

Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES January 24, 2018 6:00 p.m.

Resolutions Approved

CALL TO ORDER: President Nixon called the January 24, 2018 Special Meeting to order at 8:15 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 Don Hoyt, Assistant Solicitor.

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

I. Called Special Meeting to order: 8:15 p.m.

Note: See the Committee minutes of January 24, 2018 for additional information.

President Nixon opened the floor for nominations to fill two vacancies on Council.

A nomination was made by Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson to appoint Edquina Washington to complete the remaining 2 years left on a 4-year term. The nomination to appoint Edquina Washington PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 3; Nays – 0.

A nomination was made by Nixon, seconded by Walker, to appoint H. Michael Buckingham to fill the two-year vacancy on Council. The nomination to appoint H. Michael Buckingham PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 3; Nays – 0.

With the nominees selected, President Nixon introduced the first Resolution to appoint.

1. Resolution No. 13 - A Resolution Appointing a candidate to fill a vacancy on City Council. (To serve until the first Monday of January 2020.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Henry Hay Nixon
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 13, Session 2018, A Resolution appointing Edquina Washington to fill the remaining two years of a four-year term on City Council, with said term to expire the first Monday of January 2020, was introduced by Nixon, read at length, and on motion of Nixon, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 13 came up for discussion.

Dolores Abreu, resident, said we needed a candidate who could have represented the Hispanic community and she is disappointed that a Hispanic was not nominated.

Carla Christopher, resident, said although there were some excellent candidates interviewed tonight, Council had an opportunity to not only select a Latino but also someone who represents the gay community. She stated that she hopes City Council will make concentrated efforts to reach out to the Latino and gay communities.

Tonya Thompson-Morgan, Investigator, York City Human Relations Commission (HRC), gave background on HRC and said we need all representation on the commission. She said they have vacant seats and on the Commission that they can't keep filled. Ms. Thompson-Morgan stated that you can make a real difference on the HRC, so we invite you to serve in that capacity as well because there are other opportunities in the community besides Council. She provided the HRC's contact information HRC and encouraged residents to apply for these vacancies.

Jose Santiago, resident, said this is a tough decision but in the future, he hopes we try to diversify a little more.

James Sawyer, resident, also spoke in favor of the Latino and LGBTQ communities and said we lost our only Latino member on the school board and it was frightening. He said the Latino population in the City of York is increasing so he encouraged Latino leaders to step up.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 13 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 3; Nays – 0.

2. Resolution No. 14 - A Resolution
Appointing a candidate to fill a vacancy on City Council. (To serve until the first Monday of January 2020.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Henry Hay Nixon
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 14, Session 2018, A Resolution appointing H. Michael Buckingham to fill the two-year vacancy on Council, with said term to expire the first Monday of January 2020, was introduced by Nixon, read at length, and on motion of Nixon, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 14 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 3; Nays – 0.

Council congratulated the new appointees.

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Edquina Washington and Councilman H. Michael Buckingham.

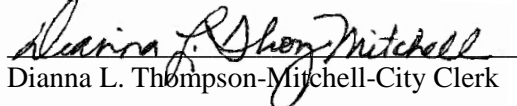
President Nixon adjourned the special meeting at 8:22 p.m.

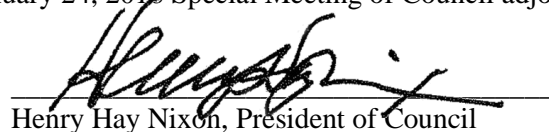
President Nixon reconvened the committee meeting at 8:29 p.m. with the newly appointed Council members seated at the Council table.

Note: To help ease transition into their new roles, Council will finish up its reorganization after the newly appointed Council members have had time familiarize themselves with other Council members and review the rules and procedures of Council.

- II. Swearing in of new Council Members: The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Edquina Washington and Councilman H. Michael Buckingham.

- III. Adjournment: There being no further discussion, the January 24, 2018 Special Meeting of Council adjourned at 8:22 p.m.


Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell-City Clerk


Henry Hay Nixon, President of Council