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AGENDA September 4, 2018 6:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Walker called the September 4, 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, and Sandie Walker, Vice President, with Vice President Walker presiding.

Members of the Administration in attendance included: Michael R. Helfrich, Mayor; 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.

Clayton Shenk, Administrator, Tidings of Peace Christian School, said about 4 years ago they purchased the old Roosevelt School on located on Eberts Land and worked to raise \$500,000 to help refurbish it. He said he was surprised that although they are a tax-exempt entity, they received a tax bill for \$50,000, which will cut into their renovation budget. Mr. Shenk stated that the Mayor suggested he talk to Council about exempting Tidings of Peace from paying this tax bill or tax them at a rate that is more affordable. He said the property is assessed at \$750,000, which they are appealing but at this point they have not been granted their appeal and they are prepared to appeal to a higher court. Mr. Shenk asked Council to consider refunding their payment or come up with a proposal that would help them.

There being no further discussion, the public comment session adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:04 p.m.

III. Roll Call

IV. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

V. Moment of Silence observed.

VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of August 21, 2018: Council dispensed with the reading of the Minutes and by a vote of 4-0, unanimously approved them as written.

VII. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements: None

VII. Meeting(s) Scheduled:

Legislative Meeting: The next meeting of City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 6PM in City Council Chambers. (Agenda items are due by 12 noon on September 12th)

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. 70** - A Resolution
Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Introduced by: HARB

Resolution No. 70, Session 2018, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing certificates of appropriate for work to be done at 29 S. George St. (Christ Lutheran Church) and 400 S. George St., was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 70 came up for discussion.

Motion to amend. Councilman Buckingham noted that HARB tabled approving the application for work to be done at 400 S. George St., and therefore made a motion to amend the Resolution to remove said approval. The motion to remove 400 S. George St. from the Resolution was seconded by Washington and passed by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker – 4; Nays – 0.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 70, as amended, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker – 4; Nays – 0.

Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions

2. **Final Passage of Bill No. 14, Ordinance No. 12** – A Bill
Amending the 2018 CDBG/HOME program budgets. (To reflect changes in revenue and expenses resulting from actual allocations of funding amounts of HUD disbursement.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS)

Final Passage of Bill No. 14, Ordinance No. 12, Session 2018, A Bill amending the 2018 CDBG/HOME program budgets to reflect changes in revenue and expenses resulting from actual allocations of funding amounts of HUD disbursement, which was introduced by Ritter-Dickson at the August 21 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Washington, and PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker – 4; Nays – 0.

New Business

3. **Introduction of Bill No. 15** - A Bill
Amending the 2018 Budget. (\$1,118.89 for JAG award – Justice Assistance Grant) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Police

Introduction of Bill No. 15, Session 2018, A Bill amending the 2018 for the York City Police Department to appropriate revenue and expenditures for a Justice Assistant Grant award received in the amount of \$1,118.89 for the enhancement of law enforcement operations, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the September 18 meeting of Council.

4. Resolution No. **71** - A Resolution
Appointing Joe R. Downing as a member of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: H. Michael Buckingham
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 71, Session 2018, A Resolution appointing Joe E. Downing as a member of HARB to fill the unexpired term of John Fox, which term shall expire the first Monday of January 2022, was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 71 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker – 4; Nays – 0.

5. Resolution No. **72** - A Resolution
Approving an amendment to the 2018 Annual Action Plan. (To reflect changes resulting in actual funding amounts for CDBG/HOME program funding) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS)

Resolution No. 72, Session 2018, A Resolution amending the 2018 Annual Action Plan to reflect changes resulting in actual funding amounts for CDBG/HOME program funding, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Buckingham, Resolution No. 72 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker – 4; Nays – 0.

6. Resolution No. **73** - A Resolution
Authorizing submission of a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). (\$37,255.00 for equipment, technological maintenance and community-based programs. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Police

Resolution No. 73, Session 2018, A Resolution authorizing the submission of a Justice Assistance Grant application in the amount of \$37,255.00 for equipment, technological maintenance and community-based programs, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, and came up for discussion.

Councilwoman Ritter-Dickson asked what community-based programs will be covered by this grant.

Mayor Helfrich responded that this funding will help with some of the community outreach programs such as National Night Out.

Councilwoman Ritter-Dickson then asked what was meant by, “*WHEREAS, the York City Police Department will be responsible to reimburse the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the federal government’s share of any expenditures found by the Bureau of Justice Assistance to be ineligible;*” As no one from the police department was in attendance, she asked for a follow-up on what that means.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 73 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker – 4; Nays – 0.

7. Resolution No. **74** - A Resolution
Authorizing an agreement with the PA Dept. of Health. (\$825,000.00 for maternal and child health programs) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Resolution No. 74, Session 2018, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with the PA Department of Health in the amount of \$825,000 for maternal and child health programs, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Buckingham, Resolution No. 74 came up for discussion.

Barb Kovacs, Director of Health, outlined the maternal and child health program – a three-year contract in the amount of \$825,000 which is a substantial increase from what we've received in the past. She said this will allow us to hire an additional part-time nurse and community health specialist for our outreach program, which they are currently recruiting for. For more information, please contact the York City Health Dept. and 717-849-2299.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 74 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker – 4; Nays – 0.

8. Resolution No. 75 - A Resolution Authorizing a budget transfer. (\$150,000.00 for purchase of polymer for the WWTP) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works (WWTP)

Resolution No. 75, Session 2018, A Resolution authorizing a budget transfer in the amount of \$150,000 for the purchase of polymer for use at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, was introduced Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 75 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker – 4; Nays – 0.

XI. Requests for Future Meetings: None

XII. Council Comment

Councilwoman Ritter-Dickson stated that this weekend's Food Truck event on Penn Park was a success although she would like to see even more people in attendance.

Vice President Walker thanked all who worked so hard to make this year's Food Truck event and Labor Day festivities a success.

Vice President Walker then invited residents to attend Council's town hall meeting scheduled for October 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Logos Academy, 250 W. King St., York, PA.

XIII. Administration Comment

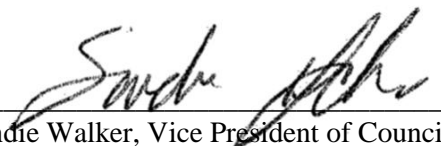
Mayor Helfrich thanked all who took part in making this weekend's events such an enormous success. He then gave a special thank you to Diaz Woodard, York City Recreation Program Specialist, for doing a terrific job with the Labor Day event, as well as the back to school backpack and school supplies giveaway. He then talked about the outstanding teamwork that took place in helping to clean up Kiwanis Lake.

XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. There being no further discussion, the September 4, 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



Sandie Walker, Vice President of Council