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MINUTES June 1, 2021 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: President Nixon called the June 1, 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, Director of Public Works; William Sleeper, Acting Fire Chief; Kittrell Barnes, Parking Bureau Manager; 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 [May 19, 2021](#). Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes and unanimously approved them as written.

IV. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements

- **Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority (SARAA)** – Timothy Edwards, Executive Director, gave a brief presentation on SARAA’s operations, capital projects, and future initiatives.

V. Meeting(s) Scheduled:

- **Next Council Legislative Meeting:** Scheduled for Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Agenda items are due by 12 noon on July 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. 13, Ordinance No. 13** - A Bill
Making an appropriation for money not otherwise appropriated. (\$600,000 for replacement of the Pennsylvania Ave. bridge) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works

Final Passage of Bill No. 13, Session 2021, A Bill making an appropriation for money not otherwise appropriated in the amount of \$600,000 for replacement of the Pennsylvania Ave. bridge, which was introduced by Walker at the May 19th meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. There being no discussion, on motion of Walker, seconded by Washington, Bill No. 13, Ordinance No. 13 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nay – 0.

2. **Final Passage of Bill No. 14, Ordinance No. 14** - A Bill
Amending the 2021 budget. (\$40,222 for a JAG award) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Police

Final Passage of Bill No. 14, Ordinance No. 14, Session 2021, A Bill amending the 2021 Budget in the amount of \$40,222.00 for a Justice Assistance Grant for the enhancement of law enforcement services, which was introduced by Washington at the May 19th meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. There being no discussion, on motion of Washington, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Bill No. 14, Ordinance No. 14 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nay – 0.

3. **Final Passage of Bill No. 15, Ordinance No. 15** - A Bill
Amending Article 933 “Sewer Rentals”. (Alternative sewer fees for wholesale customers without sewer service agreement) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: Solicitor’s Office

Final Passage of Bill No. 14, Ordinance No. 14, Session 2021, A Bill amending Article 933 “Sewer Rentals” to implement alternative sewer fees for wholesale customers without a current sewer service agreement, which was introduced by Rivera at the May 19th meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. There being no discussion, on motion of Rivera, seconded by Walker, Bill No. 15, Ordinance No. 15 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – Washington – 1.

4. Final Passage of **Bill No. 16, Ordinance No. 16** - A Bill Amending the 2021 budget. (For conveyance of the parking system from the General Authority to the City of York) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Business Administration | Parking | General Authority

Final Passage of Bill No. 16, Ordinance No. 16, Session 2021, A Bill amending the 2021 budget for conveyance of the parking system from the General Authority to the City of York, which was introduced by Walker at the May 19th meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. There being no discussion, on motion of Walker, seconded by Rivera, Bill No. 16, Ordinance No. 16 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

Introduction of Bills

5. Introduction of **Bill No. 17** - A Bill Amending the 2021 Budget. (\$212,905 for Substance Abuse Prevention/Prescription Drug Monitoring)
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson ([View](#))
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Introduction of Bill No. 17, Session 2021, A Bill amending the 2021 Budget in the amount of \$212,905 for Substance Abuse Prevention/Prescription Drug Monitoring, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read by short title, and deferred to the July 20th meeting of Council.

6. Introduction of **Bill No. 18** - A Bill Vacating portions of Stone St. and S. Newberry St. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (PP&Z)

Introduction of Bill No. 18, Session 2021, A Bill vacating portions of Stone St. and S. Newberry St. in the 9th Ward, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read by short title, and deferred to the July 20th meeting of Council.

7. Introduction of **Bill No. 19** - A Bill Amending the 2020 CDBG budget. (To reflect changes to amounts for the 2020 budget) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS)

Introduction of Bill No. 19, Session 2021, A Bill amending the CDBG budget to reflect changes for the 2020 budget, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read by short title and deferred to the July 20th meeting of Council.

8. Introduction of **Bill No. 20** - A Bill Amending the 2021 CDBG/HOME budgets. (To reflect changes from actual funding levels for the 2021 program year. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS)

Introduction of Bill No. 20, Session 2021, A Bill amending the 2021 CDBG/HOME Program budgets to reflect changes resulting from actual funding levels rolled over from 2020 and actual funding amounts for 2020 allocations was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read by short title, and deferred to the July 20th meeting of Council.

