

# Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania

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## MINUTES January 16, 2018 6:00 p.m.

[Resolutions Approved](#) / No Bills Approved

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Nixon called the January 16, 2018 general public comment session to order at 6:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, 101 S. George St., York, PA, with the following members present: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson, Sandie Walker, Vice President, and Henry Hay Nixon, President, with President Nixon presiding.

**Members of the Administration in attendance included:** Michael R. Helfrich, Mayor; Michael Doweary, Business Administrator; and Jason Sabol, Assistant Solicitor.

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

I. Public Comment: 6:00 p.m.

Franklin Williams, resident, stated that in politics we cannot avoid disagreements but if we do it honestly and openly we can make much better decisions. He asked Council to choose wisely when selecting those who will fill the two vacant seats on Council.

Candace Robinson, resident, said she was appalled at the statements and treatment toward members of Council during the December 5, 2018 discussion on pay increases for Directors. She said Council should be respected and not threatened or mistreated based on their opinions, decisions, race, color, creed, etc. She thanked Council for doing their due diligence and said there are many residents that didn't take kindly to the comments and threats made toward Council members.

Montez Parker, resident and U.S. veteran, gave a brief background of himself. He said he is proud to be a part of this community and that he applied for one of the vacant Council seats.

There being no further comment, the public comment session adjourned at 6:10 p.m. President Nixon immediately called the January 16, 2018 legislative meeting to order.

II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order: 6:10 p.m.

III. Roll Call

IV. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

V. Moment of Silence observed.

VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of January 2, 2018: Council dispensed with the reading of the Minutes and unanimously approved them as written.

VII. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements

**Council Vacancies:** City Council received several applications to fill two vacant positions on City Council. We are in the process of reviewing those applications and will notify selected candidates within the next few days that they have been selected for an interview. Council will interview the selected candidates during its Wednesday, January 24, 2018 committee meeting which will begin at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

President Nixon said he was pleased with the number of resumes received and congratulated to those that have been selected for an interview and sent regrets to those who were not.

VII. Meeting(s) Scheduled

- **Council Committee Meeting:** Scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers to discuss items for Council’s February legislative agendas. Committee items are due by 12 noon on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. Council will also publicly interview selected candidates during the committee meeting to fill two vacancies on City Council.
- **Council Special Session:** Council will recess during its committee meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 to convene in special session to appoint new Council members to fill two vacancies. Immediately following said appointments, Council will reconvene its committee meeting to discuss items for its February legislative agendas.
- **Continuation of Reorganization:** Council will finalize its reorganization after the appointment of new Council members, which shall occur on or after January 24, 2018.

IX. Status of Prior Committee Referrals

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. 6** \_\_\_\_\_ - A Resolution Authorizing a release of security funds to 450 Madison Avenue Partnership, LLC. (\$33,417.00 related to the redevelopment and re-use of 450 Madison Ave./Elm Terrace Apts.) ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Henry Hay Nixon  
Originator: Economic & Community Development (PP&Z)

Resolution No. 6, Session 2018, A Resolution authorizing the release of security funds to 450 Madison Avenue Partnership, LLC, in the amount of \$33,417.00 related to the redevelopment and re-use of 450 Madison Ave./Elm Terrace Apartments, was introduced by Nixon, read at length, and on motion of Nixon, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 6 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 3; Nays – 0.

2. **Resolution No. 7** \_\_\_\_\_ - A Resolution Authorizing the release of security funds to Giambalvo Family Limited Partnership. (\$99,732.00 related to the land development for vehicle storage located at Clugston Rd. – Parcel 15G.) ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Henry Hay Nixon  
Originator: Economic & Community Development (PP&Z)

Resolution No. 7, Session 2018, A Resolution authorizing the release of security funds to Giambalvo Family Limited Partnership in the amount of \$99,732.00 related to the land development for vehicle storage located at Clugston Rd., Parcel 15G, was introduced by Nixon, read at length, and on motion of Nixon, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 7 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 3; Nays – 0.

**Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions: NONE**

**New Business**

3. **Resolution No. 8** - A Resolution  
Appointing Ralph Serpe to the York City General Authority. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson  
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 8, Session 2018, A Resolution appointing Ralph Serpe to the York City General Authority to fill the unexpired term of Pam Zerba which term shall expire January 1, 2022, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Nixon, Resolution No. 8 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 3; Nays – 0.

4. **Resolution No. 9** - A Resolution  
Authorizing an agreement with White Rose Ambulance. (To provide emergency medical response in the City of York.) ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Sandie Walker  
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 9, Session 2018, A Resolution authorizing a five (5) year agreement with ARMAR, Inc. d/b/a White Rose Ambulance to provide emergency medical response in the City of York, for the following years: 2018 – \$175,000.00 per year, 2019 – \$200,000.00 per year, 2020 – \$200,000.00 per year, 2021 – \$225,000.00 per year, and 2022 – \$225,000.00 per year, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 9 came up for discussion.

Administrator Doweary said this contract was discussed during the 2018 budget process. White Rose Ambulance was the only bid received for this service and the dollar amounts remain the same as discussed during the 2018 budget hearings.

President Nixon asked if we're obligated to provide this service. Administrator Doweary responded that we are required to provide this service to residents per the 3<sup>rd</sup> Class City Code.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 9 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 3; Nays – 0.

5. **Resolution No. 10** - A Resolution  
Authorizing a five (5) year lease agreement with Crown Castle. (For a cell tower at Hoffman Stadium)  
Introduced by: Sandie Walker ([View](#))  
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 10, Session 2018, A Resolution authorizing a five (5) year lease agreement with Crown Castle to rent space to install equipment on an existing cell tower at Hoffman for the sum of \$1,500 per month, was introduced by Walker, read at length and on motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 10 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 3; Nays – 0.

6. **Resolution No. 11** - A Resolution  
Authorizing an agreement with Stewart and Tate, Inc. (For equipment rental - \$1,271.00) ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson  
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 11, Session 2018, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Stewart and Tate in the amount of \$1,271.00 for equipment rental, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 11 came up for discussion.

Director Green said this agreement includes a fixed rate over the next two years for rental of multiple pieces of equipment such as larger lifts and trucks for emergency purposes.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 11 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 3; Nays – 0.

7. Resolution No. **12** - A Resolution  
Authorizing an agreement with Abel Fence. (For the 2018 Memorial Park Improvement Project - \$121,135.00) ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Sandie Walker  
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 12, Session 2018, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Abel Fence in the amount of \$121,135.00 for the 2018 Memorial Park Improvement Project, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 12 came up for discussion.

Director Green explained that although this agreement is for work to be done at Memorial Park, he also asked for an alternate bid for Sertoma Field for future reference.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 12 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 3; Nays – 0.

XI. Requests for Future Meetings: None

XII. Council Comment: None

XIII. Administration Comment

Mayor Helfrich announced events happening around York and thanked those who attend and support these activities.

XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers. There being no further discussion, the January 16, 2018 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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

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