

Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania

Henry Hay Nixon, President of Council
Sandie Walker, Vice President of Council
Judy A. Ritter-Dickson, Member of Council
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MINUTES January 6, 2020 6:00 p.m.

I. Swearing-in of officers: 6:00 p.m.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTIONS

The following Certificates of Election were verified and are on file at the York County Bureau of Elections:

1. Sandie Walker to the Office of York City Council for a term of four years beginning the first Monday of January 2020.
2. Edquina Washington to the Office of York City Council for a term of four years beginning the first Monday of January 2020.
3. Lou Rivera to the Office of York City Council for a term of four years beginning the first Monday of January 2020.
4. Joe Jefcoat to the Office of York City Treasurer for a term of four years beginning the first Monday of January 2020.
5. AliceAnne D. Frost to the Office of York City Controller for a term of four years beginning the first Monday of January 2020

City Clerk Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell administered the oath of office to Councilman Lou Rivera and Councilwoman Edquina Washington. (Note: City Treasurer Joe Jefcoat and City Controller AliceAnne D. Frost were sworn in by the City Clerk in the City Clerk's office on January 6, 2020. Councilwoman Sandie Walker was sworn in by the City Clerk in the City Clerk's office on January 13, 2020.)

CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Nixon called the January 6, 2020 reorganization meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. in Council Chambers, 101 S. George St., York, PA, with the following members present: Lou Rivera, Edquina Washington, Judy A. Ritter-Dickson, and Henry Hay Nixon, President, with Councilman Nixon presiding.

Members of the Administration in attendance included: Michael Ray Helfrich, Mayor; Philip Given, Acting Director of Economic & Community Development; Tom Ray, Business Administrator; Chad Deardorff, Fire Chief; Joe Jefcoat, Treasurer; and Jason Sabol, Assistant Solicitor.

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

II. Public Comment

Jeff Kirkland, resident, congratulated newly elected officers. He then said we have talked about the city's finances and economic development and how we have a lot more work to do to make York City a better place to live, work and play. He said we need leadership that will put the citizens of York first.

Edwin Day, resident, spoke about drug activity on E. Prospect St. He said not enough is being done to rid his neighborhood of crime and drug activity. He said let's get this city back on track.

Bob Mann, Dover, PA, discussed Lillie Belle Allen and Henry Schaad who lost their lives during the 1969 riots in York City. He said he would like to see permanent markers placed in their memory. He then presented a check to the city in the amount of \$500 to use toward this initiative. (Note: The City Clerk sent the check and Mr. Mann's proposal to Finance Director Cherie Alwine.)

Deloris Abreu presented proclamations from State Rep. Carol Hill-Evans congratulating Lou Rivera, Edquina Washington and Sandie Walker on their elections to Council.

Charles Kress, resident, said residents should not be afraid to share their concerns about the city on social media. He said he posted comments on Facebook about illegal dumping near his property and the issue was resolved.

There being no further comment, the public comment session adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

- III. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:17 p.m.
- VI. Roll Call
- V. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- VI. Moment of Silence observed.
- VII. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [December 17, 2019](#). Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes and unanimously approved them as written.
- VIII. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements
- IX. Meeting(s) Scheduled:
 - Council Committee Meeting: Scheduled for **Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on January 22nd.
- X. Status of Prior Committee Referrals: No reports.
- XI. Legislative Agenda: (Order of Business – Action on Subdivision/Land Development & HARB Resolutions; Final Passage of Bills/Resolutions; New Business.)

Reorganization

1. Resolution No. 1 _____ - A Resolution
Adopting the Rules of Council. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 1, Session 2020, A Resolution adopting the Rules of Council, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 1 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

2. Resolution No. 2 _____ - A Resolution
Appointing a Council President. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 2, Session 2020, A Resolution electing the President of Council, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson and came up for discussion.

Councilwoman Ritter-Dickson nominated Henry Nixon as President of Council. The nomination was seconded by Washington.

Councilman Rivera nominated Sandie Walker as President of Council. The nomination did not receive a second and therefore the nomination failed.

There being no further discussion, the nomination to appoint Henry Nixon as Council President PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Nixon – 3; Nays – Rivera – 1.

3. Resolution No. 3 - A Resolution
Appointing a Council Vice President. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 3, Session 2020, A Resolution electing a Council Vice President, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson and came up for discussion.

Councilwoman Ritter-Dickson nominated Sandie Walker as Vice President of Council, which was seconded by Washington.

There being no further nominations, the nomination of Sandie Walker as Vice President of Council PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Nixon – 3; Nays – Rivera – 1.

