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

CALL TO ORDER: President Nixon called the April 6, 2021 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members teleconferencing in from remote locations: Lou Rivera, Edquina Washington, 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, Director of Public Works; 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 PM.

II. Roll Call

- III. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [March 16, 2021](#). Council dispensed with the reading of the Minutes and unanimously approved them as written.
- IV. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements: None
- V. Meeting(s) Scheduled:
- **Next Council Legislative Meeting:** Scheduled for **Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**
Agenda items are due by 12 noon on April 14, 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. 10, Ordinance 10 - A Bill
Amending the 2020 Budget. (\$8,015 for JAG funding for enhancement of law enforcement operations)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington ([View](#))
Originator: Police

Final Passage of Bill No. 10, Ordinance No. 10 of Session 2021, A Bill amending the 2020 Budget in the amount of \$8,015 for Justice Assistance Grant funding for enhancement of law enforcement operations, which was introduced by Washington at the March 16th meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Washington, seconded by Rivera, Bill No. 10, Ordinance No. 10, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

Introduction of Bills

2. Introduction of Bill 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)

Introduction of Bill 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, was introduced by Rivera, read by short title, and deferred to the April 20th meeting of Council.

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

Introduction of Bill No. 12, Session 2021, A Bill amending the 2021 Budget in the amount of \$59,702.60 for the Safe & Health Communities Program, was introduced by Rivera, read by short title, and deferred to the April 20th meeting of Council.

New Business – Items for Consideration of Consent Agenda

Motion to pull items from consent agenda: President Nixon requested to pull agenda items #8 & #9 from the consent agenda to allow discussion on each item. Councilman Rivera requested to also pull agenda item #11 from the consent agenda to allow discussion. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Washington to pull said items from the consent agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

Motion to consider items as a supplemental agenda: A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Rivera to consider agenda items 4-7 and 10 as a consent agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

President Nixon asked if there was any public comment on the 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 4-7 and 10 of the consent agenda. The motion to approve passed by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

See discussion below for items pulled from the consent agenda. (Agenda items 8, 9 & 11)

4. Resolution No. 33 - A Resolution
Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 33, Session 2021, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing certificates of appropriateness to Benuel Fisher for work to be done at 117 N. Duke St.; Application filed by Tracy Partners (c/o Phil Briddell) for work to be done at 145 E. Market St.; and Application filed by Thomas & Judith McKee for work to be done at 353 E. Market St. was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion or public comment.
5. Resolution No. 34 - A Resolution
Reappointing Dr. Rita Van Wyk to the York City Board of Health. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 34, Session 2021, A Resolution reappointing Dr. Rita Van Wyk as a member of the York City Board of Health, which term shall expire the first Monday of April 2026 was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion or public comment.
6. Resolution No. 35 - A Resolution
Authorizing a budget transfer. (\$3,500.00 for contractual services & maintenance materials) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works (Parks)

Resolution No. 35, Session 2021, A Resolution authorizing a budget transfer in the amount of \$3,500.00 for contractual services & maintenance materials was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion or public comment.
7. Resolution No. 36 - A Resolution
Granting signature authorization. (Documents relating to the Heritage Trail Northern Extension Phase 4 Project). ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 36, Session 2021, A Resolution granting signature authorization for documents relating to the Heritage Trail Northern Extension Phase 4 Project was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion or public comment.
8. Resolution No. 37 - A Resolution
Approving an agreement with Brown Schultz Sheridan and Fritz. (For preparation of 2020-2022 financial documents) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 37, Session 2021, A Resolution approving an agreement with Brown Schultz Sheridan and Fritz. for preparation of 2020-2022 financial documents, was introduced by Walker and came up for discussion.

President Nixon stated that there was an error in the resolution that came out with the printed agenda. He said there is no request for grant funds from DCED and that the language has been corrected. He said Council's action tonight is only to consider approval of an agreement with Brown Schultz Sheridan and Fritz for auditing services.

