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

CALL TO ORDER: President Nixon called the July 21, 2020 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. 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. Councilman Lou Rivera was present in Council Chambers, 101 S. George St., York, PA, with the remaining members of Council teleconferencing in from remote locations.

Members of the Administration in attendance included: Michael R. Helfrich (teleconferenced in), Mayor; Philip Given, Acting Director of Economic & Community Development; Chaz Green, Director of Public Works (teleconferenced in) Tom Ray, Business Administrator; Barb Kovacs, Director of Health; and Jason Sabol, Assistant Solicitor (teleconferenced in).

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 [June 3, 2020 \(Legislative Session\)](#) and [July 6, 2020 \(Special Session\)](#). Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes and unanimously approved them as written.
- IV. Meeting(s) Scheduled:
 - Council's Summer Recess: Council will continue to observe its summer recess following tonight's meeting. Therefore, Council's next legislative meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
- V. Status of Prior Committee Referrals: No reports.
- VI. Presentations: York County Economic Alliance – Codorus Creek Beautification Improvement Project

Danielle Stehman, Project Manager, Buchart Horn Engineering, outlined the Codorus Greenway Project and funding. She gave a history of the Codorus Creek during and after the 1933 and 1972 floods. She then outlined the beautification plans for the riverbank and public presentations to inform the community of the project. She went over Phase 1 – Concept Plan & Updates. She said the focus of the project is to give public access to the water's edge, create urban recreation, and green infrastructure. For more on the project, click [here](#) or visit <https://www.yceapa.org/strategic-development/special-initiatives/codorus-creek-beautification/>
- VII. Legislative Agenda: (Order of Business – Action on Subdivision/Land Development & HARB Resolutions; Final Passage of Bills/Resolutions; New Business.)

Motion to consider a consent agenda. President Nixon asked if there is a motion for a consent agenda for agenda items 1-6 and 10-17 (Note: Agenda item #8 & #9 are bills and must be read by short title. Agenda item #9 was pulled from the agenda). Councilman Rivera said he would like to pull agenda item #15 from the consent agenda so that it could be read in its entirety. Therefore, a motion was made by Washington, seconded by Walker, to consider agenda items 1-6, 10-14, and 16-17 as a consent agenda. The motion PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

Public comment on agenda items. President Nixon asked the City Clerk if any public comment was received on any agenda items. City Clerk Thompson said resident Vickie Washington wishes to comment on agenda item #10. See agenda item #10 for comment.

Motion to approve items on the consent agenda. Following public comment, a motion was made by Washington, seconded by Walker, to approve agenda items 1-6, 10-14, and 16-17. The motion PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

Subdivision / Land Development / HARB

1. Resolution No. **63** - A Resolution
Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 63, Session 2020, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing a certificate of appropriateness to Blair Lehman for work to be done at 53 N. Duke St., was APPROVED unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion.

2. Resolution No. **64** - A Resolution
Approving the final subdivision plan submitted by Site Design Concepts on behalf of Logos Academy. (For a new school at 243-245 W. King St.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (PP&Z)

Resolution No. 64, Session 2020, A Resolution approving the final subdivision plan submitted by Site Design Concepts on behalf of Logos Academy for a new school at 243-245 West King Street, was APPROVED unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion.

3. Resolution No. **65** - A Resolution
Approving the final land development plan submitted by Site Design Concepts on behalf of Logos Academy. (For a new school at 243-245 W. King St.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (PP&Z)

Resolution No. 65, Session 2020, A Resolution approving the final land development plan submitted by Site Design Concepts on behalf of Logos Academy for a new school at 243-245 West King Street, was APPROVED unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion.

4. Resolution No. **66** - A Resolution
Approving the final land development plan submitted by Site Design Concepts on behalf of York Building Products. (For a new asphalt plant at 1070 Roosevelt Ave.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (PP&Z)

Resolution No. 66, Session 2020, A Resolution approving the final land development plan submitted by Site Design Concepts on behalf of York Building Products for a new asphalt plant at 1070 Roosevelt Ave., was APPROVED unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion.

5. Resolution No. **67** - A Resolution
Approving the final subdivision plan submitted by C.S. Davidson on behalf of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of York. (211-213 W. Market St.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (PP&Z)

Resolution No. 67, Session 2020, A Resolution approving the final subdivision plan submitted by C.S. Davidson on behalf of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of York for the properties at 211-213 West Market St., was APPROVED unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion.

6. Resolution No. **68** - A Resolution
Approving the final subdivision plan submitted by Gordon L. Brown & Associates on behalf of Donald Davis. (1006-1012 E. Market St.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (PP&Z)

Resolution No. 68, Session 2020, A Resolution approving the final subdivision plan submitted by Gordon L. Brown & Associates on behalf of Donald Davis for the properties at 1006-1012 E. Market St., was APPROVED unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion.

Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions: NONE

New Business

7. Introduction of **Bill No. 11** - A Bill
Amending the 2020 Budget. (\$104,470 for the Lead Hazard Control Program) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Introduction of Bill No. 11, Session 2020, A Bill amending the 2020 Budget in the amount of \$104,470 for the Bureau of Health for the Lead Hazard Control Program, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read by short title, and deferred to the August 18th meeting of Council.

8. Introduction of **Bill No. 12** - A Bill
Making an appropriation not otherwise appropriated (MNOA). (\$28,800 for firefighter training in 2018.)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington ([View](#))
Originator: Fire/Rescue

Introduction of Bill No. 12, Session 2020, A Bill making an appropriation not otherwise appropriated in the amount of \$28,800 for firefighter training from 2018, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the August 18th meeting of Council.

9. Introduction of Bill No. **PULLED** - A Bill
Making an appropriation not otherwise appropriated (MNOA). (\$40,000 for Special Events – The Parliament) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works (Recreation & Parks)

PULLED. Agenda item #9 was pulled from the agenda as members of Council had several outstanding questions linked to this appropriation and contract.

10. Resolution No. **69** - A Resolution Authorizing the sale of parcels of land to the Redevelopment Authority of the County of York for the Codorus Creek Beautification Improvement Project. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Solicitor's Office

Resolution No. 69, Session 2020, A Resolution authorizing the sale of parcels of land to the Redevelopment Authority of the County of York for the Codorus Creek Beautification Improvement Project, was APPROVED unanimously by consent agenda after the following public comment:

Vickie Washington, resident, said she requests further dialogue on this project including the need for neighborhood revitalization. She stated that discussion needs to bring to the forefront the need for planning that includes economic, housing, and social benefits to the people who live in the surrounding neighborhood. She also said that [Article 136](#) of the city's ordinances (the Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program – also referred to as Act 136 or the Smallwood Act) should be incorporated into the planning process, as well as the city and county Strategic Comprehensive Plans. She stated that she is not opposed to this resolution, she just does not want to see the residents and neighborhoods surrounding this project to become an afterthought.

11. Resolution No. **70** - A Resolution Authoring an agreement with Black Bear Sports Group. (For management of the York City Ice Arena)
Introduced by: Sandie Walker ([View](#))
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 70, Session 2020, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Black Bear Sports Group for management services for the York City Ice Arena, was APPROVED unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion.

12. Resolution No. **71** - A Resolution Authorizing a 2019 Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Funding Program agreement. (\$324,466.66) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 71, Session 2020, A Resolution authorizing a 2019 Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Funding Program agreement for the Safe Routes to School Crossing Improvement Plan Project, in the amount of \$324,466.66, was APPROVED unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion.

13. Resolution No. **72** - A Resolution Authorizing a budget transfer. (\$4,000 for data processing – sewer/refuse bills) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Business Administration (Finance)

Resolution No. 72, Session 2020, A Resolution authorizing a budget transfer in the amount of \$4,000 for the Finance Dept. for data processing related to sewer & refuse bills, was APPROVED unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion.

14. Resolution No. 73 - A Resolution Authorizing agreements with the PA Dept. of Health. (Safe & Health Communities - \$238,750; Immunization - \$114,342; Emergency Preparedness - \$181,923) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Resolution No. 73, Session 2020, A Resolution authorizing agreements with the PA Department of Health to provide services for the period of July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 as follows: Safe and Healthy Communities – \$238,750; Immunization Services -\$114,342; and Emergency Preparedness - \$181,923. The resolution was APPROVED unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion.

15. Resolution No. 74 - A Resolution Supporting dialogue with the County of York on a countywide Human Relations Commission. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 74, Session 2020, A Resolution supporting dialogue with the County of York on a countywide Human Relations Commission, was introduced by Rivera, read at length, and on motion of Rivera, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 74 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

16. Resolution No. 75 - A Resolution Extending the Declaration of Disaster Emergency (COVID-19) to August 31, 2020. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 75, Session 2020, A Resolution extending the Declaration of Disaster Emergency (COVID-19 pandemic) to August 31, 2020, was APPROVED unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion.

17. Resolution No. 76 - A Resolution Approving reappointments to the York City Human Relations Commission. (J. Buckingham, M. Rhodes, K. Woerthwein) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 76, Session 2020, A Resolution approving the reappointments of Jeanne Buckingham, Mark Rhodes, and Kenneth Woerthwein to the York City Human Relation Commission to serve until July 16, 2023, was APPROVED unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion.


VIII. Requests for Future Meetings: None

IX. Council Comment: None

X. Administration Comment: None

XI. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for August 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. There being no further business, the July 21, 2020 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:32 p.m.


Dianna L. Thompson Mitchell, City Clerk


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