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Minutes January 2, 2019 6:00 p.m.

[Resolutions Approved](#) | No Bills Approved

CALL TO ORDER: President Nixon called the January 2, 2019 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; 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.: As there was no comment, President Nixon adjourned the public comment period and called the legislative meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 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 [December 18, 2018](#): Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes and unanimously approved them as written.
- VII. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements
- VIII. Meeting(s) Scheduled:
 - Council Committee Meeting: Scheduled for **Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on January 16th.
- 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: NONE

Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions: NONE

New Business

1. Introduction of **Bill No. 1** - A Bill
Amending the 2019 budget. (\$25,000.00 for Federal Title X Family Planning grant funds for STD related services.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic Development (Health)

Bill No. 1, Session 2019, A Bill amending the 2019 budget in the amount of \$25,000.00 for a Federal Title X Family Planning grant awarded for STD related services, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read by short title and deferred to the January 15th meeting of Council.

2. Introduction of **Bill No. 2** - A Bill
Amending the 2019 Budget. (\$36,096.00 for an Emergency Preparedness Health grant award) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic Development (Health)

Introduction of Bill No. 2, Session 2019. A Bill amending the 2019 budget in the amount of \$36,096.00 for subsequent funding for an Emergency Preparedness Health grant awarded, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read by short title and deferred to the January 15th meeting of Council.

3. Introduction of **Bill No. 3** - A Bill
Amending the 2019 Budget. (\$37,255.00 for a Justice Assistance Grant award – JAG) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Police

Introduction of Bill No. 3, Session 2019, A Bill amending the 2019 budget in the amount of \$37,255.00 for a Justice Assistance grant award for the enhancement of law enforcement operations, was introduced by Washington, read by short title and deferred to the January 15th meeting of Council.

4. Introduction of **Bill No. 4** - A Bill
Amending Article 513 “Vehicle Operation & Parking.” (To reduce street sweeping fine) ([View](#))
Introduced by: H. Michael Buckingham
Originator: Mayor | Parking

Introduction of Bill No. 4, Session 2019, A Bill amending Article 513 “Vehicle Operation & Parking” of the Codified Ordinances to reduce street sweeping fines, was introduced by Buckingham, read by short title and deferred to the January 15th meeting of Council.

5. Resolution No. **Pulled** - A Resolution
Appointing Glenn Steckman III as Business Administrator. ([View](#))
Introduced by: H. Michael Buckingham
Originator: Mayor

6. Resolution No. **1** - A Resolution
Accepting a PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources grant. (DCNR - \$200,000.00) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 1, Session 2019, A Resolution authorizing acceptance of a DCNR 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. 1 came up for discussion.

Vice President Walker stated that in an email received from Acting Director Chaz Green, he explained that the City of York has been awarded another \$200,000.00 under the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Department Local Stormwater BMP Implementation Grant Program. This funding will be used in conjunction with the \$200,000.00 received from DEP to work on the stream bank restoration of Poor House Run.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 1 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

7. Resolution No. 2 - A Resolution Accepting a PA Department of Community & Economic Development grant. (DCED - \$180,000.00)
Introduced by: Sandie Walker ([View](#))
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 2, Session 2019, A Resolution authorizing acceptance of a DCED grant in the amount of \$180,000.00, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 2 came up for discussion.

Vice President Walker stated that in an email received from Acting Director Chaz Green, he explained that the City of York has been awarded \$180,000.00 under the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Early Intervention Grant Program. This funding will be used to complete a Capital Needs Assessment on all of streets, parks, and buildings. This will provide a cost estimate of maintaining our properties over a 5 to 20-year time span. The assessment will assist the property by setting up a budget for the projected amount of years and also informs us of immediate needs on our properties.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 2 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

8. Resolution No. 3 - A Resolution Authorizing a budget transfer. (\$5,000.00 for pedestrian safety sign) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works | Highway

Resolution No. 3, Session 2019, A Resolution authorizing a budget transfer in the amount of \$5,000.00 for pedestrian safety signs, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 3 came up for discussion.

Vice President Walker stated that in an email received from Acting Director Chaz Green, he explained this transfer is being requested to transfer funds in the 2018 Budget in the amount of \$5,000.00 to cover costs for a pedestrian safety sign. This is a flashing sign that will be located on W. Philadelphia St. at the mid-block crosswalk in front of the Philadelphia Street parking garage.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 3 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

9. Resolution No. 4 - A Resolution Authorizing a budget transfer. (\$9,029.00 for other professional services) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Human Relations Commission

Resolution No. 4, Session 2019, A Resolution authorizing a budget transfer in the 2018 Budget in the amount of \$9,029.00 for other professional services, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 4 came up for discussion.

Mayor Helfrich stated that he believes this transfer was requested to pay for contracted staff assistance to cover the office while the intake secretary is out on an extended leave of absence.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 4 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

10. Resolution No. 5 - A Resolution Appointing/Reappointing members to boards. (K. French to Board of Appeals; B. McGlaughlin to GA) Introduced by: H. Michael Buckingham ([View](#))
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 5, Session 2019, A Resolution appointing Kacey French as a member of the Consolidated Board of Appeals to serve until the first Monday of October 2021, and reappointing Benjamin McGlaughlin as a member of the General Authority to serve until January 1, 2024, was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 5 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

11. Resolution No. 6 - A Resolution Authorizing the 2019 Tax & Revenue Anticipation Note. (2019 TRAN) ([View](#))
Introduced by: H. Michael Buckingham
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 6, Session 2019, A Resolution authorizing the borrowing in anticipating of current taxes and revenue by the issuance of a \$6,000,000.00 tax and revenue anticipation note, series of 2019, was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 6 came up for discussion.

Attorney Steve Hovis, Stock & Leader (Bond Counsel), explained that the city accepted responses to RFP's and Northwest Bank's proposal was accepted at a rate of 2.9%. He said this funding is to fill the gap between now and when we the city receives the bulk of tax revenue.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 6 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

XI. Requests for Future Meetings: None

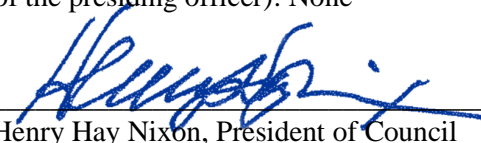
XII. Council Comment: None

XIII. Administration Comment: None

XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. There being no further discussion, the January 2, 2019 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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


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