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MINUTES February 6, 2018 6:00 p.m.

[Resolutions Approved](#) / No Bills Approved

CALL TO ORDER: President Nixon called the February 6, 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, 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; Shilvosky Buffaloe, Interim Director of Economic & Community Development; Barb Kovacs, Director of Health; 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, said he's pleased with the new Council make-up and he welcomed the new members. He then discussed the application process and said it would have been nice if Council would have offered a public meet and greet with the candidates so residents would feel more a part of the process. He said he did receive copies of the applicants' resumes with their contact information redacted but he would like the public to be able to help more with selecting candidates to serve on Council when vacancies exist.

There being no further public comment, President Nixon adjourned the general committee meeting at 6:12 p.m. and immediately convened in legislative session.

II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order: 6:12 p.m.

III. Roll Call

IV. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

V. Moment of Silence observed.

VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of January 16, 2018 Legislative meeting; January 24, 2018 Committee meeting; and January 24, 2018 Special meeting: 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, 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.

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.)

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

February 6, 2018

6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson to waive the provisions of Resolution No. 215 of Session 1969 to permit consideration of a supplemental agenda containing four (4) resolutions. The motion PASSED unanimously. (Note: Items were considered out of sequence from the printed agenda.)

1. Resolution No. **18** - A Resolution
Honoring the life of Voni B. Grimes. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 18, Session 2018, A Resolution honoring the life of Voni B. Grimes, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 18 PASSED by the following vote: Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

Members of Council recalled fond memories of Mr. Grimes and his contributions to the City of York. President Nixon then asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Grimes.

2. Resolution No. **15** - A Resolution
Establishing Council's voting order. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 15, Session 2018, A Resolution establishing Council's voting order was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 15 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

3. Resolution No. **16** - A Resolution
Establishing Council's seating order. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 16, Session 2018, A Resolution establishing Council's seating order was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 16 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

4. Resolution No. **17** - A Resolution
Establishing Council's committee & board assignments. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 17, Session 2018, A Resolution establishing Council's committee assignments was introduced by Walker, read at length and on motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution

No. 17 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

Subdivision / Land Development / HARB

5. **Resolution No. 19** _____ - A Resolution
Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 19, Session 2018, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing a certificate of appropriateness to CGA Architects for work to be done at 100-102 N. George St., and Jonathan Sawicki for work to be done at 309 S. George St., was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 19 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions: NONE

New Business

6. **Resolution No. 20** _____ - A Resolution
Appointing & reappointing members to the York City Civil Service Board. (M. Rogers as a regular member, M. Parker as an alternate member) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Henry Hay Nixon
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 20, Session 2018, A Resolution reappointing Marakay Rodgers as a regular member of the York City Civil Service Board to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, and appointing Montez Parker to serve as an alternate member of the Civil Service Board to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, was introduced by Nixon, read at length, and on motion of Nixon, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 20 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

President Nixon thanked Ms. Rodgers and Mr. Parker for their willingness to serve the City of York.

As Mr. Parker was in attendance, the City Clerk administered him the oath of office.

7. **Resolution No. Pulled** _____ - A Resolution
Authorizing the 2018 Tax & Revenue Anticipation Note. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Henry Hay Nixon
Originator: Business Administration

Agenda item #7 was pulled from the agenda at the request of the Business Administrator.

8. **Resolution No. 21** _____ - A Resolution
Authorizing an agreement with the PA Dept. of Health. (\$13,400 – For tuberculosis services) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Resolution No. 21, Session 2018, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with the PA Department of Health in the amount of \$13,400 to provide tuberculosis services to city residents for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 21 came up for discussion.

Director Kovacs said this grant provides the city with funding to do tuberculosis monitoring and treatment to those infected. She said although the number of active TB cases is low, those who have tested positive will be able to receive treatment and follow up testing thanks to this grant.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 21 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

9. Resolution No. **22** - A Resolution Approving a cell tower agreement with Cingular Wireless, PCS, LLC. (This agreement replaces Resolution No. 10 of 2018) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 22, Session 2018, A Resolution amending Resolution No. 10 of Session 2018 to correct the name of the tenant from Crown Castle to New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, for a Communications Site Lease Agreement (cell tower) to lease space at Hoffman Stadium, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 22 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0. (Note: This resolution simply corrects the name of the tenant. All other terms of the agreement remain unchanged.)

XI. Requests for Future Meetings

Next Council Meeting: The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

XII. Council Comment

President Nixon thanked Mayor Helfrich for attending Council meetings because many of the items that come before Council are of an Executive Branch nature. He reminded residents that this is a legislative session, which deals with legislative issues and that it is separate from the function of the Executive branch of government. He encouraged residents to contact City Hall with matters outside of Council's purview.

Vice President Walker relayed a message that our retired firefighters have expressed gratitude for the health benefit option approved in their new union agreement.

XIII. Administration Comment

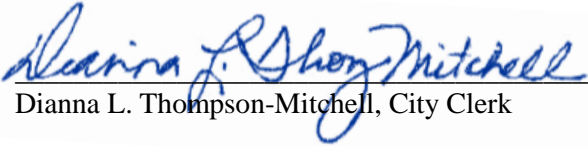
Mayor Helfrich applauded the contributions made to our community by the late Voni Grimes and that there are plans to include the words "empowerment center" in the Voni Grimes Gym name. He also said various renovations are pending at the gym and he was given a tour and is in agreement that having access to a larger stage would be advantageous. He said there are also discussions about installing a retractable wall so that the gym can be renovated. He added that we will visit other gyms across the county to see how they operate their gyms and how to handle children operating the equipment. Lastly, Mayor Helfrich said he is working with the Grimes family on creating a "Day of Excellence and Service" in memory of Voni Grimes and he's open to ideas and suggestions on how to implement this initiative.

Mayor Helfrich then discussed that resident Antoine Dorm, Jr., National Champion and Silver Glove Boxing Award recipient, will be competing in the 2018 Olympics. He said he honored Antoine today by presenting him with a Key to the City to show how proud we are of him.


Assistant Solicitor Sabol said agenda item #7, the TRAN, which is a loan the city receives annually to bridge the gap between now and when the city receives the bulk of revenue received from taxes, was pulled from the agenda because we may be in a position of not needing that money this year, but we'd like to keep this on the back burner just in case.

XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers. There being no further business the February 6, 2018 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:45 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