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MINUTES March 5, 2019 6:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: President Nixon called the March 5, 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; Tom Ray, Acting Director of Business Administration; Michael Shanabrook, Emergency Management Planner; 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.

Mary Lou Frick, resident, spoke against the liquor license transfer request submitted by M&S Landis Corp. for a club planned to open in downtown York. She said the noise from the proposed club will be extremely bothersome for residents who live downtown.

Faithann Rosario, resident, spoke about the crosswalks and sidewalks not being cleared of snow and ice which she said is a hazard for pedestrians and those using mobility devices. She also said the plows shouldn't pile snow at the curb corner because it blocks pedestrians from accessing the sidewalk.

Patricia Will, resident, objected to proposed redevelopment of the former Citizen Bank, located at the intersection of Market & George Sts., into a dance venue. She said there are 50 apartments located in the building she manages, and she doesn't see how the residents will be able to tolerate the noise and possible fights that may occur at this venue.

Jerri Worley, resident, said she is a tenant of a downtown building and also spoke against the request to transfer a liquor license to the old Citizen's Bank and turning it into a dance club. She said people live downtown and we don't want the noise or problems. She said it's going to cost additional taxpayer dollars to secure additional police to patrol the area.

There being no further comment, President Nixon adjourned the public comment session at 6:05 p.m.

II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order: 6:05 p.m.

III. Roll Call

IV. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

V. Moment of Silence observed.

VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of February 18, 2019 (Executive Session); February 19, 2019 (Legislative); February 27, 2019 (Committee). Council unanimously approved the February 18 & 19 minutes as written.

VII. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements:

Former Councilman William Lee Smallwood Memorial Service: A public memorial service for former Councilman William Lee Smallwood will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Crispus Attucks, 605 S. Duke St., York, PA. The public is invited to attend.

VIII. Meeting(s) Scheduled:

Legislative Meeting: The next legislative meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Committee Meeting: Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Committee items must be received by 12 noon on March 20, 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. 16 - A Resolution
Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 16, Session 2019, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing certificates of appropriateness for work to be covered in the applications filed by Pinnacle Exteriors, Inc. for work to be done at 133 Edgar St.; Dave Hyson for work to be done at 26 W. King St.; and Mark Kandrysawtz for work to be done at 29-31 W. Market St., was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 16 came up for discussion.

Councilman Buckingham said HARB also approved the application filed for work to be done at 113 N. George St., but it's not listed on the Resolution.

The City Clerk replied that she missed it and agreed that it should have been included on the Resolution.

MOTION TO AMEND: Councilman Buckingham made a motion to amend Resolution No. 16 to include the application for work to be done at 113 N. George St. The motion was seconded by Washington and PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 16, as amended, 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. 17 - A Bill
Amending the 2019 Budget. (To rollover 2018 unspent grant funds to year 2019) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Introduction of Bill No. 17, Session 2019, A Bill amending the 2019 Budget for the Health Dept. to reflect the rollover of funds, revenue and expenditures, for the Health Bureau-Home Visitor grant in the amount of \$31,000; the AIDS Education grant in the amount of \$41,000; and the Emergency Preparedness grant in the amount of \$36,614, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read by short title and deferred to the March 19th meeting of Council.

3. Introduction of Bill No. 18 - A Bill Amending the 2019 CDBG/HOME Program Budgets. (To reflect changes resulting from actual funding levels rolled over from 2018 and actual funding amounts for 2018 allocations.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS)

Introduction of Bill No. 18, Session 2019, A Bill amending the 2019 CDBG & HOME Program budgets to reflect changes resulting from actual funding levels rolled over from 2018 and actual funding amounts for 2018 allocations, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read by short title, and deferred to the March 19th meeting of Council.

4. Resolution No. 17 - A Resolution Appointing a member to the York City Planning Commission. (Christopher Velez) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 17, Session 2019, A Resolution approving the recommendation made by the Mayor for the appointment of Christopher M. Velez as a member of the York City Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mike Pritchard, which term shall expire January 1, 2022, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 17 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

Mr. Velez was in the audience and thanked the Mayor and Council for the appointment. The City Clerk then administered Mr. Velez the Oath of Office.

5. Resolution No. 18 - A Resolution Authorizing a Parking Meter Agreement with the York City General Authority. ([View](#))
Introduced by: H. Michael Buckingham
Originator: General Authority

Resolution No. 18, Session 2019, A Resolution authorizing a Parking Meter Agreement between the City of York and the City of York General Authority, was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 18 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

6. Resolution No. 19 - A Resolution Adopting the York County 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Fire/Rescue

Resolution No. 19, Session 2019, A Resolution adopting the York County 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 19 came up for discussion.

Michael Shanabrook, Emergency Management Planner, said this document doesn't impede any of our activities and that it's a requirement of the state that we adopt a plan. He said this is a 524-page document that can be viewed in full on County of York's website. Click [here](#) to view.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 19 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

7. Resolution No. 20 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with I.B. Abel, Inc. for electrical equipment maintenance. (\$243,351.04)([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works (WWTP)

Resolution No. 20, Session 2019, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with I.B. Abel, Inc. for electrical equipment maintenance for \$243,351.04 for three years, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 20 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

8. Resolution No. 21 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with Farhat Excavating for the Hamilton Ave. & George St. sidewalk improvements project. (\$94,370.00) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 21, Session 2019, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Farhat Excavating for the Hamilton Ave. and N. George St. sidewalk improvement project for \$94,370.00, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 21 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

9. Resolution No. 22 - A Resolution Approving a budget transfer. (\$1,095.00 for purchase of hazardous protection items) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works (Highway)

Resolution No. 22, Session 2019, A Resolution authorizing a budget transfer for the Highway Bureau in the amount of \$1,095.00 for purchase of hazardous protection items (i.e., gloves, hearing protection, respirators, first aid materials, etc.), was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 22 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

10. Resolution No. 23 - A Resolution Authorizing a budget transfer. (\$3,000.00 for street line painting) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works (Highway)

Resolution No. 23, Session 2019, A Resolution authorizing a budget transfer for the Highway Bureau in the amount of \$3,000.00 to cover costs for street line painting, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 23 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

XI. Requests for Future Meetings

Public Hearing: A public hearing has been scheduled for March 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 101 S. George St., York, PA, for the purpose of receiving public testimony concerning the application filed with the PA Liquor Control Board by M & S Landis Corporation for the transfer of liquor license R18271 from Springettsbury Township, York County, PA, to 1 North George St., York City, York County, PA, for the purpose of serving alcohol at said location.

XII. Council Comment

President Nixon said we had a very successful Restaurant Week in the City of York and he thanked all patrons and restaurants for participating.

XIII. Administration Comment

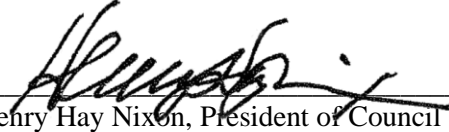
Mayor Helfrich thanked the Special Olympics for coming to PA and that we have a contract with them for the next two years for the indoor winter Olympic games to be held in York. He said it was one of the best experiences of his life to be around hundreds of athletes so pure in their passion, support, energy and joy. He gave special thanks to Colony Park Lanes and the York City Ice Arena.

XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers. There being no further business, the March 5, 2019 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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



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