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Minutes November 8, 2017 6:30 PM

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CALL TO ORDER: President Helfrich called the November 8, 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, 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: 6:30 p.m.

Franklin Williams, resident, applauded all who participated in the 2017 elections. He said candidates showed integrity and respect and he was pleased with how everyone conducted themselves. He said he is proud of York.

There being no further comments, President Helfrich adjourned the public comment session and convened in legislative session at 6:35 p.m.

II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:35 p.m.

III. Roll Call

IV. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

V. Moment of Silence observed.

VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of **October 17, 2017 (legislative); October 25, 2017 (committee)**: 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:

- **Council Committee Meeting** – Scheduled for Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Council will discuss items for its November legislative meetings. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on Wednesday, November 22, 2017.

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: NONE

Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions: NONE

New Business

1. **Introduction of Bill No. 28** - A Bill
Amending the City of York Budget. (To authorize expenditures of \$18,046.29 from previous years' HUD funding for the Human Relations Commission) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Michael Ray Helfrich
Originator: Human Relations Commission

Introduction of Bill No. 28, Session 2017, A Bill amending the City of York Budget to authorize expenditures of \$18,046.29 from previous years' HUD funding for the Human Relations Commission, was introduced by Helfrich, read by short title, and deferred to the November 21st meeting of Council.

2. **Introduction of Bill No. 29** - A Bill
Amending the City of York Budget. (\$34, 523.00 for a Bureau of Justice Grant) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Police

Introduction of Bill No. 29, Session 2017, A Bill amending the City of York Budget for the Police Department in the amount of \$34,523.00 for a Bureau of Justice Grant for the enhancement of law enforcement services, was introduced by Walker, read by short title, and deferred to the November 21st meeting of Council.

3. **Resolution No. 99** - A Resolution
Approving appointments and reappointments to various boards/authorities. (Reappt. of G. Ray to the Housing Authority; Appt. of D. Martinez to the HRC) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 99, Session 2017, A Resolution reappointing Genevieve Ray as a member of the York City Housing Authority Board to serve until April 1, 2022, and appointing Debra Martinez as a member of the York City Human Relations Commission to fill the unexpired term of Lucy Stevens, which term shall expire July 16, 2018, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Nixon, Resolution No. 99 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon, Nelson, Helfrich – 5; Nays – 0.

Ms. Martinez was in attendance and gave a brief background of herself. She said she's looking forward to serving the City of York.

Vice President Nixon thanked Ms. Martinez for her willingness to serve.

The City Clerk then administered the oath of office to Ms. Martinez.

4. Resolution No. **100** - A Resolution Approving the 2018 Annual Action Plan. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Henry Hay Nixon
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS)

Resolution No. 100, Session 2017, A Resolution approving the 2018 Annual Action Plan, which was introduced by Nixon, read at length, and on motion of Nixon, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 100 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon, Nelson – 4; Nays – Helfrich – 1.

5. Resolution No. **101** - A Resolution Authorizing the filing of an application. (For Early Intervention grant funding in the amount of \$200,000 for completion of the monetization of Capital Assets & Capital Needs Assessment) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Michael Ray Helfrich
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 101, Session 2017, A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for Early Intervention grant funding from DCED in the amount of \$200,000 for completion of the monetization of Capital Assets & Capital Needs Assessment, was introduced by Helfrich, read at length, and on motion of Helfrich, seconded by Nixon, Resolution No. 101 came up for discussion.

President Helfrich said this grant requires a substantial match, however, tonight’s action is not an approval to accept the grant it’s just approval to apply for the grant. He said there is an effort to find the 50% match using monies other than general fund dollars.

Vice President Nixon clarified that there is no obligation for Council to secure other sources to fund the 50% match but it will be researched.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 101 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon, Nelson, Helfrich – 5; Nays – 0.

6. Resolution No. **102** - A Resolution Approving the IAFF Collective Bargaining Agreement (January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2022) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Fire/Rescue

Resolution No. 102, Session 2017, A Resolution approving the IAFF Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022 was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Nelson, Resolution No. 102 came up for discussion.

Vice President Nixon thanked the IAFF for their cooperation in negotiating this contract and said this is government at its very best.

Fred DeSantis, President, IAFF, thanked Administrator Doweary and Mayor Bracey for negotiating a good faith contract. He briefly outlined some of the changes to the agreement. He encouraged city residents to come try out to become a York City Firefighter. He said applications come available every two years, which is advertised in the newspaper. He said it’s a long process but it can be done.

Councilwoman Ritter-Dickson asked if the Fire Department has a recruitment process.

Mr. DeSantis said we do have firefighters mentoring students but the best resource available now is advertising in the local newspaper and word-of-mouth.

President Helfrich said this contract relieves the residency requirement for firefighters but he reminded residents that we have opportunities available here at the city and he hopes more residents apply for positions.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 102 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon, Nelson, Helfrich – 5; Nays – 0.

7. Resolution No. **103** - A Resolution
Amending the PA Act 13 fee. (From \$4 to \$4.50) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Henry Hay Nixon
Originator: Economic & Community Development (PP&Z)

Resolution No. 103, Session 2017, A Resolution amending the PA Act 13 Fee from \$4.00 to \$4.50, was introduced by Nixon, read at length, and deferred to the November 21st meeting of Council for consideration of final passage.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA November 8, 2017 6:30 p.m.

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

8. Resolution No. **104** - A Resolution
Appointing Perry Bullock as a probationary police officer. (With standby candidates K. Garrity, C. Batten, J. Sandmeyer) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Police

Resolution No. 104, Session 2017, A Resolution authorizing a conditional offer of employment as a probationary police officer be submitted to Perry Bullock and in the event Mr. Bullock fails to meet the pre-employment qualification, said offer shall be made to standby candidate Kyle Garrity, Christen Batter or Jason Sandmeyer, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Nixon, Resolution No. 104 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon, Nelson, Helfrich – 5; Nays – 0.

XI. Requests for Future Meetings: None

XII. Council Comment

Councilwoman Walker said she did forward Council’s request to have police officer candidates attend Council meetings but when these lists come before Council, the Police Chief gets them at the same time we do so he's not directly involved in the hiring process.

President Helfrich added that some of the candidates may not even be in the area at the time the list is approved so it could be difficult to have them attend. He then congratulated those who won seats in the 2017 election.

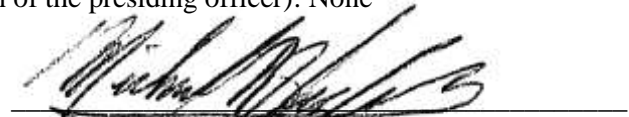
XIII. Administration Comment: None

XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday November 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers (general public comment begins at 6:30 p.m.). There being no further business, the November 8, 2017 meeting of Council adjourned at 7:07 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