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MINUTES March 17, 2020 6:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: President Nixon called the March 17, 2020 meeting 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, Sandie Walker, Vice President, and Henry Hay Nixon, President, with President Nixon presiding.

Members of the Administration in attendance included: Michael Helfrich, Mayor; Philip Given, Acting Director of Economic & Community Development; Dr. Matthew Howie, Bureau of Health; Barb Kovacs, Director of the Bureau of Health; Mike Pritchard, City Planner; 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 p.m. - **CANCELED**

Purpose

To receive public testimony concerning the application filed with the PA Liquor Control Board by Hamir's Indian Fusion Restaurant for an economic development liquor license for the purpose of serving alcoholic beverages at 24 S. George St., York, PA.

II. Public Comment – **CANCELED** (General public comment is canceled, however, public comment on agenda items only will be accepted during the legislative session prior to Council's action.)

III. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

IV. Roll Call

V. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

VI. Moment of Silence observed.

VII. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [March 3, 2020 Legislative Meeting](#). 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 **Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on March 19th. – **CANCELED**

- **Council Legislative Sessions** – If emergency matters needing Council action is required, Council will convene its April 7th legislative meeting or call a special meeting to act on said legislation, which will be publicized in accordance with the law. Otherwise, Council meetings are canceled until the emergency declaration is lifted.

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.)

MOTION FOR CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Nixon, seconded by Walker to consider agenda items 1-6 and 9-10 as a consent agenda. The motion to consider said items as a consent agenda PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Nixon, seconded by Walker, to approve agenda items 1-6 and 9-10. The motion to approved PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

Subdivision / Land Development / HARB

1. Resolution No. 32 - A Resolution
Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: HARB

No discussion. Approved by consent agenda: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.
Note: The incorrect application was voted on and therefore Council will vote on the correct application (201 W. Springettsbury Ave.) at its 4/21/20 meeting.

2. Resolution No. 33 - A Resolution
Approving the final subdivision plan submitted by Site Design Concepts. (On behalf of George St. Condominium Assoc., and 252 N. George St. Assoc., for 228-232 N. George St., 250 N. George St., and 252 N. George St.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (PP&Z)

No discussion. Approved by consent agenda: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

3. Resolution No. 34 - A Resolution
Approving the land development plan submitted by Derck and Edson. (On behalf of York College for development of new student housing in the 200 block of W. Springettsbury Ave.)([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (PP&Z)

No discussion. Approved by consent agenda: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions

4. Final Passage 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)

No discussion. Approved by consent agenda: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

5. Final Passage 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

No discussion. Approved by consent agenda: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

6. Final Passage 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

No discussion. Approved by consent agenda: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

New Business

7. Introduction of **Bill No. 8 - PULLED** (Will be introduced at a later date) _____ - A Bill Amending Article 507 “Booting” of the Codified Ordinances. (To establish regulations for booting on public and private property.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Henry Nixon
Originator: Council (Nixon)

8. Resolution No. **35 - PULLED** (Will be considered at a later date) _____ - A Resolution Approving an economic development liquor license for Hamir’s Indian Fusion Restaurant. (For service of alcoholic beverages at 24 S. George St., York, PA) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Council

9. Resolution No. **36** _____ - A Resolution Authorizing submission of the 2019 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report to HUD.
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson ([View](#))
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS)

No discussion. Approved by consent agenda: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

- Resolution No. **37** _____ - A Resolution Authorizing a Parking Facilities Management and Administrative Services Agreement with the York City General Authority. (To manage public parking operations within the city) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: General Authority

No discussion. Approved by consent agenda: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

10. Resolution No. **38** _____ - A Resolution Authorizing submission of a proposal for funds with the Dept. of Homeland Security. (\$237,720.91 – Assistance for Firefighters Grant – AFG) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Finance | Fire/Rescue

No discussion. Approved by consent agenda: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

March 17, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Motion to waive Rule 215: A motion was made by Nixon, seconded by Walker, to waive the provisions of Resolution No. 215 of Session 1969 to permit consideration of a Resolution Declaring a Disaster Emergency (COVID-19). The motion was approved by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

11. Resolution No. 39 - A Resolution Approving an Emergency Declaration (COVID-19). ([View](#))
Introduced by: Henry Hay Nixon
Originator: Council | Mayor

Resolution No. 39, Session 2020, A Resolution approving a DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY (COVID-19), was introduced by Nixon, read at length, and on motion of Nixon, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 39 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

XII. Requests for Future Meetings: None

XIII. Council Comment: None

XIV. Administration Comment: (Note: Mayor Helfrich, Dr. Matthew Howie, and Health Director Barb Kovacs gave a report on the COVID-19 coronavirus after President Nixon adjourned the meeting.)

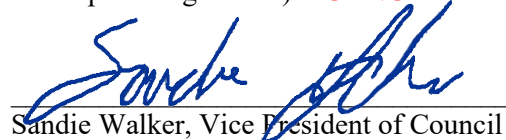
XV. Adjournment

City Council's office will be closed until the Declaration of Disaster Emergency COVID-19 is lifted (projected to be lifted April 17th). Therefore, the next meeting of City Council is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

There being no further business, the March 17, 2020 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

XVI. Resumption of Public Comment Period (at the discretion of the presiding officer) – **CANCELED**


Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk


Sandie Walker, Vice President of Council