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MINUTES February 2, 2021 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: President Nixon called the February 2, 2021 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members teleconferencing in from 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 Helfrich, Mayor; Tom Ray, Business Administrator; Chad Deardorff, Fire Chief; Philip Given, Chief of Staff; Dan Hevner, Deputy Business Administrator; Barb Kovacs, Director of Health, 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 [January 20, 2021](#) (continued from 1/19/21 – no quorum). Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes and unanimously approved them as written.

IV. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements:

Council President Nixon Statement:

The following is notice of a conflict regarding an organization applying for HUD funding which is required to be publicly disclosed.

Please be advised that The PROGRAM, It's About Change, a non-profit organization, has made a request for HUD Community Development Block Grant funding through the City of York for the purpose of providing case management and operational support in conjunction with its effort to provide rental assistance, relocation, and housing stability services to former inmates. HUD Emergency Solutions Grants Program funding for the underlying program itself has already been approved by the County of York.

The PROGRAM has self-identified a potential conflict of interest in this request. Its Chief Executive Officer also works as the Controller of the City of York. However, as the Office of City Controller is completely separate from the Office of Economic Development and Housing, she would have no input, control, or inside information to assist The PROGRAM in its request.

This letter shall serve as public disclosure of this possible conflict of interest.

V. Meeting(s) Scheduled:

- **Next Council Legislative Meeting:** Scheduled for **Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** Agenda items are due by 12 noon on February 10th.

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. 2, Ordinance 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)

Final Passage of Bill No. 2, Ordinance 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, which was introduced by Walker at the January 20th meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. There being no Council or public comment, on motion of Walker, seconded by Washington, Bill No. 2, Ordinance No. 2, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

2. **Final Passage of Bill No. 3, Ordinance 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)

Final Passage of Bill No. 3, Ordinance No. 3, Session 2021, A Bill amending the 2021 York City Budget for an ELC grant-Enhanced Detection grant in the amount of \$1,814,054.00, which was introduced by Walker at the January 20th meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. There being no Council or public comment, on motion of Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Bill No. 3, Ordinance No. 3, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

3. Final Passage of **Bill No. 4, Ordinance 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

Final Passage of Bill No. 4, Ordinance No. 4, Session 2021, A Bill amending the 2020 York City Budget in the amount of \$25,342.00 for the Fire Dept. for Vehicle Repair Service, which was introduced by Walker at the January 20th meeting of Council and came up for final passage. There being no Council or public comment, on motion of Walker, seconded by Washington, Bill No. 4, Ordinance No. 4, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

New Business

4. Introduction of **Bill No. 5** - A Bill
Amending the 2019 CDBG-CV (COVID-19) Program budget to reflect changes resulting allocating additional funding amounts in the 2020 budget. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS)

Introduction of Bill No. 5, Session 2021, A Bill amending the 2019 CDBG-CV (COVID-19) Program budget to reflect changes resulting allocating additional funding amounts in the 2020 budget, was introduced by Rivera, read by short title, and deferred to the February 16th meeting of Council.

Items for Consideration of Consent Agenda

Motion to waive Rule 215: A motion made by Walker, seconded by Rivera, to waive the provisions of Resolution No. 215 of 1969 to permit consideration of a supplemental agenda as part of the consent agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

Motion to remove item from consent agenda: Councilwoman Washington asked that Agenda item #6 be removed from consideration of a consent agenda and voted on separately. The motion to remove said item from the consent agenda passed by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

Motion to consider items as a consent agenda: A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Washington, to consider agenda items 5, and 7-11 as a consent agenda. The motion to consider said items as a consent agenda passed by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

President Nixon asked if there is any public comment on the consent agenda items. As there was no comment received, President Nixon asked for a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda.

Approval of consent agenda items: A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Washington, to approve agenda items 5, and 7-11. The motion to approve passed by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

President Nixon then moved to agenda item #6.

5. Resolution No. **12** - A Resolution
Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 12, Session 2021, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing certificates of appropriateness for work to be covered in the application filed by Bachmann's Roofing for work to be done at 316 E. Locust St., was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

6. Resolution No. 13 - A Resolution Approving a substantial amendment to the fiscal year 2019 annual action plan for the CDBG Program. (CARES Act) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS)

Motion to read by short title: A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Washington, to read Resolution No. 13 by short title only. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

Resolution No. 13, Session 2021, A Resolution approving a substantial amendment to the fiscal year 2019 annual action plan for the CDBG Program relating to the CARES Act, was introduced by Rivera, read by short title, and on motion of Rivera, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 13 came up for discussion.

Motion to approve request for abstention: Councilwoman Washington requested approval to abstain her vote because some of the funding included in this substantial amendment will be directed to her place of employment. On motion of Rivera, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, the request for abstention was approved by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

There being no further discussion and no public comment, Resolution No. 13 passed by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 4; Abstain – Washington – 1; Nays – 0.

7. Resolution No. 14 - A Resolution Authorizing various transfers in the 2020 budget. (\$38,076.00) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 14, Session 2021, A Resolution authorizing various transfers within the 2020 budget for the Public Works Department was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

8. Resolution No. 15 - A Resolution Authorizing a proposal for grant funds from DCED. (\$379,550.00 for purchase of the OpenGov Enterprise Resource Planning software platform) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 15, Session 2021, A Resolution authorizing a proposal for grant funds from DCED in the amount of \$379,550.00 for purchase of the OpenGov Enterprise Resource Planning software platform was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

9. Resolution No. 16 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with OpenGov. (For an enterprise resource program) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 16, Session 2021, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with OpenGov for an enterprise resource program was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

10. Resolution No. 17 Notice: Terms were incorrect. Will be correct at Council's 2/16/21 mtg. - A Resolution Approving appointment to various boards. (HRC & YBIDA) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 17, Session 2021, A Resolution approving appointments to various boards and authorities was approved unanimously by consent agenda. (Notice: There were errors in the expiration terms of several appointments. Therefore, this Resolution will be corrected at the 2/16/21 Council meeting.)

Supplemental Agenda

11. Resolution No. 18 - A Resolution
Authorizing open containers through September 30, 2021. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Council (Nixon)

Resolution No. 18, Session 2021, A Resolution authorizing the mayor to designate areas authorized to serve open containers of alcoholic beverages was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

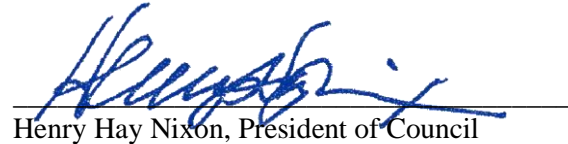
VII. Requests for Future Meetings: None

VIII. Council Comment: None

IX. Administration Comment: None

X. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of City Council is scheduled for February 16, 2021 at 6 PM. There being no further business, the February 2, 2021 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:15 PM.


Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk


Henry Hay Nixon, President of Council