There being no further discussion, on motion of Walker, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 37 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

9. Resolution No. 38 – A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with the York City Sewer Authority. (To approve an indemnification agreement) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Solicitor's Office

Resolution No. 38, Session 2021, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with the York City Sewer Authority to approve and execute the Purchase Agreement for the sale of the wastewater collection and treatment system to Pennsylvania-American Water Company, was introduced by Walker and came up for discussion.

President Nixon said the short title on the printed agenda was incorrect in stating that this Resolution was to approve the asset purchase agreement. He said this Resolution is to approve an indemnification agreement between the City of York and the York City Sewer Authority which is basically stating that the city is responsible for any litigation that may arise going forward.

There being no further discussion, on motion of Walker, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 38 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Walker, Nixon – 3; Nays – Washington – 1.

10. Resolution No. 39 – A Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with The Movement. (For the property located at 368 W. Princess St. – the Princess St. Center) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Solicitor's Office

Resolution No. 39, Session 2021, A Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with The Movement for the property located at 368 W. Princess St. (the Princess St. Center) was approved unanimously by consent agenda with no discussion or public comment.

11. Resolution No. 40 – A Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Spanish-American Multicultural Resource Center. (For the property located at 301 E. Philadelphia St. – the Sylvia C. Newcombe Center) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Solicitor's Office

Resolution No. 40, Session 2021, A Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Spanish-American Multicultural Resource Center (SAMRC) for the property located at 301 E. Philadelphia St. (the Sylvia C. Newcombe Center) was introduced by Walker and came up for discussion.

Councilman Rivera thanked Mayor Helfrich and the administration for working with SAMRC in drafting this resolution. He said they look to implement the Tec Centro Workforce, which is modeled after services already established in Lancaster, PA. He said Tec Centro provides integrated support services to remove barriers that may inhibit career advancement by offering adult education, bilingual skills training, job readiness, case management and employment services.

AliceAnne Frost, Board Member of SAMRC, said she supports this project and that it will bring a tremendous service to our community.

Councilman Rivera then answered questions about the program and how this program parallels and differs from services offered by CASA.

Motion to abstain: Councilman Rivera requested to abstain his vote as he is an active member of SAMRC. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Washington, to approve said abstention. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Walker, Nixon – 3; Nays – 0.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 40 FAILED by the following vote: Yeas – Walker, Nixon – 2; Nays – Washington – 1; Abstain – Rivera – 1. This resolution required at least 3 yeas to pass. Therefore, this resolution did not pass.

VII. Requests for Future Meetings: None

VIII. Council Comment

Vice President Walker said she attended the community forum that Police Commissioner Muldrow held and that it was refreshing to see prominent representation in the room. She said it seems like communications and trust is being re-established between our residents and the police. She explained that this forum serves a police outreach tool to connect with the community and maintain transparency.


President Nixon stated that he is pleased with Commissioner Muldrow's stand on police-community relations. He said he heard from a police officer that morale has never been better, which speaks to the efforts of Commissioner Muldrow.

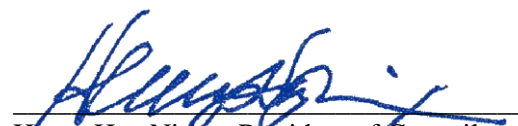
IX. Administration Comment

Mayor Helfrich thanked all who attended the community forum. He said they will hold these forums every 1st Monday at 6PM at Stillmeadow Church. He then said they had a successful event in netting warrants for individuals selling illegal guns. He said Operation Scarecrow established the Gun Squad who will work to find those selling these guns to our kids. He then read a press release regarding the arrest of an individual thought to be involved with illegal drug sales and violent crimes throughout the city. Lastly, he shared that the York City Bureau of Health is working with Family First Health to implement a COVID vaccine clinic at 116 S. George St. Call (717) 812-4495 to schedule an appointment for a free vaccine.

X. Adjournment

The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for April 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. There being no further business, the April 6, 2021 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:25 p.m.


Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk


Henry Hay Nixon, President of Council