9. Introduction of **Bill No. 21** - A Bill
Amending the 2021 CDBG/HOME budgets. (To reflect changes resulting from actual funding levels rolled over from 2020 and actual funding amount for 2020 allocations.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS)

Introduction of Bill No. 21, Session 2021, A Bill amending the 2021 CDBG/HOME program budgets to reflect changes resulting from actual funding levels for the 2021 program year, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read by short title, and deferred to the July 20th meeting of Council.

10. Introduction of **Bill No. 22** - A Bill
Amending Article 509 “Parking Meters”. (To remove authority granted to the General Authority and grant the Mayor sole authority on designating holiday exclusions.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: Solicitor’s Office

Introduction of Bill No. 22, Session 2021, A Bill amending Article 509 “Parking Meters” to remove authority granted to the General Authority and grant the Mayor sole authority on designating holiday exclusions, was introduced by Rivera, read by short title, and deferred to the July 20th meeting of Council.

New Business – Items for Consideration of Consent Agenda

Motion to consider consent agenda: President Nixon asked to move agenda item #16 from the consent agenda for discussion. Council unanimously approved removing agenda item #16 from the consent agenda. There being no further requests, a motion was made by Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Walker, to consider agenda items 11-15 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 on consent agenda items. There was no comment.

Motion to approve items on the consent agenda: A motion was made by Washington, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, to approve agenda items 11-15. The motion to approve passed by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

11. Resolution No. **59** - A Resolution
Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 59, Session 2021, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing certificates of appropriateness for work to be covered in the applications filed by Louis Vazquez for work to be done at 315 E. Poplar St.; Joseph Mula for work to be done at 36-42 N. Duke St.; and Peel & Company, LLC for work to be done at 475 W. Philadelphia St., was unanimously approved by consent agenda with no public, Council, or Administration comment.

12. Resolution No. **60** - A Resolution
Appointing Chaz A. Green to the York City Sewer Authority. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 60, Session 2021, A Resolution appointing Chaz A. Green as a member of the York City Sewer Authority to serve until January 1, 2023, was unanimously approved by consent agenda with no public, Council, or Administration comment.

13. Resolution No. 61 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with the PA Department of Health. (ESRI - \$65,400) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Resolution No. 61, Session 2021, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with the PA Department of Health to continue its agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) to develop and support data management priorities for public health preparedness response to COVID-19 in the amount of \$65,400 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, was unanimously approved by consent agenda with no public, Council, or Administration comment.

14. Resolution No. 62 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with P3 Towers, LLC. (Alteration of stormwater design at 1230 Roosevelt Ave.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Solicitor's Office

Resolution No. 62, Session 2021, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with P3 Towers, LLC to alter stormwater design at 1230 Roosevelt Ave., was unanimously approved by consent agenda with no public, Council, or Administration comment.

15. Resolution No. 63 - A Resolution Awarding a contract to Shiloh Paving & Excavating, Inc. (For 2021 Street Improvements of the Phila. St. island - \$152,050) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 63, Session 2021, A Resolution awarding a contract to Shiloh Paving & Excavating, Inc. for the 2021 Street Improvements Project for the Philadelphia St. Island, was unanimously approved by consent agenda with no public, Council, or Administration comment.

16. Resolution No. 64 - A Resolution Appointing William H. Sleeper, Jr. as Fire Chief. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 64, Session 2021, A Resolution appointing William H. Sleeper as Fire Chief at a salary of \$110,684.38 effective June 3, 2021,

President Nixon said he was made aware that Mr. Sleeper does not live in the City.

Mr. Sleeper said he does not live in the city but he owns property in the city and plans to spend most of his time at his city property. President Nixon said Mr. Sleeper has an impressive resume but he's concerned about how much time he will be residing in the city.

Mr. Sleeper said he was born and raised in the city and the property he and his wife currently live in is right outside the city limits. He said he has no problem residing in the city.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 64 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.


VII. Requests for Future Meetings: None

VIII. Council Comment: None

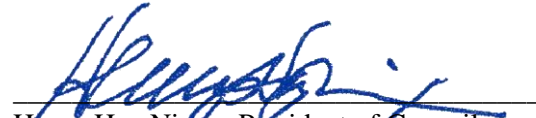
IX. Administration Comment

Mayor Helfrich announced several events happening around York City.

- X. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM. There being no further business, the June 1, 2021 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk



Henry Hay Nixon, President of Council