Human Relations Commission; Powers and Duties.” (To allow meetings in municipalities with affiliation agreements with the city) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Michael Ray Helfrich
Originator: Council / Solicitor

Bill No. 11, Session 2017, A Bill amending Article 185(b) “Human Relations Commission; Powers and Duties” to allow meetings in municipalities with affiliation agreements with the city, which was introduced by Helfrich at the April 4, 2017 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Helfrich, seconded by Nelson, Bill No. 11 came up for discussion.

Stephanie Seaton, resident, she said she's concerned about the lack of communication between Council, the Administration, and the HRC on the HRC's proposed move to West York. She said someone from the HRC or the Administration should be here to explain this relocation. She said she's not clear on the procedures taking place to relocate the HRC. She said there should have been a public hearing by the HRC on this proposal. She asked how a vote can be on the floor to amend this ordinance when you don't even know what's going on.

Councilwoman Walker responded that at this point Council is merely amending the ordinance to allow the HRC office to move outside of the city limits but we are not creating specific language as to where their office will relocate.

President Helfrich said this legislation is to catch up with what is physically happening. He stated that we are setting the groundwork because the HRC, which was previously located in the basement of the York County Administrative Offices, was given short notice by the county that they needed to move out by March 31st because the county plans to use that space for their Veterans Affairs Office.

Ms. Seaton said to proceed with caution especially when you haven't had any discussions with the HRC members or the Administration. She also questioned what would happen if the agreement with West York falls through – then the office can move as far away as Shrewsbury, which would work against city residents seeking services.

Assistant Solicitor Hoyt said the point being raised by Ms. Seaton is secondary. He said what's in front of Council right now is the option to relocate the HRC office out into the county. He stated that maybe West York won't work out and they might end up in Shrewsbury - where they relocate to is not an issue tonight.

Motion to refer to committee: President Helfrich said he has more questions about this amendment and the HRC's move to another location and therefore made a motion to move Bill No. 11 to the April 26, 2017 (6:00 p.m.) committee meeting. He requested that the City Clerk inform HRC Chairwoman Karen Rollins-Fitch that her attendance is requested at the committee meeting to discuss and answer questions related to this legislation. The motion to refer to the 4/26/17 committee meeting was seconded by Walker, and approved by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon, Nelson, Helfrich – 5; Nays – 0.

New Business: None

XI. Requests for Future Meetings: None

XII. Council Comment

President Helfrich said he is disheartened about the lives lost to violence and we need to figure out a way to get through to our kids because this is no way to behave. He paid his condolences to the family of Oscar Cherry and all families who have lost loved ones to violence.

Councilwoman Walker also paid her condolences and said Council remains open to hear ideas, suggestions, and concerns on how we can stop the violence.

Councilwoman Ritter-Dickson added that there has to be conversation on what we need to do next to stop senseless killing because we cannot sit around and do nothing.

XIII. Administration Comment: None

XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers (general public comment begins at 6:30 p.m.) There being no further business, the April 18, 2017 meeting of Council adjourned at 7:23 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