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AGENDA March 19, 2019 6:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: President Nixon called the March 19, 2019 public hearing 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; Nicole Davis, Acting Director of Economic & Community Development; Philip Given, Chief of Staff; and Don Hoyt, Assistant Solicitor.

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

I. Public Hearing called to order at 6:00 p.m.

York City Council convened a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 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. The hearing was recorded by York Stenographic Services, 34 N. George St., York, PA, and will remain on file at York Stenographic Services for a term of five years.

In the petition received from M & S Landis Corp., the petitioners stated that they are looking to open a music and entertainment venue at 1 N. George St. They would be open during the week for lunch until after midnight and on the weekends from dinner to 2 a.m. offering a full menu. They look to provide live entertainment on the weekends and throughout the week.

No one from M & S Landis Corp. was present for the hearing, however, Attorney Erica Townes of Barley Snyder was in attendance and represented herself as being present on behalf of M & S Landis Corp.

Council heard comments for and against the proposal. President Nixon thanked all for providing testimony and said that Council will consider the testimony received before rendering its decision on the request to transfer liquor license R18271.

There being nothing further, President Nixon adjourned the public hearing and 6:46 p.m. and called to order the legislative session at 6:48 p.m.

II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:48 p.m.

III. Roll Call

- IV. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- V. Moment of Silence observed.
- VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of March 5, 2019 (Legislative). Council dispensed with the reading of the Minutes and unanimously approved them as written.
- VII. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements

YMCA of York County: Larry Richardson, President/CEO, did a brief presentation on the YMCA Urban Park Plan.

Mr. Richardson said they have done a lot of work on the West End and this is another project they envision that will have positive, long lasting effects on the City. He said they have a vision to construct a Downtown Community Park at the rear of 90 N. Newberry St. So far, the YMCA has purchased and demolished the building that was located on the lot, and they hope that by this time next year the park will have been built. He said we have the required match for the DCNR grant. The park will be enclosed with brick and iron railings which will match the surrounding structures. He then outlined some of the amenities of the park including cameras and lighting for security. He said he just wanted to bring Council and the public up-to-date on the progress of the project.

President Nixon said he lives a few blocks from the project area and he's looking forward to seeing the finished product.

VIII. Meeting(s) Scheduled:

- **Council Committee Meeting:** Scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on March 20th. (**UPDATE:** This meeting was canceled due to negligible items received. Items that were received were moved to the April 2, 2019 legislative agenda.)

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.)

Supplemental Agenda

Motion to Waive Rule 215. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, to waive the provisions of Resolution No. 215 of Session 1969 to permit consideration of a supplemental agenda containing one Resolution. The motion PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

1. Resolution No. 24 - A Resolution Supporting the Restore Pennsylvania \$4.5 Billion Infrastructure Improvement Plan. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Henry Hay Nixon
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 24, Session 2019, A Resolution supporting Governor Tom Wolf’s Restore Pennsylvania \$4.5 billion Infrastructure Improvement Plan, was introduced by Nixon, read at length, and on motion of Nixon, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 24 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

Subdivision / Land Development / HARB

2. Resolution No. 25 - A Resolution Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 25, Session 2019, A Resolution approving the recommendations of HARB in issuing a certificate of appropriateness to Tim Riley for work to be done, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 25 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions

3. **Final Passage of Bill No. 7, Ordinance No. 6** – 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)

Final Passage of Bill No. 7, Ordinance No. 6, Session 2019, A Bill amending the 2019 budget for the Bureau of Health to reflect the rollover of funds, revenue and expenditures, for the Health Bureau-Home Visitor Grant in the amount of \$31,000.00, Aids Education Grant in the amount of \$41,000.00 and Emergency Preparedness Grant in the amount of \$36,614.00, which was introduced by Ritter-Dickson at the March 5th meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Buckingham, Bill No. 7, Ordinance No. 6, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

4. **Final Passage of Bill No. 8, Ordinance No. 7** – 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)

Final Passage of Bill No. 8, Ordinance No. 7, 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, which was introduced by Ritter-Dickson at the March 5th meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Walker, Bill No. 7, Ordinance No. 6, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

New Business

5. **Resolution No. 26** - A Resolution Authorizing submittal of the 2018 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (2018 CAPER) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS)

Resolution No. 26, Session 2019, A Resolution authorizing submittal of the 2019 Consolidated Annual and Performance Evaluation Report (2018 CAPER) to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 26 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

6. **Resolution No. 27** - A Resolution Approving an extension of time to act on the request for a liquor license transfer submitted by M&S Landis Corp. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 27, Session 2019, A Resolution approving an extension of time to act on the request made by M & S Landis Corporation to transfer liquor license R18271 from Springettsbury Township to the City of York for service of liquor at 1 N. George St., was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 27 came up for discussion.

President Nixon said this Resolution will extend the time required to act on said request from 45 days to 60 days. He said this will allow Council additional time to review the testimony received during tonight's public hearing.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 27 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

Philip Given, Chief of Staff, thanked Council for supporting Gov. Tom Wolf's \$4.5 Billion Infrastructure Improvement Plan. He then stated that March 22nd marks the one-year anniversary of the two firefighters – Zachary Anthony and Ivan Flanscha – who lost their lives on March 22, 2018 after the building collapsed (from a fire the previous day) at the Weaver Organ and Piano building located in the 100 block of N. Broad St. A celebration of life service will be held at 7 p.m. on March 22nd at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 839 W. Market St., York. Lastly, Mr. Given announced that the York City Police Department, in response to dirt bikes and similar vehicles illegally operating on the roadway and in our parks, is seeking assistance from the public. We are compiling information to confiscate and arrest those riders and owners and are asking for assistance from public by taking photos and sending specific locations and times to a dedicated tip line email address: dirtbikeinfo@yorkcity.org.

XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative session of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers. There being no further business, the March 19, 2019 meeting of Council adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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



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