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MINUTES November 19, 2019 6:00 p.m.

[Resolutions and Bills Approved](#)

CALL TO ORDER: President Nixon called the November 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 Helfrich, Mayor; Tom Ray, Acting Director of Business Administration; Barb Kovacs, Director of Health; Mike Pritchard, City Planner; Nancy Griffin, Zoning Officer; Ricky Quintero, Executive Administrator; and Jason Sabol, Assistant Solicitor.

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

I. PUBLIC HEARING – 6:00 PM

President Nixon called to order the November 19, 2019 public hearing to receive testimony on the request made by York Building Products for approval of a CONDITIONAL USE application to demolish an existing asphalt plant on the adjoining property (parcel ID 145031400010000000) near Roosevelt Avenue and to construct a new asphalt plant.

The York City Planning Commission and Zoning Officer have determined that the Zoning Ordinance (§1304.1-6.02.003) defines this use as Hazardous Industrial and allows this use by CONDITIONAL USE permit, which the applicant has applied for.

This hearing is being held in accordance with Section 1311.13 of the City's Planning & Zoning Code. Council will consider approval of the request this evening. (See agenda item #8)

Craig Sharnetzka, CGA Law Firm, stated that he is here on behalf of York Building Products as well as Jim Gawthrop, Vice President, Aggregate Division, York Building Products,

Mr. Sharnetzka outlined the application for a conditional use. A copy of the application is attached to [Resolution No. 105 of 2019](#) located in the City Clerk's archives. Mr. Sharnetzka then answered questions from Council.

A copy of the transcripts of this hearing was completed by York Stenographic Services, 34 N. George St., York, PA, and will remain on file at their facility for a period of five (5) years.

There being no further business, the public hearing adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

II. Public Comment called to order at 6:23 p.m.

George Rhine discussed the horrible condition of the city’s sidewalks and other troubling issues with the city’s streetscape.

Franklin Williams said he believes expanding Council to seven members would be advantageous to residents. He then discussed the refuse ordinance and suggested the 6 p.m. time residents are allowed to set out trash the evening before pick-up should be amended for daylight savings. He said it’s dark at 6 p.m. in the winter and for safety reasons this concerns some residents.

Yolanda Finger-Hunter announced an Overcomers Convention taking place February 28-29, 2020 that includes an opioid symposium, expungement clinics, recovery workshops, and clinics for job seekers. For more information on the convention, please visit www.facebook.com/overcomersconvention.com or click [here](#) for details.

There being no further discussion, President Nixon adjourned the public comment session at 6:40 p.m. and immediately convened in legislative session.

III. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:40 p.m.

IV. Roll Call

V. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

VI. Moment of Silence observed.

VII. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [November 6, 2019](#). Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes and unanimously approved them as written.

VIII. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements: None

IX. Meeting(s) Scheduled:

- **Council Committee Meeting:** Scheduled for Monday, November 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on Wednesday, November 20th.
- **Next Council Legislative Meeting:** Scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on November 26th.

X. Status of Prior Committee Referrals

- [Bill No. 24](#) – A Bill amending Article 507 “Booting” of the City of York Codified Ordinances, Subsection 507.02 “Boot Installation” to add language to prohibit booting on private property is stalled and remains a no action item at this time.

XI. 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. 103 - A Resolution Approving the final reverse subdivision plan submitted by Derck and Edson. (On behalf of York College of Pennsylvania – 201-245 W. Springettsbury Ave.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (PP&Z)

Resolution No. 103, Session 2019, Resolution approving the final reverse subdivision plan submitted by Derck and Edson on behalf of York College for 201-245 W. Springettsbury Ave., was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Washington and came up for discussion.

Jennifer Lee, Project Manager, said they are asking to consolidate these lots for future development of student housing which said will also come before Council for approval.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 103 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

2. Resolution No. **104** - A Resolution
Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Historic York

Resolution No. 104, Session 2019, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing a certificate of appropriateness for work to be done at 633 S. George St., was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 104 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. 28, Ordinance No. 26** - A Bill
Amending the 2019 Budget. (\$110,069 – Safe & Health Communities Grant) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Final Passage of Bill No. 28, Ordinance No. 26, Session 2019, A Bill amending the 2019 Budget for the Bureau of Health for the Safe & Healthy Communities Grant for a reallocation of funds, which was introduced by Ritter-Dickson at the November 6th meeting of Council and read by short title came up for final passage. On motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Walker, Bill No. 28, Ordinance No. 26 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

4. Final Passage of **Bill No. 29, Ordinance No. 27** - A Bill
Amending the 2019 CDBG/HOME Budget. (HUD disbursements) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS)

Final Passage of Bill No. 29, Ordinance No. 27, Session 2019, A Bill amending the 2019 CDBG/HOME budgets for the Bureau of Housing Services 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 November 6th meeting of Council and read by short title came up for final passage. On motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Walker, Bill No. 29, Ordinance No. 27 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

New Business

5. Introduction of **Bill No. 30** (Will be on the 12/3/19 agenda) - A Bill
Approving the 2020 City of York Budget. ([View](#))
Introduced by: H. Michael Buckingham
Originator: Mayor | Business Administration/Finance

Introduction of Bill No. 30, Session 2019, A Bill approving the 2020 York City Budget was introduced by Buckingham, read by short title and deferred to the December 3rd meeting of Council.

