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MINUTES March 3, 2020 6:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: President Nixon called the March 3, 2020 public comment session to order at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 101 S. George St., York, PA, with the following members present: Lou Rivera, 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, Director of Business Administration; 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.

Marie Rohleder, resident, asked what is happening with Keep York Beautiful. She said she visited the website and there is no information. She then spoke about the curbs being hard to maneuver with her walker and said they should have weather pads on them and better accessibility.

Jerry King, resident, asked if the city is ready for the new laws regulating recovery houses. He said the new regulations are to go in effect June 2020. He said over the years there have been overdoses in the recovery houses on his block with the most recent overdose resulting in death just a week ago. He said there are 3 recovery houses on his block. He said this brings his property value way down.

George Rhine, resident, urged residents to attend Council meetings. He said he read minutes from last year where the appointment of the current Acting Director of Economic & Community Development was pulled from the agenda. He asked if residency was a factor. He then spoke about the amnesty program and how much will we still be in debt as a result of the amnesty. He then asked what will happen with the small number of employees still required to move into the city.

Ryan Supler, resident, announced the Penn Market Community Day will be held at 380 W. Market St. on Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 4-8 p.m. He invited residents to attend.

There being no further comment, President Nixon adjourned public comment at 6:10 p.m. and immediately convened in legislative session.

II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order: 6:10 p.m.

III. Roll Call

IV. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

V. Moment of Silence observed.

VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of February 18, 2020 (Legislative) & February 26, 2020 (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 Legislative Meeting:** The next legislative meeting of City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.
- **Council Committee Meeting:** Scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on March 18th.

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: None

Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions

1. **Final Passage of Bill No. 4, Ordinance No. 4** – A Bill Amending the 2020 Budget. (Lead Hazard Control Program grant funding - \$44,399.82) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Final Passage of Bill No. 4, Ordinance No. 4, Session 2020, A Bill amending the 2020 Budget in the amount of \$44,399.82 for the Lead Hazard Control Program, which was introduced by Ritter-Dickson at the February 18th meeting and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Rivera, Bill No. 4, Ordinance No. 4, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

New Business

2. **Introduction of Bill No. 5** – A Bill Amending the 2020 Budget. (Prescription Drug Monitoring/Substance Abuse Prevention Program - \$60,453.02) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Introduction of Bill No. 5, Session 2020, A Bill amending the 2020 Budget in the amount of \$60,453.02 for the Prescription Drug Monitoring/Substance Abuse Prevention Program, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read by short title, and deferred to the March 17th meeting of Council.

3. **Introduction of Bill No. 6** - A Bill Amending Article 951 “Municipal Solid Waste Management Act” of the Codified Ordinances. (To update and add language to further clarify definitions) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works

Introduction of Bill No. 6, Session 2020, A Bill amending Article 951 “Municipal Solid Waste Management Act” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of York, Pennsylvania, to update and add language to further clarify definitions, acceptable materials for collection, standards for storage of municipal solid waste, and requirements for properties who are eligible to use private collection instead of

the City's curbside collections; to add the ban of specified electronics from the waste stream, and to add an open burn ban of solid waste, leaf and yard waste and recyclables as required by the Department of Environmental Services in order to be eligible for grant funding under Act 101, was introduced by Walker, read by short title, and deferred to the March 17th meeting of Council.

4. Introduction of **Bill No. 7** - A Bill Amending Article 952 "Waste Minimization and Recycling" of the Codified Ordinances. (To update and add language to further clarify definitions) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works

Introduction of Bill No. 7, Session 2020, A Bill amending Article 952 "Waste Minimization and Recycling" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of York, Pennsylvania, to update and add language to further clarify definitions, to add number of attendees for "community events" as provided by the Department of Environmental Resources and to add an open burn ban of solid waste, leaf and yard waste and recyclables as required by the Department of Environmental Services in order to be eligible for grant funding under Act 101, was introduced by Walker, read by short title, and deferred to the March 17th meeting of Council.

5. Resolution No. **27** - A Resolution Authorizing a budget transfer for a contract with the York County Planning Commission. (\$64,700) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS)

Resolution No. 27, Session 2020, A Resolution authorizing a budget transfer in the amount of \$64,700 to cover changes in the contractual agreement with the York County Planning Commission, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 27 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

6. Resolution No. **28** - A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the PA Dept. of Health (\$560,823 for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Resolution No. 28, Session 2020, A Resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the PA Department of Health in the amount of \$560,823 to implement substance abuse and overdose prevention initiatives in the City of York for the period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2022, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 28 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

7. Resolution No. **29** - A Resolution Authorizing a budget transfer. (\$50K for the Poorhouse Run Project) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 29, Session 2020, A Resolution authorizing a budget transfer in the 2019 budget in the amount of \$50,000 to cover engineering costs for the Poorhouse Run Project, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 29 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

8. Resolution No. 30 - A Resolution

Authorizing the sale of 28 surplus vehicles. ([View](#))

Introduced by: Sandie Walker

Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 30, Session 2020, A Resolution authorizing the sale of 28 surplus vehicles which are no longer in service and all of which have been replaced with newer vehicles, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 30 came up for discussion.

City Clerk Dianna Thompson read a statement for Public Works Director Chaz Green that, “The City of York Public Works Department was able to look through our records and found that the city has benefitted financially by auctioning our surplus vehicles. The 28 vehicles noted in the resolution will be available for purchase on April 16th at the Manheim Auto Auction, 1190 Lancaster Rd, Manheim, PA 17545.

George Rhine, resident, suggested selling these vehicles to city residents instead of auctioning them off at the Manheim Auto Auction.

Vice President Walker said she will check with Public Works Director Chaz Green on the feasibility of having these vehicles available for purchase by city residents.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 30 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

9. Resolution No. 31 - A Resolution

Authorizing an agreement with OpenGov for budget software. ([View](#))

Introduced by: Sandie Walker

Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 31, Session 2020, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with OpenGov for budget based accounting software, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 31 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

XI. Requests for Future Meetings: None


XII. Council Comment

XIII. Administration Comment

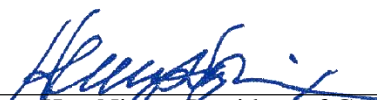
Mayor Helfrich announced several events happening around the city. He then reminded residents that applications for the Amnesty Program are available the entire month of March. For information or questions about the program, email amnesty@yorkcity.org or call (717) 849-5223 or visit: <https://www.yorkcity.org/sewer-refuse-amnesty-program/>.

XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers. There being no further business, the March 3, 2020 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

XV. 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