

Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania

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MINUTES April 20, 2021 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: President Nixon called the April 20, 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; Chaz Green; 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. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

III. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [April 6, 2021](#). Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes and unanimously approved them as written.

IV. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements

President Nixon called for a moment of silence in memory of Dorothy Sweeney.

V. Meeting(s) Scheduled:

- **Next Council Legislative Meeting:** Scheduled for **Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**
Agenda items are due by 12 noon on April 28, 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. 11, Ordinance No. 11** - A Bill
Amending the 2021 Budget. (\$32,964.88 – Public Health Emergency Preparedness Response Program)
Introduced by: Lou Rivera ([View](#))
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Final Passage of Bill No. 11, Ordinance No. 11, Session 2021, A Bill amending the 2021 Budget in the amount of \$32,964.88 for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Response Program, which was introduced by Rivera at the April 6 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Rivera, seconded by Washington, Bill No. 11, Ordinance No. 11, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

2. **Final Passage of Bill No. 12, Ordinance No. 12** - A Bill
Amending the 2021 Budget. (\$59,702.60 – Safe & Healthy Communities Program) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Final Passage of Bill No. 12, Ordinance No. 12, Session 2021, A Bill amending the 2021 Budget in the amount of \$59,702.60 for the Safe & Healthy Communities Program, which was introduced by Rivera at the April 6 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Rivera, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Bill No. 12, Ordinance No. 12, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

Introduction of Bills: NONE

New Business – Items for Consideration of Consent Agenda

Motion to pull items from consent agenda: Vice President Walker requested to pull agenda item #10 from the consent agenda to allow discussion. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, to pull said item from the consent agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

Motion to consider consent agenda: A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Rivera, to consider agenda items 2-9 as a consent agenda. The motion to approve passed by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

President Nixon asked if there was any public comment on consent agenda items. There was no comment.

Motion to approve items on the consent agenda: A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Rivera, to approve agenda items 2-9. The motion to approve passed by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

3. Resolution No. 41 - A Resolution
Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 41, Session 2021, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing certificates of appropriateness for work to be done in the applications filed by Royal Square Development & Construction for work to be done at 484-486 W. Philadelphia St.; Application filed by Chuck Bowie for work to be done at 245 E. Prospect St.; Application filed by Susquehanna Property Group, LLC, for work to be done at 35 W. Maple St.; and Application filed by Adrienne Williams, Williams Architects, for work to be done at 383 E. Market St., was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no Council, Administration or public comment.

4. Resolution No. 42 - A Resolution
Approving the final land development plan submitted by Logos Academy. (255 W. King St.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (PP&Z)

Resolution No. 42, Session 2021, A Resolution approving the final land development plan submitted by Logos Academy for a new school at 255 W. King St., was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no Council, Administration, or public comment.

5. Resolution No. 43 - A Resolution
Reappointing members to the York Business Improvement District Authority (Downtown Inc). (J. Tolbert, J. Wilmore, J. Klinedinst) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 43, Session 2021, A Resolution reappointing Julian Tolbert, Joanne Wilmore, and John Klinedinst to the York Business Improvement District Authority (Downtown Inc) to serve until January 1, 2025, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no Council, Administration, or public comment.

6. Resolution No. 44 - A Resolution
Authorizing the Mayor to sign grant agreement documents. (Farquhar Park Development Plan) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 44, Session 2021, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign grant agreement documents related to the Farquhar Park Development Plan, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no Council, Administration, or public comment.

7. Resolution No. 45 - A Resolution
Authorizing an agreement with the PA Department of Health. (\$181,923 for public health preparedness services) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson

Resolution No. 45, Session 2021, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with the PA Department of Health in the amount of \$181, 923 for public health preparedness services for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no Council, Administration, or public comment.

8. Resolution No. 46 - A Resolution
Declaring May 2, 2021 as Bells Across Pennsylvania Day. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 46, Session 2021, A Resolution declaring May 2, 2021 as Bells Across Pennsylvania Day in the City of York, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no Council, Administration, or public comment.

9. Resolution No. 47 - A Resolution
Extending the declaration of disaster emergency to May 31st. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 47, Session 2021, A Resolution extending the declaration of disaster emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic to May 31, 2021, was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no Council, Administration, or public comment.

10. Resolution No. 48 - A Resolution
Authorizing the execution of documents related to conveying the parking system to the city. (From the General Authority to the City of York) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Solicitor

Resolution No. 48, Session 20201, A Resolution authorizing the execution of documents related to conveying the parking system from the York City General Authority to the City of York, was introduced by Walker. On motion of Walker, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 48 came up for discussion.

Mayor Helfrich said a study was done to determine the feasibility of the city taking back the parking system and it was determined that it would be in the city's best interest. After deliberation by the General Authority on turning over the system, they found that it would be beneficial to all parties that the city takes back the system. He said although we technically already own the system as the General Authority is a city board, this just removes one layer of bureaucracy.

President Nixon asked if we would save money doing this. Mayor Helfrich said we would save about \$100,000 to \$140,000 and would maintain control of all decisions of the parking system.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 48 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

VII. Requests for Future Meetings: None

VIII. Council Comment


Vice President Walker paid condolences to the family of Mr. Charles Moye and Mrs. Dorothy Sweeney on their passing.

IX. Administration Comment

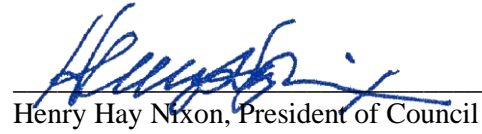
Mayor Helfrich announced that Family First Health, 116 S. George St., York, PA, is providing cost free COVID vaccinations. For more information call (717) 812-4495 or visit www.mywellspan.org. Also, Colonial Manor is hiring nurses and patient care assistants for more information visit www.colonialmanor.com. He then announced that Crispus Attucks has started a job clinic at the center and are offering certification assistance. For information call (717) 848-1808. Mayor Helfrich reminded residents that this is "Earth Day Week", so a bunch of clean-ups are going on around the city. Lastly, he stated that Rep. Carol Hill-Evans is hosting a neighborhood beautification event. For information call (717) 849-9595.

X. Adjournment

The next legislative session of City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. There being no further business, the April 20, 2021 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:14 p.m.



Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk



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