

Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania

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Minutes February 20, 2018 6:00 p.m.

[Resolutions Approved](#) / No Bills Approved

CALL TO ORDER: President Nixon called the February 20, 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: Edquina Washington, H. Michael Buckingham, 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; Chaz Green, Acting Director of Public Works; 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, discussed the recent mass shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida that claimed the lives of 14 students and 3 faculty members and how guns are negatively affecting our community. He said we need to take action now against gun violence.

There being no further comment, President Nixon adjourned the public comment period at 6:07 p.m. and called to order Council's legislative meeting.

II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:07 p.m.

III. Roll Call

IV. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

V. Moment of Silence observed.

VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of February 6, 2018: Council dispensed with the reading of the Minutes of February 6, 2018 and unanimously approved them as written.

VII. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements: None

VII. Meeting(s) Scheduled

- **Council Committee Meeting:** Scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers to discuss items for Council's March legislative agendas. Committee items are due by 12 noon on Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

- **Council Legislative Meeting:** Council's next legislative meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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.)

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

February 20, 2018

Subdivision / Land Development / HARB

A motion was made by Nixon, seconded by Walker, to waive the provisions of Resolution No. 215 of 1969 to permit consideration of a supplemental agenda containing one item. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Resolution No. **23** - A Resolution
Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 23, Session 2018, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing certificates of appropriateness for work to be covered in the following applications approved by HARB:

1. St. Patrick Catholic Church for work to be done at 219 S. Beaver St.
2. Gustavo Zabala for work to be done at 50 S. Pine St.
3. Jacqueline Bortner for work to be done at 51-57 S. Beaver St.
4. Joe Musso for work to be done at 7 W. Philadelphia St. and 100 N. George St

Resolution No. 23 was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 23 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions: NONE

New Business

2. Resolution No. **24** - A Resolution
Authorizing acceptance of TAP Reimbursement funds. (\$255,195) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 24, Session 2018, A Resolution authorizing acceptance of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding from PennDot in the amount of \$255,195.00, was introduced Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 24 came up for discussion.

Director Green explained that funding was originally received in 2017 (\$147,624.00) for the East & West King St. bike lanes project, however, the project came in a little over budget, so this will close that funding gap. The project will involve revamping the bike lanes, which are currently located on the inside lane of traffic. He said we will rework the flow to make it safer for bikes, motorists, and vehicles parked along the east to west corridor of King St. He said no taxpayer dollars being used for this project.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 24 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

3. Resolution No. 25 - A Resolution Authorizing submission of a TE-160 Application for Traffic Safety Approval form to PennDOT. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 25, Session 2018, A Resolution authorizing submission of a TE-160 Application for Traffic Safety Approval from PennDot to install a new traffic signal, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 25 came up for discussion.

Director Green stated that the York Academy High School is currently being built with a projected completion date of July 2018. He said we would like to get traffic mechanisms in place before the 2018-2019 school year begins to help slow down traffic, so we plan to move the traffic light from Jefferson Ave. to Hamilton Ave., add turning lanes, and put a stop sign at Jefferson Ave. and S. George St.

Mayor Helfrich said pedestrian and traffic safety are of concern along the S. George St. corridor, so more projects will be forthcoming to make travel along this corridor safer.

Councilman Buckingham asked if turns will be prohibited from turning left off Jefferson Ave. onto S. George St. Director Green said since a stop sign will be installed at Jefferson Ave. & S. George St., for safety reasons, at this point we will prohibit left turns off Jefferson Ave. onto George St. He stated that they want to get a better idea of traffic flow because they certainly don't want vehicles trying to cross two lanes of traffic from a stop sign.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 25 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

XI. Requests for Future Meetings: None

XII. Council Comment

Councilwoman Ritter-Dickson said some residents are asking how they get a meeting with the Mayor.

Mayor Helfrich said residents may contact his office at (717) 849-2221 or email mayorsoffice@yorkcity.org.

Councilwoman Ritter-Dickson then asked who do citizens talk to about changing street cleaning schedules or if they are having issues with street cleaning.

Mayor Helfrich said we recently discussed street cleaning schedules when talking about commercial districts and possibly changing the time to not interfere with commercial activities. He said residents can send him an email since the conversation is currently active. Although he can't guarantee schedule changes, he said he's open to hearing residents' arguments on the issue.

President Nixon asked if the Administration will be doing press releases in the more traditional sense instead of posting on Facebook because he would rather receive email notification. Mayor Helfrich said his office sends out press releases on social media as well as email and he will double check that Council members are included on all emailed press releases.

XIII. Administration Comment

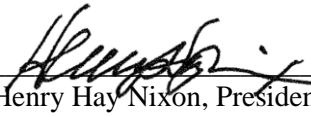
Assistant Solicitor Sabol said 34 restaurants will be participating in Restaurant Week being held February 24 – March 3, 2018, and encouraged residents and visitors to take part and enjoy the wonderful food. For more information on Restaurant Week, please visit www.restaurantweekyork.com.

XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. There being no further business, the February 20, 2018 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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



Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk



Henry Hay Nixon, President of Council