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## MINUTES

# January 20, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Continued from January 19, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Nixon reconvened the January 19, 2021 meeting on January 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members teleconferencing in from remote locations: Lou Rivera, Sandie Walker, Vice President, and Henry Hay Nixon, President, with President Nixon presiding. (Tonight's meeting was continued from January 19, 2021 as there was no quorum.)

**Members of the Administration in attendance included:** Michael Helfrich, Mayor; Chaz Green, Director of Public Works; Tom Ray, Business Administrator; Philip Given, Chief of Staff; Dan Hevner, Deputy Business Administrator; 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.

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- I. Call Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [January 5, 2021](#).
- IV. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements
- V. Meeting(s) Scheduled:
  - **Next Council Legislative Meeting:** Scheduled for **Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**  
Agenda items are due by 12 noon on January 27<sup>th</sup>.
- VI. Legislative Agenda: (Order of Business – Action on Subdivision/Land Development & HARB Resolutions; Final Passage of Bills/Resolutions; New Business.)

**Subdivision / Land Development / HARB**

- 1. Resolution No. 4 - A Resolution Denying a certificate of appropriateness. (243 E. Market St.) ([View](#))([CofA](#))  
Introduced by: Sandie Walker  
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 4, Session 2021, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in denying a certificate of appropriateness for work to be covered in the application filed by Jianjun Lan and Warren Haynie for work to be done at 243 E. Market St., was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 4 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Walker, Nixon – 3; Nays – 0.

- 2. Resolution No. 5 - A Resolution Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))([CofA's](#))  
Introduced by: Sandie Walker  
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 5, Session 2021, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in approving a certificate of appropriateness for work to be covered in the applications filed by Rexann Richards for work to be done at 320 E Market St., and Ingres Morel for work to be done at 256 E. Gas Ave., was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 4 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Walker, Nixon – 3; Nays – 0.

**Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions**

- 3. Final Passage of Bill No. 1, Ordinance No. 1 - A Bill Amending the 2019 CDBG-CV (COVID19) Program Budget. (To reflect changes resulting from reallocating funding amounts in the 2020 budget) ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Sandie Walker  
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS)

Final Passage of Bill No. 1, Ordinance No. 1, Session 2021, A Bill Amending the 2019 CDBG-CV (COVID19) Program Budget to reflect changes resulting from reallocating funding amounts in the 2020 budget, which was introduced by Walker at the January 5, 2021 meeting and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Walker, seconded by Rivera, Bill No. 1, Ordinance No. 1, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Walker, Nixon – 3; Nays – 0.

4. Final Passage of Resolution No. 2 - A Resolution Amending fees for the Treasurer's Office. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Sandie Walker  
Originator: Treasurer

Final Passage of Resolution No. 2, Session 2021, A Resolution amending fees for the Treasurer's office effective February 27, 2021, which was introduced by Walker at the January 5, 2021 meeting of Council and read at length, came up for final passage. On motion of Walker, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 2 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Walker, Nixon – 3; Nays – 0.

### New Business

5. Introduction of Bill No. 2 - A Bill Amending the 2021 York City Budget. (Health Bureau-Immunization SAF1, 2 & 3 - \$300,000.00)([View](#))  
Introduced by: Sandie Walker  
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Introduction of Bill No. 2, Session 2021, A Bill amending the 2021 York City Budget for the Health Bureau-Immunization SAF1, 2 & 3 grants in the amount of \$300,000.00, was introduced by Walker, read by short title, and deferred to the February 2, 2021 meeting of Council.

6. Introduction of Bill No. 3 - A Bill Amending the 2021 York City Budget. (ELC grant-Enhanced Detection - \$1,814,054.00) ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Sandie Walker  
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Introduction of Bill No. 3, Session 2021, A Bill amending the 2021 York City Budget for an ELC - Enhanced Detection grant in the amount of \$1,814,054.00, was introduced by Walker, read by short title, and deferred to the February 2, 2021 meeting of Council.

7. Introduction of Bill No. 4 - A Bill Amending the 2020 York City Budget. (\$25,342.00 for Vehicle Repair Service) ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Sandie Walker  
Originator: Fire/Rescue

Introduction of Bill No. 4, Session 2021, A Bill amending the 2020 York City Budget in the amount of \$25,342.00 for Vehicle Repair Service, was introduced by Walker, read by short title, and deferred to the February 2, 2021 meeting of Council.

### Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Rivera to consider agenda items 8-13 as a consent agenda. The motion to consider said items as a consent agenda PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Walker, Nixon – 3; Nays – 0.

President Nixon asked if there is any public comment on agenda items 8-13. The following public comment was received:

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Franklin Williams, resident, said he urges Council to approve the sale of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (Agenda item #13) because it is the least horrible of the horrible options. He said he is concerned, however, that state law allows privately owned utilities to recoup the monies used to acquire public property over a period of 10 years. If that is correct, he said he would like to hear it confirmed.

Assistant Solicitor Sabol responded Pennsylvania American Water Company's proposal includes a three-year rate freeze for all direct-service customers. This means the company would adopt the rates currently

paid by customers in the City of York, and those rates would not change for at least three years. After three years, Pennsylvania American Water Company may propose rate increases, but any rate increases would be effective only upon review and approval by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC).

Tim James, York Area Regional Sewer Authority (YARSA), said they are disheartened that they received no communications from the city about the sale of the plant.

President Nixon said he is disheartened that the YARSA did not take advantage of the bidding process.

There being no further discussion and no further public comment, a motion was made by Walker, seconded by Rivera to approve agenda items 8-13. The motion to approved PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Walker, Nixon – 3; Nays – 0.

8. Resolution No. 6 - A Resolution Approving the 2021 Tax & Revenue Anticipation Note. (TRAN) ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Sandie Walker  
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 6, Session 2021, A Resolution approving the 2021 Tax & Revenue Anticipation Note, Series of 2021, in the amount of \$10,000,000, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion or public comment.

9. Resolution No. 7 - A Resolution Approving substantial amendments to the 2019 Annual Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan (For the CDBG program) ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Sandie Walker  
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS)

Resolution No. 7, Session 2021, A Resolution approving substantial amendments to the 2019 Annual Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan relating to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) for the CDBG program, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion or public comment.

10. Resolution No. 8 - A Resolution Appointing probationary police officers. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Sandie Walker  
Originator: Police | HR

Resolution No. 8, Session 2021, A Resolution approving the appointment of the following as probationary police officers: Michael Goshen, Mark Hummel, Ryan Maxwell, Mitchell Deutsch, Giovanni McBride, Cameron Flinn, and Gilbert Diaz, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion or public comment.

11. Resolution No. 9 - A Resolution Approving the request for grant funds from DCED. (\$47,500 for PA Economy League services) ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Sandie Walker  
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 9, Session 2021, A Resolution approving the request for grant funds from DCED in the amount of \$47,500 for PA Economy League services related to sale of the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion or public comment.

12. Resolution No. 10 - A Resolution Extending the declaration of disaster emergency. (To February 28, 2021) ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Sandie Walker  
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 10, Session 2021, A Resolution extending the declaration of disaster emergency to February 28, 2021, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion or public comment.

13. Resolution No. 11 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with PA American Water Company. (For purchase of the WWTP) ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Sandie Walker  
Originator: Mayor | Business Administration

Resolution No. 11, Session 2021, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with PA American Water Company for purchase of the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant for \$235,000,000, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with public comment received as noted above under "Consent Agenda."

VII. Requests for Future Meetings: None

VIII. Council Comment: None

IX. Administration Comment: None

X. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. There being no further business, the January 20, 2021 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

  
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