Note: Councilman Rivera originally abstained his vote because he said he wanted Councilwoman Walker to be the President of Council. Assistant Solicitor Sabol said that was not a qualifying reason to abstain and he explained instances that did qualify. Councilman Rivera then changed his abstention to a “no” vote stating that he wanted Councilwoman Walker to be President, not Vice President.)

4. Resolution No. 4 - A Resolution
Establishing Council’s seating order. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 4, Session 2020, A Resolution establishing Council’s seating order around the Council table, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 4 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

5. Resolution No. 5 - A Resolution
Establishing Council’s voting order. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Henry Hay Nixon
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 5, Session 2020, A Resolution establishing Council’s voting order, was introduced by Nixon, read at length, and on motion of Nixon, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 5 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

6. Resolution No. 6 - A Resolution
Establishing Council’s committee assignments. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Henry Hay Nixon
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 6, Session 2020, A Resolution establishing Council’s committee assignments, was introduced by Nixon, read at length, and on motion of Nixon, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 6 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

7. Resolution No. 7 - A Resolution
 Establishing the Treasurer's Bond. ([View](#))
 Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
 Originator: Council
- Resolution No. 7, Session 2020, A Resolution setting the Treasurer's bond at \$6 million was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 7 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.
8. Resolution No. 8 - A Resolution
 Establishing the Controller's Bond. ([View](#))
 Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
- Resolution No. 8, Session 2020, A Resolution setting the Controller's bond at \$10,000 was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 8 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.
9. Resolution No. 9 - A Resolution
 Authorizing an agreement with McKee Risk Management Services. (For stop liability insurance) ([View](#))
 Introduced by: Edquina Washington
 Originator: Business Administrator
- Resolution No. 9, Session 2020, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with McKee Risk Management Services for liability insurance for general liability, public officials' liability, automobile liability, law enforcement liability, property liability, boiler and machinery liability, and flood insurance liability for year 2020, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 9 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.
10. Resolution No. 10 - A Resolution
 Authorizing an agreement with AIG. (For cyber insurance) ([View](#))
 Introduced by: Edquina Washington
 Originator: Business Administration
- Resolution No. 10, Session 2020, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with AIG for cyber insurance for year 2020, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 10 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.
11. Resolution No. 11 - A Resolution
 Authorizing an agreement with Travelers. (For crime insurance) ([View](#))
 Introduced by: Edquina Washington
 Originator: Business Administration
- Resolution No. 11, Session 2020, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Travelers for crime insurance for year 2020, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 11 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.
12. Resolution No. 12 - A Resolution
 Appointing/Reappointing members to various boards & authorities. ([View](#))
 Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
 Originator: Council

Resolution No. 12, Session 2020, A Resolution reappointing Dennis Kunkle as a member of the Historical Architectural Review Board, which term shall expire the first Monday of January 2025; Reappointing R. Franklin Williams as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board, which term shall expire January 1, 2025; Appointing H. Michael Buckingham as a member of the York City Sewer Authority Board, which term shall expire January 1, 2025; and Reappointing Eric Kirkland as a member of the York City General Authority, which term shall expire January 1, 2025, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 12 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

13. Resolution No. 13 - A Resolution Authorizing a budget transfer for the Dept. of Fire/Rescue Services. (\$38,188) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Fire/Rescue

Resolution No. 13, Session 2020, A Resolution authorizing a 2019 budget transfer for the Department of Fire/Rescue Services in the amount of \$38,188 (\$10,600.00 to cover Vehicle Repair Services, \$1,188.00 to cover Training expenditures and \$26,400.00 to cover Clothing/Shoes/Uniforms/Equipment expenditures), was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 13 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

14. Resolution No. 14 - A Resolution Approving the 2020 Tax & Revenue Anticipation Note. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Stock & Leader

A motion was made by Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Washington, to read Resolution No. 14 by short title only. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 14, Session 2020, A Resolution authorizing a borrowing in anticipation of current taxes and revenues by the issuance of a \$7,500,000 aggregate principal amount Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note, Series of 2020, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read by short title, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 14 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

XII. Requests for Future Meetings: None


XIII. Council Comment: None

XIV. Administration Comment

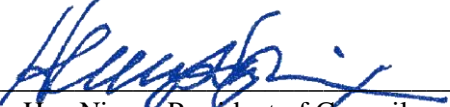
Mayor Helfrich congratulated Council members Rivera, Washington and Walker on their election to City Council.

XV. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers. There being no further business, the January 6, 2020 reorganization meeting of Council adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

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



Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk



Henry Hay Nixon, President of Council