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I. Call Legislative Meeting to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [February 16, 2021](#). Council dispensed with the reading of the Minutes and unanimously approved them as written by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

IV. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements: None

V. Meeting(s) Scheduled:

- **Next Council Legislative Meeting:** Scheduled for **Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**
Agenda items are due by 12 noon on March 10, 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. 6, Ordinance No. 6** - A Bill
A Bill approving an asset purchase agreement with Pennsylvania-American Water Co. (WWTP) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Mayor

Final Passage of Bill No. 6, Ordinance No. 6, Session 2021, A Bill approving an asset purchase agreement with Pennsylvania-American Water Co. for the purchase of the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant, which was introduced by Walker at the February 16 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Walker, seconded by Rivera, Bill No. 6 came up for discussion.

Brian Proctor, Steelton Borough Council President, supported the sale of the plant to PA-American Water Co.

J.T. Hand, President and Chief Executive Officer at The York Water Company, clarified that any rate increases will not to exceed 3% over a 3 year period and that the Public Utility Commission just approved rate increases to 8.5% on the water side and 29% on the wastewater side.

President Nixon said the city has on average raised its rates about 8% so he said he feels confident that this will help stabilize our finances going into the next several years.

Ryan Supler, resident, supported the sale of the plant. He said we need the money to get us back on our feet.

Kevin Hall, New Cumberland Borough Council, said when their community sold their wastewater sewer plant to PA-American Water, their interaction with them was flawless. He said they were in debt and selling the plant allowed them to get out of debt and have an \$8 million surplus which allowed them to purchase public safety equipment and reduce property taxes.

There being no further discussion, Bill No. 6, Ordinance No. 6, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Rivera, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon - 4; Nays - Washington - 1.

2. Resolution No. **24** - A Resolution
Authorizing a Tax & Revenue Anticipation Note, Series of 2021. (\$20M - Sale of WWTP to Pennsylvania-American Water Company) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 24, Session 2021, A Resolution authorizing a tax and revenue anticipation note, series of 2021 in the amount of \$20 million for the sale of the city's wastewater treatment plant to Pennsylvania-American Water Company, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 24 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Rivera, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon - 4; Nays - Washington - 1.

Introduction of Bills

3. Introduction of **Bill No. 7** - A Bill
Approving the 2020 ordinance replacement pages of the Codified Ordinances. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: Council | City Clerk

Introduction of Bill No. 7, Session 2021, A Bill approving the 2020 ordinances replacement pages for the York City Codified Ordinances book, was introduced by Rivera, read by short title and deferred to the March 16 meeting of Council.

4. Introduction of **Bill No. 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

Introduction of Bill No. 8, Session 2021, A Bill amending the CDBG-CV (COVID-19) budget to reflect rollover amounts for 2021, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read by short title, and deferred to the March 16 meeting of Council.

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

Bill No. 9, Session 2021, A Bill amending the 2021 Budget for the police department to reflect \$81,621.50 in revenue and \$163,243 in expenditures for school crossing guards, was introduced by Washington, read by short title and deferred to the March 16 meeting of Council.

New Business – Items for Consideration of Consent Agenda

Motion for consent agenda: A motion was made by Walker, 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, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

President Nixon asked if there was any public comment for agenda items 6-9. There was no public comment.

Motion to approve agenda items 6-9: A motion made by Washington, seconded by Rivera, to APPROVE agenda items 6-9. The motion PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

6. Resolution No. **25** - A Resolution
Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 25, Session 2021, A Resolution approving the recommendations of HARB in issuing certificates of appropriateness for work to be done in the applications filed by Daniel Redding (RSDC) for work to be done at 117 S. Duke St., Zach Zimmerman (Martin Library) for work to be done at 159 E. Market St., and Adam Chubb for work to be done at 430 S. George St., was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no public comment.

7. Resolution No. **26** - A Resolution
Authorizing an agreement with Family First Health. (\$230,000 – COVID-19 vaccination clinic) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Health

Resolution No. 26, A Resolution authorizing an agreement in the amount of \$230,000 with Family First Health for a COVID-19 vaccination clinic, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no public comment.

8. Resolution No. 27 - A Resolution Updating memberships on HARB. (C. Zumbrun | M. Skehan) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: Council | HARB

Resolution No. 27, Session 2021, A Resolution appointing Craig Zumbrun to the position of Building Inspector on HARB, which term shall expire the first Monday of January 2026, and appointing Mark Skehan as a regular member of HARB, which term shall expire the first Monday of January 2022, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no public comment.

9. Resolution No. 28 - A Resolution Approving a plan of financing of the General Authority. (York Academy) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: General Authority

Resolution No. 28, Session 2021, A Resolution approving a plan of financing of the General Authority for the York Academy Regional Charter School expansion project located at 32 W. North St., was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no public comment.

VII. Requests for Future Meetings: None

VIII. Council Comment: None

IX. Administration Comment

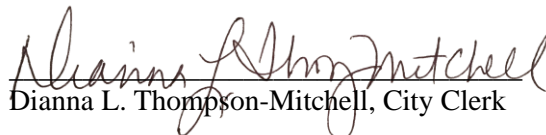
Mayor Helfrich said the weather is getting warmer so he reminded residents to wear masks as more people get out to socialize. He then discussed several events happening around the City of York. Please visit: www.yorkcity.org for events information.

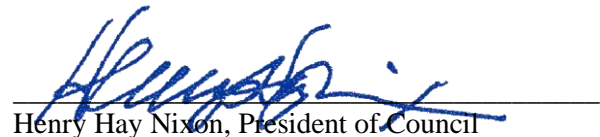
Mayor Helfrich then paid condolences to the family of Ryan Rossum who recently passed away.

Mayor Helfrich then discussed the residency of the Fire Chief and stated that Chief Deardorff has secured a residence in the city and has therefore met the residency requirement and his address was registered with the City Controller and Human Resources Department.

Lastly, Mayor Helfrich discussed the status of the Police Officer Clayton Swartz case wherein accusations were made about activities unbecoming an officer. He said the complaint was sent to the Court of Common Pleas and they said more work has to be done by the city trial board. He stated that the trial board is being assisted by counsel on the process and the administration will await their findings.

- X. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 6PM. There being no further business, the March 2, 2021 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:24PM.


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