

# Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania

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## Minutes April 3, 2018 6:00 p.m.

[Resolutions Approved](#) / No Bills Approved / [March 27, 2018 Committee Minutes](#)

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Nixon called the April 3, 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; Shilvosky Buffaloe, Interim Director of Economic & Community Development; 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.

Donna Zmijewski, resident, said she is unhappy about all the bars downtown selling alcohol. She wants to know if this could be better regulated so there aren't so many places offering alcoholic beverages.

LaDonna Hawkins, resident, discussed how dark her neighborhood is and that it has become drug infested. She said she has seen drug deals go down in front of her eyes and she wants residents and children to feel safe. She asked if additional streetlighting could be installed on her street.

Jane Luigi, resident, added that Park St./Park Place has no streetlights and she also complained of the darkness. She talked about a shooting that caused the street to be blocked off, so she had to walk down the alley and was scolded by her family because they said it was dangerous. She would like additional lighting on Earl Way (the back alley) as well as Park St. and Park Place. She then discussed illegal dumping in her neighborhood and potholes on Earl Way.

Harold Fake, resident, said he received a \$50 parking ticket for "no parking during specified hours" but there are no signs, so he doesn't know what he got a ticket for. He said if it's for street cleaning, their street doesn't get swept. Mr. Fake stated that parking fines are unfair especially since we pay taxes and the streets belong to the residents. He then complained of potholes, drug dealers and sidewalks in disrepair.

Mayor Helfrich said he would be happy to meet with these residents to further discuss their concerns.

There being no more comment, the public comment session adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

### II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:17 p.m.

### III. Roll Call

### IV. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

- V. Moment of Silence observed.
- VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of **March 28, 2018**: 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:
- **Legislative Meeting:** The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.
  - **Committee Meeting:** Scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers (agenda items are due by 12 noon on April 18, 2018).
- 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.)

### **Subdivision / Land Development / HARB**

1. Resolution No. **32** - A Resolution  
Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 32, Session 2018, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing a certificate of appropriateness to Chad M. Howard for work to be done at 146 S. Newberry St., was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 32 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

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

### **New Business**

2. Introduction of **Bill No. 3** - A Bill  
Amending Article 509 “Parking Meters,” Subsection 509.99 “Penalty.” (To extend the grace period for payment of fines from eight (8) days to fourteen (14) days.) ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Mayor

Introduction of Bill No. 3, Session 2018, A Bill amending Article 509 “Parking Meters,” Subsection 509.99 “Penalty” of the Codified Ordinances to extend the grace period for payment of fines from eight (8) days to fourteen (14) days, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of Council.

3. Introduction of Bill No. **Bill No. 4** - A Bill  
Approving inclusion of the 2017 ordinances into the York City Codified Ordinance book. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: H. Michael Buckingham  
Originator: Council

Introduction of Bill No. 4, Session 2018, A Bill approving inclusion of the 2017 ordinances into the York City Codified Ordinance book was introduced by Buckingham, read by short title, and deferred to the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of Council.

4. Resolution No. **33** - A Resolution  
Authorizing an agreement with the PA Department of Health. (\$46,330.00 for dental health & education services) ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson  
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Resolution No. 33, Session 2018, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with the PA Department of Health in the amount of \$46,330.00 to provide dental health and education services to city residents for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 33 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

5. Resolution No. **34** - A Resolution  
Authorizing the appointment of eight (8) probationary firefighters. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Fire / Business Administration (HR)

Resolution No. 34, Session 2018, A Resolution authorizing the appointment of the following as probationary firefighters: Derik Rhoades, Hira Allen, Phillip Dancey, Paul Moore, Robert Johnson, Tyler Landis, Cody Durham and Thomas Sandman, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 34 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

6. Resolution No. **35** - A Resolution  
Approving and accepting the City of York Civil Service Board eligibility list for consideration for appointment as probationary police officers. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Police / Business Administration (HR)

Resolution No. 35, Session 2018, A Resolution approving the City of York Civil Service Board eligibility list containing candidates for consideration of appointment as probationary police officers, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 35 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

7. Resolution No. **36** - A Resolution  
Exonerating municipal taxes for the property located at 924 W. Market St. (Owned by Colonial House, Inc. - \$5,653.07) ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson  
Originator: Solicitor's Office

Resolution No. 36, Session 2018, A Resolution exonerating municipal taxes, fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$5,653.07 for the property located at 924 W. Market St. owned by Colonial House, Inc., was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 36 came up for discussion. (Note: See committee minutes of [3/28/18](#) for background discussion.)

President Nixon explained that Colonial House, Inc. is a tax-exempt entity and there were no outstanding taxes attached to the property prior to it being acquired by Colonial House.

Vice President Walker asked if there was any background information on this real estate transaction.

Assistant Solicitor Sabol responded that this transaction involved an exchange of real estate between two tax-exempt entities. However, when the sale went through, the property was removed from the tax-exempt roll in error. When Colonial House, Inc. realized the error, they immediately addressed the issue and had their status corrected. This exoneration is for the taxes that accumulated during the transition. He said he's not sure where the error was made but the situation has since been corrected.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 36 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

8. Resolution No. 37 - A Resolution Exonerating municipal taxes for the property located at 118 S. Cherry Lane. (Owned by the City of York - \$558.10) ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Sandie Walker  
Originator: Solicitor's Office

Resolution No. 37, Session 2018, A Resolution exonerating municipal taxes, fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$558.10 for the property located at 118 S. Cherry Lane owned by the City of York, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 37 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

XI. Requests for Future Meetings: None

XII. Council Comment:


Vice President Walker applauded and congratulated all for the successful Easter Egg & Fishing Derby events.

XIII. Administration Comment:

Mayor Helfrich thanked all for the follow up events that took place to pay respect to fallen firefighters Zach Anthony and Ivan Flanscha, and wounded firefighters Greg Altland and Erik Swanson. He said there are several fundraisers being held to raise money for the families of the deceased and the injured. Lastly, Mayor Helfrich discussed his neighborhood chat initiative and said a press release will be sent out with more information.

XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. There being no further business, the April 3, 2018 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

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

  
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