

Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania

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MINUTES March 28, 2018 6:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: President Nixon called the March 28, 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: H. Michael Buckingham, 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; Michael Doweary, Business Administrator; Shilvosky Buffaloe, Interim Director of Economic & Community Development; and Don Hoyt, Assistant Solicitor.

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

- I. Public Comment: 6:00 p.m.: As there was no public comment, President Nixon adjourned the public comment session and immediately called the legislative meeting to order.
- II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- V. Moment of Silence observed.
- VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of **March 6, 2018**: Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes and unanimously approved them as written.
- VII. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements

- **Fallen & Injured Firefighters:** The Mayor's Office has circulated the following press release:

(March 23, 2018) - "On Thursday, March 22nd, 2018, a massive blaze broke out at the old Weaver Organ and Piano building in downtown York Pennsylvania. After extinguishing the bulk of the inferno, York fire fighters returned the next day to put out remaining pockets of fire. While battling hot spots that had the potential to spread to neighboring buildings, a portion of the building collapsed, claiming the lives of two York fire fighters and seriously injuring two more.

The devastating loss of fire fighters Ivan Flanscha and Zachary Anthony – along with injuries to Assistant Chief Greg Altland and Fire Fighter Erik Swanson, members of York, PA Local 627 and the City of York Fire Department is being mourned throughout their community and across the IAFF.

Flansch and Anthony were the 12th and 13th members of the York Fire Department to be killed in the line of duty. The first since 1971. Their loss is a terrible reminder of the dangers fire fighters face every time the alarm sounds, and they are called upon to help their community.

Altland, an assistant Chief, and Swanson, a fire fighter, were also operating inside the building when they became trapped. They remain hospitalized in serious condition as a result of their injuries.”

VIII. Meeting(s) Scheduled:

- **Meeting Rescheduling Announcement:** Mayor Michael R. Helfrich declared a snow emergency for the City of York on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 effective at 5:00 p.m. in preparation of Winter Storm Toby. Because of the declared emergency, City Council CANCELED its legislative meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2018 and has rescheduled it for this evening, Wednesday, March 28, 2018 (6PM). Immediately following this meeting, Council will convene its regularly scheduled committee meeting as was previously advertised.
- **Legislative Meeting:** The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

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: NONE

Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions

1. **Final Passage of Bill No. 1, Ordinance No. 1 (Forthcoming)** – A Bill Amending the 2018 Budget. (To appropriate revenue/expenditures in the amount of \$15,000 for a State Fire Commission Grant) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Fire

Final Passage of Bill No. 1, Ordinance No. 1, Session 2018, A Bill amending the 2018 budget to appropriate revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$15,000.00 for a State Fire Commission Grant received by the Fire Department for the purchase of ground ladders and personnel overtime costs for flash over training, which was introduced by Washington at the March 6th meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Washington, seconded by Walker, Bill No. 1, Ordinance No. 1, PASSED by the following vote: Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

2. **Final Passage of Bill No. 2, Ordinance No. 2 (Forthcoming)** – A Bill Amending the 2018 CDBG/HOME program budgets. (To reflect changes resulting from actual funding levels rolled over from 2017 and actual funding amounts for 2018 allocations) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS)

Final Passage of Bill No. 2, Ordinance No. 2, Session 2018, A Bill amending the 2018 CDBG/HOME budgets to reflect changes resulting from actual funding levels rolled over from 2017 and actual funding amounts for 2018 allocations, which was introduced by Ritter-Dickson at the March 6th meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Walker, Bill No. 2, Ordinance No. 2, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon - 5; Nays – 0.

New Business

3. Resolution No. 28 - A Resolution Authorizing the release of security funds to Apple Retail Properties. (\$13,203.75 – related to public improvements associated with Apple Retail – 890 Loucks Rd. located at Loucks Rd. & Fairlane Dr.) Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson ([View](#))
Originator: Economic & Community Development (PP&Z)

Resolution No. 28, Session 2018, A Resolution authorizing the release of security funds to Apple Retail Properties in the amount of \$13,203.75 related to public improvements associated with the Apple Retail project located at 890 Loucks Rd. at Loucks Rd. and Fairlane Dr., was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 28 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

4. Resolution No. 29 - A Resolution Authorizing submittal of the 2017 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson ([View](#))
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS)

Resolution No. 29, Session 2018, A Resolution authorizing submission of the 2017 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) to HUD, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 29 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

5. Resolution No. 30 - A Resolution Approving various appointments and reappointments to boards & authorities. (S. Smith to the Board of Health; J. Santiago to the York City Housing Authority Board) ([View](#))
Introduced by: H. Michael Buckingham
Originator: Council / Mayor

Resolution No. 30, Session 2018, A Resolution reappointing Sharon Smith to the York City Board of Health to serve until the first Monday of April 2023, and appointing Jose Santiago to the York Housing Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of Genevieve Ray, which term shall expire April 1, 2022, was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 30 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Mr. Santiago.

Mr. Santiago thanked the Mayor and Council for his appointment and said he looks forward to serving.

President Nixon thanked all who volunteer to serve on the city's boards and authorities. He said there are still vacancies that exist, so he encouraged residents to visit the city's website and check out the various openings and consider submitting a resume to fill some these vacancies.

6. Resolution No. 31 - A Resolution Authorizing acceptance of a PA DEP grant. (\$200,000 - Local Stormwater BMP Implementation Grant Program) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 31, Session 2018, A Resolution authorizing acceptance of a PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Local Stormwater BMP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 31 came up for discussion.

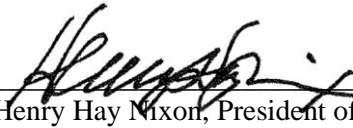
Vice President Walker explained that this grant will be used for the Memorial Park Poorhouse Run streambank restoration project.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 31 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

- XI. Requests for Future Meetings: None
- XII. Council Comment: None
- XIII. Administration Comment: None
- XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers. There being no further business, the March 28, 2018 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:15 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