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MINUTES April 21, 2020 6:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Walker called the April 21, 2020 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members teleconferencing in: Edquina Washington, Judy A. Ritter-Dickson, and Sandie Walker, Vice President. Councilman Lou Rivera was present in Council Chambers. Vice President Walker presided over the meeting.

Members of the Administration in attendance included: Michael Helfrich, Mayor; Chaz Green, Director of Public Works; Tom Ray, Business Administrator; and Jason Sabol, Assistant Solicitor.

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

- I. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Action on previous meeting Minutes of March 17, 2020: Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes and unanimously approved them as written.
- IV. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements: None
 - Council to begin virtual meetings (Click [here](#) to read Press Release)
- V. Meeting(s) Scheduled:
 - **Council Legislative Meeting:** Next legislative meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
- VI. Status of Prior Committee Referrals: No Reports
- VII. Legislative Agenda:

New Business

1. Introduction of **Bill No. 8** - A Bill
Authorizing a Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Bond, Series of 2020. (\$6,807,942.00) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Sewer Authority

Introduction of Bill No. 8, Session 2020, A Bill authorizing a Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Bond, Tenth Supplemental Lease, Series of 2020, was introduced by Walker, read by short title and deferred to the May 19th meeting of Council.

2. Introduction of **Bill No. 9** - A Bill
Amending the 2020 Budget. (\$38,960.00 for a Justice Assistance Grant) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Police

Introduction of Bill No. 9, Session 2020, A Bill amending the 2020 budget for the Police Department, in the amount of \$38,960.00 for a Justice Assistance Grant award for the enhancement of law enforcement services, was introduced by Washington, read by short title and deferred to the May 19th meeting of Council.

MOTION TO PULL AGENDA ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM #11: A motion was made by Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Washington, to pull agenda item #11, a resolution authorizing the filing of a proposal for an in-kind donation for use of Penn Market via the RDA for the Local Food Promo Program ([View](#)), because she has questions she'd liked answered about this prior to Council's consideration. The motion to pull said item from the agenda PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker – 3; Nays – Rivera – 1.

AGENDA ITEM #12: A Resolution authorizing the filing of a proposal for funds with DCNR in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the Community Recreation and Conservation Planning Grant ([View](#)) was pulled from the agenda at the request of Public Works Director Chaz Green. Council approval was not required for this action.

MOTION FOR CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Rivera, to consider agenda items 3-10 and 13-14 as a consent agenda. (Agenda item #11 & #12 were pulled from the agenda). The motion to consider said items as a consent agenda PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker – 4; Nays – 0.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Rivera, to approve agenda items 3-10 and 13-14. The motion to approve PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker – 4; Nays – 0.

3. Resolution No. **40** - A Resolution
Extending the Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the City of York. (Until May 31, 2020) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: Solicitor's Office

No discussion. Approved by consent agenda by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

4. Resolution No. **41** - A Resolution
Extending the deadline for payment of 2019 Business Privilege and Mercantile Taxes. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Solicitor's Office

No discussion. Approved by consent agenda by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker – 4; Nays – 0.

5. Resolution No. **42** - A Resolution
Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: HARB

No discussion. Approved by consent agenda by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker – 4; Nays – 0.

6. Resolution No. **43** - A Resolution
Authorizing a Microsoft Enterprise Agreement. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Business Administration
- No discussion. Approved by consent agenda by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker – 4; Nays – 0.
7. Resolution No. **44** - A Resolution
Authorizing a Mazik Global Work Order and Dynamix AX-2012 Service Agreement. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Business Administration
- No discussion. Approved by consent agenda by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker – 4; Nays – 0.
8. Resolution No. **45** - A Resolution
Approving an agreement with C.S. Davidson. (For engineering services) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works
- No discussion. Approved by consent agenda by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker – 4; Nays – 0.
9. Resolution No. **46** - A Resolution
Authorizing an amendment to the agreement with SYNAGRO (For a two-year extension to the current agreement for waste transportation services) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works
- No discussion. Approved by consent agenda by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker – 4; Nays – 0.
10. Resolution No. **47** - A Resolution
Authorizing an agreement with the PA Dept. of Health. (For Tuberculosis services - \$5,752.00) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)
- No discussion. Approved by consent agenda by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker – 4; Nays – 0.
11. Resolution No. **PULLED** - A Resolution
Authorizing the filing of a proposal for an in-kind donation. (For use of Penn Market via the RDA for the Local Food Promo Program) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Redevelopment Authority
- A motion was made by Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Washington, to pull agenda item #11 from the agenda because she has questions she'd liked answered about this prior to Council's consideration. The motion to pull said item from the agenda PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker – 3; Nays – Rivera – 1.

12. Resolution No. **PULLED** - A Resolution Authorizing the filing of a proposal for funds with DCNR. (\$250,000.00 for the Community Recreation and Conservation Planning Grant) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Business Administration

Agenda item #12 was pulled from the agenda at the request of Public Works Director Chaz Green. Council approval was not required for this action.

13. Resolution No. **48** - A Resolution Authorizing the filing of a proposal for funds with the U.S. Dept of Justice. (\$100,000.00 match for the Body-Worn Camera Police and Implementation Program in the amount of \$200,000.00) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Police

No discussion. Approved by consent agenda by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker – 4; Nays – 0.

14. Resolution No. **49** - A Resolution Authorizing the filing of a proposal for funds with the Dept. of Homeland Security & FEMA. ([View](#)) (\$559,098.61 SAFER grant)\
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Fire/Rescue

No discussion. Approved by consent agenda by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker – 4; Nays – 0.

VIII. Requests for Future Meetings: None

IX. Council Comment

Councilwoman Washington invited the community—especially crime victims—to participate in the virtual meeting to be hosted by Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice on April 25th at 1pm. You may visit their website at www.cssj.org for more information.

Vice President Walker thanked essential workers and community members for following the stay-at-home order. She encouraged residents to keep up-to-date with the City of York by visiting the city's website at www.yorkcity.org and through social media. She said we get a lot more accomplished when we work together.

X. Administration Comment

Mayor Helfrich invited the community to take part in a virtual race against racism through the YWCA Facebook page on Saturday, April 25th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. He said the Governor has extended the stay-at-home order and as such, the parks remain closed, as well as the skate park. Mayor Helfrich invited residents to get out and exercise while wearing a mask and exercising social distancing. Also, the no eviction order is still in place during this emergency. Please call City Hall at (717) 849-2221 if you have been threatened with eviction. Mayor Helfrich then said we continue to have a no gathering policy so keep practicing social distancing and unless you are going to work or getting exercise or helping family members, you are asked to follow the stay-at-home order. He then thanked those who have been helping to make sure kids are getting fed during this emergency. He said if residents have questions, they may contact him or Council for help as we are all in this together. He thanked Council for their partnership in this effort and the York community for doing a great job.

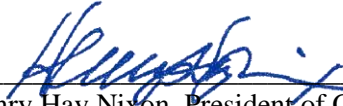
XI. Adjournment

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for May 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. As Council meetings have transitioned to a virtual format amid the COVID-19 coronavirus, City Council members will teleconference in from remote locations while

staff essential to participating in legislative sessions will meet in Council Chambers while implementing social distancing. There being no further business, the April 21, 2020 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:14 p.m.



Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk



Henry Hay Nixon, President of Council