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MINUTES March 16, 2021 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Walker called the March 16, 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, and Sandie Walker, Vice President, with Vice President Walker presiding.

Members of the Administration in attendance included: Michael Helfrich, Mayor; Tom Ray, 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.

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. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6 PM.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [March 2, 2021](#).

IV. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements

V. Meeting(s) Scheduled:

- **Next Council Legislative Meeting:** Scheduled for **Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**
Agenda items are due by 12 noon on March 31, 2021.

VI. Legislative Agenda: (Order of Business –Final Passage of Bills/Resolutions; Introduction of Bills; New Business.)

Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions

1. Final Passage of Bill No. 7, Ordinance 7 - A Bill
Approving the 2020 ordinance replacement pages of the Codified Ordinances. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: Council | City Clerk

Final Passage of Bill No. 7, Ordinance No. 7, Session 2021, A Bill approving the 2020 ordinance replacement pages of the Codified Ordinances, which was introduced by Rivera at the March 2nd meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. There being no discussion or public comment, on motion of Rivera, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Bill No. 7, Ordinance No. 7, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker – 4; Nays – 0.

2. Final Passage of Bill No. 8, Ordinance 8 - A Bill
Amending the CDBG-CV (COVID-19) budget. (To reflect rollover amounts for 2021) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development | BHS

Final Passage of Bill No. 8, Ordinance No. 8, Session 2021, A Bill amending the CDBG-CV (COVID-19) budget to reflect rollover amounts for 2021, which was introduced by Ritter-Dickson at the March 2nd meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage.

Request for abstention. Councilwoman Washington requested to abstain her vote as funding from this program will be received by her place of employment. A motion was made by Rivera, seconded by Ritter-Dickson to allow said abstention. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Ritter-Dickson, Walker – 3; Nays – 0.

There being no further discussion or public comment, on motion of Rivera, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Bill No. 8, Ordinance No. 8, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Ritter-Dickson, Walker – 3; Nays – 0; Abstain – Washington – 1.

3. Final Passage of Bill No. 9, Ordinance 9 - A Bill
Amending the 2021 Budget. (\$81,621.50/revenue & \$163,243/expenditure – Crossing Guards) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Police | Finance

Final Passage of Bill No. 9, Ordinance No. 9, Session 2021, A Bill amending the 2021 budget to reflect revenue in the amount of \$81,621.50 and expenditures in the amount of \$163,243 for school crossing guard services, which was introduced by Washington at the March 2nd 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 Rivera, Bill No. 9, Ordinance No. 9, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker – 4; Nays – 0.

Introduction of Bills

4. Introduction of Bill No. 10 (Will be on the 4/6/21 agenda) - A Bill Amending the 2020 Budget. (\$8,015 for JAG funding for enhancement of law enforcement operations)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington ([View](#))
Originator: Police

Introduction of Bill No. 10, Session 2021, A Bill amending the 2020 budget in the amount of \$8,015 for a Justice Assistance Grant for the enhancement of law enforcement services, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the April 6th meeting of Council.

New Business – Items for Consideration of Consent Agenda

Item Pulled: Vice President Walker said agenda item #5 has been pulled from the agenda as it was added in error.

Motion to consider items as a consent agenda: A motion was made by Washington, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, to consider agenda items 6-9 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 – 4; Nays – 0.

Vice President Walker asked if there was any public comment on the consent agenda items.

Public Comment:

Ryan Supler, resident, encouraged residents to review the Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER) being considered for adoption this evening because it includes interesting information on housing.

There being no further comment, Vice President Walker asked for a motion to approve agenda items 6-9.

Approval of consent agenda items: A motion was made by Rivera, seconded by Washington, to approve agenda items 6-9. The motion to approve passed by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker – 4; Nays – 0.

5. Resolution No. PULLED - A Resolution Accepting the recommendations of HARB in denying a certificate of appropriateness. (484-486 W. Philadelphia St.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: HARB

6. Resolution No. 29 - A Resolution Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 29, Session 2021, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing a certificate of appropriateness to Rachel Warner for work to be done at 304 W. Market St., was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion or public comment.

7. Resolution No. 30 - A Resolution Authorizing the Public Works Director to file Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement documents. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 30, Session 2021, A Resolution authorizing the Public Works Director to file Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement documents with PennDot, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion or public comment.

8. Resolution No. 31 - A Resolution Authorizing submittal of the 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER). Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson ([View](#))
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS)

Resolution No. 31, Session 2021, A Resolution authorizing submittal the 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER) was approved unanimously by consent agenda with public comment as noted above.

9. Resolution No. 32 - A Resolution Extending the declaration of disaster emergency. (To 4/30/21) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 32, Session 2021, A Resolution extending the declaration of disaster emergency related to COVID-19 pandemic was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion or public comment.

VII. Requests for Future Meetings: None

VIII. Council Comment

Councilman Rivera announced that UPMC Memorial Hospital, the Spanish-American Multicultural Resource Center (SAMRC) and Door of Salvation Church have partnered up to provide COVID-19 Vaccines to our most vulnerable community this Friday, March 19, 2021, between 1pm-6pm, at Door of Salvation Church, 325 Mulberry Street. You MUST be registered, please call the SAMRC at 717-356-2947 or visit us in person at 426 S. George Street, and you must fall into the Phase 1A category to get vaccinated. Click [here](#) for more information (Spanish & English).

Vice President Walker said she is disheartened about the recent string of shootings in the city. She said as elected officials, especially those of us who were born and raised here, these senseless killings and violence really hits home. She said we are working to unite our community and to see our residents fall victim to crime is heart wrenching and inexcusable. She said we will continue to work to stop the violence in our community.

IX. Administration Comment: None

- X. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of City Council is scheduled for 6PM on April 6, 2021. There being no further business, the March 16, 2021 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:17 PM.


Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk


Sandie Walker, Vice President of Council