

Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania

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MINUTES December 15, 2020 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: President Nixon called the December 15, 2020 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members teleconferencing in from remote locations: 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 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 17, 2020](#). Action on previous meeting Minutes of November 17, 2020. Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes and unanimously approved them as written.

IV. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements: None

V. Meeting(s) Scheduled:

- **Next Council Legislative Meeting:** Scheduled for **Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** Agenda items are due by 10am on December 30th.

VI. Status of Prior Committee Referrals: No reports.

VII. Legislative Agenda:

Items for Consideration of Consent Agenda—New Business

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

Motion to approve consent agenda. A motion made by Walker, seconded by Washington, to approve items 1-9 on the consent agenda.

President Nixon asked if there was any comment from Council. There was no comment.

President Nixon asked if there was any administration comment. There was no comment.

President Nixon asked if there was any public comment. There was no public comment.

There being no comment, agenda items 1-9 were approved by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

1. Resolution No. **112** - A Resolution
Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))([Signed CofA](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 112, Session 2020, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing a certificate of appropriateness for work to be done at 428 W. Philadelphia St. was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no public comment.

2. Resolution No. **113** - A Resolution
Authorizing a budget transfer. (\$88,000 Liquid Fuels) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works (Highway)

Resolution No. 113, Session 2020, A Resolution approving a budget transfer in the amount of \$88,000 in liquid fuels funds was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no public comment.

3. Resolution No. **114** - A Resolution
Authorizing a railroad reimbursement agreement with York Railway Company. (For a pedestrian/bike trail) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 114, Session 2020, A Resolution authorizing a reimbursement agreement with York Railway Company for a pedestrian/bike trail, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no public comment.

4. Resolution No. 115 - A Resolution Authorizing a railroad reimbursement agreement with York Railway Company. (For NWT-Rail Trail) Introduced by: Sandie Walker ([View](#))
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 115, Session 2020, A Resolution authorizing a railroad reimbursement agreement with York Railway Company for the Northwest Triangle Rail Trail, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no public comment.

5. Resolution No. 116 - A Resolution Approving the appointments/re-appointments of various board members. (K. Lentz, S. Jenkins, R. Artis) Introduced by: Sandie Walker ([View](#))([S. Jenkins Oath](#))
Originator: Council | Mayor

Resolution No. 116, Session 2020, A Resolution approving the appointment of Kimberly Lentz as a member of the York City General Authority to serve until January 1, 2022; Appointment of Sena Jenkins as a member of the York City Zoning Hearing Board to serve until January 1, 2026; and Reappointment of Roderick Artis as a member of the York City Sewer Authority Board to serve until January 1, 2026, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no public comment.

6. Resolution No. 117 - A Resolution Approving the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation(s). (MMO pension contributions for Fire, Police and O&E) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 117, Session 2020, A Resolution establishing the pension contributions for the Fire-fighter's Pension Fund (\$4,047,178); Police Pension Fund (4,326,352); and Officers and Employees Retirement Fund (\$1,707,450), was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no public comment.

7. Resolution No. 118 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with Midwest Casualty. (For 2021 stop-loss insurance – liability) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution NO. 118, Session 2020, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Midwest Casualty for 2021 stop-loss insurance (liability) was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no public comment.

8. Resolution No. 119 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with Pareto Underwriting Partners. (For 2021 stop-loss insurance – health) Introduced by: Sandie Walker ([View](#))
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 119, Session 2020, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Pareto Underwriting Partners for 2021 stop-loss insurance (health) was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no public comment.

9. Resolution No. 120 - A Resolution Approving the 2021 meeting schedule of Council. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 120, Session 2020, A Resolution approving the 2021 meeting schedule of Council was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no public comment.

10. Resolution No. **121** – A Resolution
Extending the Declaration of Disaster Emergency to 1/31/2021. (COVID-19) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 121, Session 2020, A Resolution extending the Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the City of York to January 31, 2021, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no public comment.

Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions

Meeting continuation. Vice President Walker said Council just received the proposed amendments to the 2021 Budget and Tax ordinances which includes the projected sale of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and as such, she would like more time to review the amendments. Therefore, a motion was made by Walker, seconded by Washington, to continue tonight's meeting to December 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The motion to continue tonight's meeting to December 22nd passed by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

11. Introduction of **Bill No. 17 (PULLED)** - 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

Bill No. 17 was pulled from the agenda at the request of the administration. (Note: Bill No. 17 was introduced prior to the pending sale of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. As a result of said pending sale and projected revenue from the sale, the Administration pulled this agenda item.)

12. Introduction of **Bill No. 18 (Deferred to the 12/22/20 mtg - Amended)** - A Bill
Increasing sewer rental fees effective January 1, 2021. (Article 933.03) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Business Administration (Finance) | Mayor

13. Introduction of **Bill No. 19 (PULLED)** - A Bill
Increasing refuse fees effective January 1, 2021. (Article 951.12) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Business Administration (Finance) | Mayor

Bill No. 19 was pulled from the agenda at the request of the administration. (Note: Bill No. 19 was introduced prior to the pending sale of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. As a result of said pending sale and projected revenue from the sale, the Administration pulled this agenda item.)

14. Introduction of **Bill No. 20 (Deferred to the 12/22/20 mtg - Amended)** - A Bill
Adopting the 2021 York City Budget ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Business Administration (Finance) | Mayor

15. Introduction of **Bill No. 21 (Deferred to the 12/22/20 mtg - Amended)** - A Bill
Adopting the 2021 Tax Rate. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Mayor

VIII. Requests for Future Meetings: None

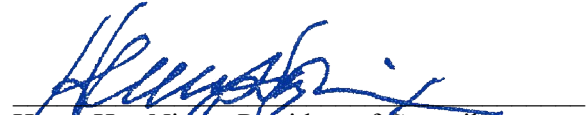
IX. Council Comment: None

X. Administration Comment: None

XI. Recess: There being no further discussion, the December 15, 2020 Council meeting was continued to December 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.



Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk



Henry Hay Nixon, President of Council