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

CALL TO ORDER: President Nixon called the November 17, 2020 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members teleconferencing in via remote locations: 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 R. Helfrich, Mayor; Tom Ray, Business Administrator; Chaz Green, Public Works Director; and Jason Sabol, Assistant Solicitor, with all teleconferencing in from remote locations.

Members of York City Council staff in attendance included: Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk, who also teleconferenced in from a remote location.

NOTICE: Council's meeting format has been altered due to the Declaration of Disaster Emergency issued by Governor Wolf amid the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic and the recent breach to the city's information technology department. Public Comment will only be received on agenda items. General Public Comment is suspended until further notice. Below are ways citizens may watch and participate in the Council meeting:

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I. Call Legislative Meeting to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [November 4, 2020](#). Council dispensed with the reading of the Minutes of November 4, 2020 and unanimously approved them as written.

IV. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements: None

V. Meeting(s) Scheduled:

- **Next Council Legislative Meeting:** Scheduled for **Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**
Agenda items are due by 12 noon on Wednesday, December 9th.

VI. Legislative Agenda: (Order of Business – Action on Subdivision/Land Development & HARB Resolutions; Final Passage of Bills/Resolutions; New Business.)

Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions

1. **Final Passage of Bill No. 15, Ordinance No. 15** - A Bill
Approving the 2021-2025 York Business Improvement District Authority Plan. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: York Business Improvement District Authority (YBIDA)(Downtown Inc)

Final Passage of Bill No. 15, Ordinance No. 15, Session 2020, A Bill approving the 2021-2025 York Business Improvement District Authority Plan, which was introduced by Washington at the November 4, 2020 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. There being no discussion or public comment, on motion of Washington, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Bill No. 15, Ordinance No. 15 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

2. **Final Passage of Bill No. 16, Ordinance No. 16** - A Bill
Amending the loan documents associated with the York City Sewer Authority’s Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Bond, Series of 2019. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: York City Sewer Authority

Final Passage of Bill No. 16, Ordinance No. 16, Session 2020, A Bill amending the loan documents associated with the York City Sewer Authority’s Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Bond, Series of 2019, which was introduced by Washington at the November 4, 2020 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. There being no discussion or public comment, on motion of Washington, seconded by Walker, Bill No. 16, Ordinance No. 16 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

Introduction of Bills

3. **Introduction of Bill No. 17 (Will be on the 12/15/20 agenda)** - A Bill
Increasing all fees charged by the City of York ten percent (10%) effective January 1, 2021. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Mayor

Introduction of Bill No. 17, Session 2020, A Bill increasing all fees charged by the City of York ten percent (10%) effective January 1, 2021, was introduced by Walker, read by short title and deferred to the December 15th meeting of Council.

4. **Introduction of Bill No. 18 (Will be on the 12/15/20 agenda)** - A Bill
Increasing sewer rental fees effective January 1, 2021. (Article 933.03) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Business Administration (Finance) | Mayor

Introduction of Bill No. 18, Session 2020, A Bill amending Article 933.03 of the York City Codified Ordinances to increase sewer rental fees, was introduced by Walker, read by short title and deferred to the December 15, 2020 meeting of Council.

5. Introduction of **Bill No. 19** (Will be on the 12/15/20 agenda) - A Bill
Increasing refuse fees effective January 1, 2021. (Article 951.12) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Business Administration (Finance) | Mayor

Introduction of Bill No. 19, Session 2020, A Bill amending Article 951.12 of the York City Codified Ordinances to increase refuse fees, was introduced by Walker, read by short title and deferred to the December 15, 2020 meeting of Council.

6. Introduction of **Bill No. 20** (Will be on the 12/15/20 agenda) - A Bill
Adopting the 2021 York City Budget ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Business Administration (Finance) | Mayor

Introduction of Bill No. 20, Session 2020, A Bill adopting the 2021 York City Budget, was introduced by Walker, read by short title and deferred to the December 15, 2020 meeting of Council.

7. Introduction of **Bill No. 21** (Will be on the 12/15/20 agenda) - A Bill
Adopting the 2021 Tax Rate. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Mayor

Introduction of Bill No. 21, Session 2020, A Bill adopting the 2021 tax rate, was introduced by Walker, read by short title and deferred to the December 15, 2020 meeting of Council.

Items for Consideration of Consent Agenda

Motion to consider consent agenda. President Nixon asked if there is a motion to consider agenda items 8-15 as a consent agenda.

A motion was made by Washington, seconded by Walker to consider agenda items 8-15 as a consent agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

President Nixon asked if there is any Council comment on consent agenda items? There was no comment.

President Nixon asked if there is there any administration comment on consent agenda items? There was no comment.

President Nixon asked if any public comment has been received on consent agenda items.

The City Clerk responded that one request has been received via email for public comment on agenda item #11. (Please see agenda item #11 for said comment.)

Cliff Kern of White Rose Community Television said no public comment has been received via Zoom.

Motion to approve items on consent agenda: There being further comment, a motion was made by Washington, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, to approve consent agenda items 8-15. The motion PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

8. Resolution No. **104** - A Resolution
Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))([Signed CofA](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 104, Session 2020, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in approving a certificate of appropriateness filed by Wayne Freed for work to be done at 122 S. Pine St., was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no public comment.

9. Resolution No. 105 - A Resolution Awarding a contract to Republic Services of PA, LLC. (2021-2025 refuse/recycling collection services) Introduced by: Sandie Walker ([View](#)) Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 105, Session 2020, A Resolution awarding a contract to Republic Services of PA, LLC. for 2021-2025 refuse/recycling collection services in the amount of \$2,631,366.85 annually, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no public comment.

10. Resolution No. 106 - A Resolution Accepting Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant funds. (\$1,006,526.00 – For the Heritage Trail Northern Extension Phase 4 Project) ([View](#)) Introduced by: Sandie Walker Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 106, Session 2020, A Resolution accepting Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant funds in the amount of \$1,006,526.00 for the Heritage Trail Northern Extension Phase 4 Project, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no public comment.

11. Resolution No. 107 - A Resolution Authorizing the purchase of fire apparatuses through the PA COSTARS program. (Vendor: Fireline Equipment for purchase of E-One Typhoon Stainless Steel Body Engines) ([View](#)) Introduced by: Edquina Washington Originator: Fire/Rescue

Resolution No. 107, Session 2020, A Resolution authorizing the purchase of fire apparatuses using the PA COSTARS program, through Fireline Equipment for purchase E-One Typhoon Stainless Steel Body Engines, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no public comment.

12. Resolution No. 108 - A Resolution Authorizing the purchase of a police vehicle through PA COSTARS Program. (Vendor: Apple Chevrolet, York for purchase of a 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe - \$56,894.00) ([View](#)) Introduced by: Edquina Washington Originator: Police

Resolution No. 108, Session 2020, A Resolution authorizing the purchase of a police vehicle using the PA COSTARS Program through Apple Chevrolet of York for purchase of a 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe in the amount of \$56,894.00, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no public comment.

13. Resolution No. 109 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with the PA Department of Health. (For COVID-19 response services for the period of 7/1/20-6/30/2023 - \$2,979,510.00) ([View](#)) Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Resolution No. 109, Session 2020, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with the PA Department of Health for COVID-19 response services for the period of 7/1/20-6/30/2023 in the amount \$2,979,510.00, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no public comment.

14. Resolution No. 110 – A Resolution
Appointing probationary firefighters. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Business Administration (HR) | Fire/Rescue

Resolution No. 110, Session 2020, A Resolution appointing Paul Vincent, Jr., Thomas Staab, Andrew Komar, and Jason Hunt as probationary firefighters, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no public comment.

15. Resolution No. 111 – A Resolution
Extending the Declaration of Disaster Emergency to December 31, 2020. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 111, Session 2020, A Resolution extending the declaration of disaster emergency relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with the following public comment.

Don Hake, York City, asked Council to come up with a mandate requiring everyone to wear a face mask when they are out in public as recommended by Dr. Rachel Levine, PA Secretary of Health.

VII. Requests for Future Meetings: None

VII. Council Comment


President Nixon thanked our retired firefighters for contributing toward the purchase of the new fire apparatuses approved this evening.

IX. Administration Comment

Mayor Helfrich stated that as there has been an uptick of COVID-19 cases, the City of York will be looking to completely transition to remote communications and activities. He said they are currently looking into doing the First Night York fireworks and other activities virtually. Mayor Helfrich encouraged everyone to be careful and stated that even a small gathering can put friends and loved ones at risk of contracting this deadly virus.

X. Adjournment: The next meeting of City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. There being no further business, the November 17, 2020 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:16 p.m.


Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk


Henry Hay Nixon, President of Council