6. Introduction of **Bill No. 31** (Will be on the 12/3/19 agenda) - A Bill
 Fixing the tax rate for the City of York for the year 2020. ([View](#))
 Introduced by: H. Michael Buckingham
 Originator: Mayor | Business Administration/Finance
- Introduction of Bill No. 31, Session 2019, A Bill fixing the tax rate for 2020 was introduced by Buckingham, read by short title and deferred to the December 3rd meeting of Council.
7. Introduction of Bill No. **Bill No. 32** (Will be on the 12/3/19 agenda) - A Bill
 Amending Article 165.07 “Residency Requirement” of the Codified Ordinances. ([View](#))
 Introduced by: H. Michael Buckingham
 Originator: Mayor
- Introduction of Bill No. 32, Session 2019, A Bill amending Article 165.07 “Residency Requirement” of the Codified Ordinances to expand residency area to include York County or any county contiguous to York County (Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Hartford, Baltimore, Carroll Counties), was introduced by Buckingham, read by short title and deferred to the December 3rd meeting of Council.
8. Resolution No. **105** - A Resolution
 Approving the conditional use application filed by York Building Products. (Demolition and construction of asphalt at Roosevelt Ave.) ([View](#))
 Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
 Originator: Economic & Community Development (PP&Z)
- Resolution No. 105, Session 2019, A Resolution approving the conditional use application filed by York Building Products for demolition and construction of asphalt at Roosevelt Ave., was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 105 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0. (Note: A public hearing was held this evening at 6PM to receive public testimony on said application. See minutes above under “Public Hearing” for more information.)
9. Resolution No. **106** - A Resolution
 Appointing members to various boards. (C. Steele to Downtown Inc | M. Burgos to Planning)([View](#))
 Introduced by: Sandie Walker
 Originator: Mayor
- Resolution No. 106, Session 2019, A Resolution approving the appointment of Cindy Steele to the York Business Improvement District Authority (YBIDA aka Downtown Inc) to fill the unexpired term of Patti Stirk which term shall expire January 1, 2023, and reappointment of Maribel Burgos to the York City Planning Commission which term shall expire January 1, 2024, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Buckingham, Resolution No. 106 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.
10. Resolution No. **107** - A Resolution
 Declaring November 18-22, 2019 as “Pennsylvania’s Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Awareness Week” and Friday, November 22, 2019 as “Red Shirt Day” in the City of York.
 Introduced by: Edquina Washington ([View](#))
 Originator: Council (Washington)
- Motion to read by short title. A motion was made by Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Washington, to read by short title only. The motion passed unanimously.
- Resolution No. 107, Session 2019, A Resolution declaring November 18-22, 2019 as “Pennsylvania’s Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Awareness Week” and Friday, November 22, 2019 as “Red Shirt Day” in the City of York, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and

on motion of Washington, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 107 PASSED by the following vote:
Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

11. Resolution No. 108 - A Resolution
Amending the 2019 Annual Action Plan. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy R. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS)

Resolution No. 108, Session 2019, A Resolution amending the 2019 Annual Action Plan to reflect changes resulting in actual funding amounts for CDBG/HOME, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 108 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

12. Resolution No. 109 - A Resolution
Authorizing an agreement with the PA Dept. of Health. (For lead hazard services - Grant Amendment #1, SAP#: 4100077835) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Resolution No. 109, Session 2019, A Resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with the PA Department of Health for lead hazard services to extend the terms of the agreement to June 30, 2020 and authorize an additional \$59,600 in lead hazard control funds be included in the amendment, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 109 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

XII. Requests for Future Meetings: None

XIII. Council Comment: None

XIV. Administration Comment

Mayor Helfrich announced a homeless awareness walk on November 22, 2019 within the Market Street corridor starting at the intersection of S. Penn and W. Market to N. Queen and E. Market Streets, starting at 7:30 p.m. Volunteers will set up a station at the intersection of S. Pershing and W. Market Streets to serve warm beverages and distribute information about free Thanksgiving dinners being served within the city. He said we are asking for volunteers, sponsorships, and items to be donated for distribution. If you are able to assist, please contact us at [\(717\) 814-9477](tel:7178149477) or you may drop-off items on November 18, 2019 at Championship Community Center, located at 459 W. King Street from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

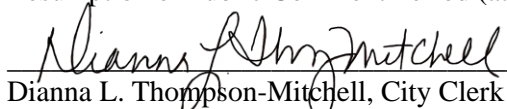
Councilwoman Ritter-Dickson asked about all the clothing that was hung under the bandshell at Farquhar Park.

Mayor Helfrich said that was an undertaking by Anne House and others who participated in collecting clothes for the homeless.

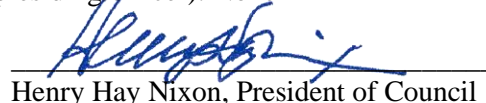
Vice President Walker added that Coats of Friendship was also involved with the clothing drive. For more information, please visit: <https://coatsoffriendship.wixsite.com/website>.

- XV. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers. There being no further business, the November 19, 2019 meeting of Council adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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



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