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MINUTES August 24, 2021 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: President Nixon called the August 24, 2021 special meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in City Council Chambers with the following members present: 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; Kim Robertson, Acting Business Administrator; and Jason Sabol, Assistant Solicitor.

Members of York City Council staff in attendance included: Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk.

- I. Called Legislative Meeting to Order: 10AM
- II. Roll Call
- III. Special Meeting Agenda:

New Business

1. Introduction of Bill No. 47 (Will be on 9/21/21 Agenda) - A Bill Amending the 2021 Budget. (\$17,652,353.50 for American Rescue Plan Act Funding – ARPA) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Business Administration (Finance)

Introduction of Bill No. 47, Session 2021, A Bill amending the 2021 budget in the amount of \$17,652,353.50 for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding, was introduced by Walker, read by short title, and deferred to the September 21st meeting of Council.

2. Introduction of Bill No. 48 (Will be on 9/21/21 Agenda) - A Bill Amending the 2021 Budget. (\$50,000 for a Housing & Eviction Counseling Program) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Human Relations Commission

Introduction of Bill No. 48, Session 2021, A Bill amending the 2021 Budget in the amount of \$50,000 for a Housing & Eviction Counseling Program, was introduced by Walker, read by short title, and deferred to the September 21st meeting of Council.

3. Introduction of Bill No. 49 (Will be on 9/21/21 Agenda) - A Bill Amending the 2021 Budget. (\$261,493.00 for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant – AFG) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Fire/Rescue

Introduction of Bill No. 49, Session 2021, A Bill amending the 2021 budget in the amount of \$261,493.00 for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the September 21st meeting of Council.

4. Introduction of Bill No. 50 (Will be on 9/21/21 Agenda) - A Bill Making an appropriation from money not otherwise appropriated. (\$35,000 for ARPA auditing services) Introduced by: Sandie Walker ([View](#))
Originator: Business Administration (Finance)

Introduction of Bill No. 50, Session 2021, A Bill making an appropriation from money not otherwise appropriated in the amount of \$35,000 for ARPA auditing services, was introduced by Walker, read by short title, and deferred to the September 21st meeting of Council.

5. Introduction of Bill No. 51 (Will be on 9/21/21 Agenda) - A Bill Making an appropriating from money not otherwise appropriated. (\$40,000 for an employee vaccination program.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Business Administration (Finance)

Introduction of Bill No. 51, Session 2021, A Bill making an appropriating from money not otherwise appropriated in the amount of \$40,000 for an employee vaccination program, was introduced by Walker, read by short title, and deferred to the September 21st meeting of Council.

6. Resolution No. 93 - A Resolution Recommending the Administration appropriate ARPA funding for the Penn Street Market and Article 136 re-write. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 93, Session 2021, A Resolution Recommending the Administration appropriate ARPA funding for the Penn Street Market and Article 136 re-write, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 93 came up for discussion.

Mayor Helfrich explained how we need to go about accepting ARPA funding. He said the first step is that the city must determine its losses because of the pandemic. He said Congress specifically put provisions in place for ARPA expenditures that we must follow. He stated that we need to complete some audits before we can realize what we're working with, and we do not know how much money we can spend for community projects. He said he's not comfortable with this Resolution or with these numbers presented. He said he believes this request is premature and asked Council to consider tabling this Resolution to allow for more discussion.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 93 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

7. Resolution No. 94 - A Resolution Appointing probationary police officers. (M. Mowry, A. Sullivan, A. Eisenberger) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Police

Resolution No. 94, Session 2021, A Resolution appointing Matthew Mowry, