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Minutes May 7, 2019 6:00 p.m.

[Resolutions Approved](#) | [No Bills Approved](#) | [4-24-19 Committee Minutes](#)

CALL TO ORDER: President Nixon called the May 7, 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: Edquina Washington, Judy A. Ritter-Dickson, H. Michael Buckingham, 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; Mike Pritchard, City Planner; Barb Kovacs, Director of the Bureau of Health; Kittrell Barnes, Parking Bureau Manager; Lt. Matthew Leitzel, Police Department; 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.

Franklin Williams thanked the Department of Public Works for putting the trash receptacles back on his street. He said he uses it to deposit litter that he picks up on his block and that he and a neighbor have a friendly competition on who can pick up the most trash.

Annabell Bonilla, said Healthy Living is open for business at Penn Market on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. She said there are a lot of new vendors in the market, so she hopes renovations don't become stagnant. She stated that she proudly boasts that vegans and vegetarians would have a field day in the market because there are so many options to choose from. She spoke about the positives of Penn Market and how the vendors are committed to making this an all-inclusive market offering a wide variety of fresh food.

There being no further comment, President Nixon adjourned the public comment period at 6:13 p.m.

II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:13 p.m.

III. Roll Call

IV. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

V. Moment of Silence observed.

VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [April 16, 2019 \(Legislative\)](#) and [April 24, 2019 \(Committee\)](#). Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes and unanimously approved them as written.

VII. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements: None

VIII. Meeting(s) Scheduled:

- Council Committee Meeting: Scheduled for **Wednesday, May 29, 2019** in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on May 22nd.

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

Resolution No. 31, Session 2019, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing certificates of appropriateness for work to be covered in the applications filed by York County Libraries for work to be done at 159 E. Market St.; Application filed by St. John Episcopal Church for work to be done at 140 N. Beaver St.; Application filed by Michelle Hill for work to be done at 237 W. Market St.; Application filed by Daniel P. Lehman for work to be done at 180 Roosevelt Ave.; Application filed by Rexann Richardson for work to be done at 621-623 & 709 S. George St.; Application filed by John Harris, Jr. for work to be done at 323 W. Princess St.; and Application filed by Zachary Jackson for work to be done at 246 W. Philadelphia St.

The Resolution was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 31 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. 10** (Will be on the 5/22/19 agenda for passage) - A Bill
Amending the 2019 Budget. (\$54,400.00 for a lead grant) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Introduction of Bill No. 10, Session 2019, A Bill amending the 2019 budget in the amount of \$54,400 for a lead grant received from the state, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read by short title, and deferred to the May 22nd meeting of Council.

3. Resolution No. **32** - A Resolution
Appointing Grace S. Quartey to the York Business Improvement District Authority. (a/k/a Downtown Inc.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 32, Session 2019, A Resolution appointing Grace Quartey as a member of the York Business Improvement District Authority (YBIDA)(a.k.a. Downtown Inc), to fill the unexpired term of Larry Covin, which term shall expire December 31, 2020, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson and read at length. On motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 32 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

Ms. Quartey was in attendance and gave a brief background of herself and thanked Council and the Mayor for appointing her and that she is looking forward to serving.

The City Clerk then administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Quartey.

4. Resolution No. **33** - A Resolution Authorizing the purchase of a 2017 Ford Econoline Camera Truck. (Vendor-Pacifico Fleet; Financing-Fulton Leasing Company; Cost-\$297,815.25) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 33, Session 2019, A Resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2017 Ford Econoline Camera Truck (PA State CoStars Contract #025-044) from Pacifico Fleet Services at a cost of \$297,815.25 through a five-year lease purchase agreement with one annual payment and a one dollar buy out at the end of the lease period and financed through Fulton Leasing Company with annual payments not to exceed \$65,327.15 to be paid from the Sewer Maintenance Budget, account # 60-442- 46101-00004, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, 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 a Reimbursement Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of PA. (TAP funds awarded in the amount of \$686,543.00 for the King St. 2-Way Cycle Track Project) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 34, Session 2019, A Resolution authorizing a reimbursement grant agreement with the Commonwealth of PA for TAP funds awarded in the amount of \$686,543.00 for the King Street 2-Way Cycle Track Project, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, 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 the 2019-2021 IBEW Collective Bargaining Agreement. ([View](#))
Introduced by: H. Michael Buckingham
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 35, Session 2019, A Resolution approving the 2019-2021 IBEW Collective Bargaining Agreement, was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 35 came up for discussion.

Councilman Buckingham said at the April 24th committee meeting he asked the Solicitor's office to research whether Council needed to amend the city's residency ordinance to accommodate the amendments made in the IBEW union contract relating to residency. He said the Solicitor's office reported back that this agreement will prevail, so no amendment is necessary.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 35 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

7. Resolution No. **36** - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with United Public Safety, Inc. (For a cloud-based, handheld electronic ticketing system) ([View](#))
Introduced by: H. Michael Buckingham
Originator: Business Administration (Parking)

Resolution No. 36, Session 2019, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with United Public Safety, Inc. for a cloud-based, handheld electronic (parking) ticketing system, was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 36 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

8. Resolution No. 37 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with the PA Dept. of Health. (\$54,400.00 to provide lead hazard reduction services) ([View](#))(Click [here](#) to read memo from the Director of Health)
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Resolution No. 37, Session 2019, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with the PA Dept. of Health in the amount of \$54,400.00 to provide lead hazard reduction services for the period January 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 37 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0. (See [Bill No. 10](#) for the budget amendment)

9. Resolution No. 38 - A Resolution Certifying the probationary police officer eligibility list. (70 candidates) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Business Administration (HR)/Police (Civil Service)

Resolution No. 38, Session 2019, A Resolution certifying the probationary police officer eligibility list containing 70 individuals for consideration of appointment as a Probationary Police Officer, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 38 came up for discussion.

President Nixon said until we have a contract in hand from the FOP, he is reluctant to appoint new officers because this contract could potentially cost the city millions of dollars. However, he said he would support certifying this list.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 38 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

10. Resolution No. 39 - A Resolution Approving the appointment of probationary police officers. (J. Maurer & D. Hesson) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Business Administration (HR)/Police (Civil Service)

(Note: During discussion on Res. #38, President Nixon said until we have a contract in hand from the FOP, he is reluctant to appoint new officers because this contract could potentially cost the city millions of dollars. However, he said he would support certifying the eligibility list. See Res. #38 for the eligibility list.)

Resolution No. 39, Session 2019, A Resolution appointing Joshua Maurer and David Hesson as probationary police officers, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 39 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker – 4; Nays – Nixon – 1.

XI. Requests for Future Meetings: None

XII. Council Comment: None

XIII. Administration Comment

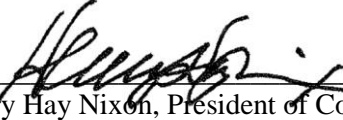
Mayor Helfrich thanked all who participated in the Give Local York Campaign and he announced that over \$3 million was raised. He then spoke about several events happening around York City and invited residents to attend. For information on city events, please visit www.yorkcity.org.

XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers. (The meeting is being held on Wednesday because Tuesday 5/21/19 is Primary Election Day.) There being no further discussion, the May 7, 2019 legislative meeting of Council adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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



Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk



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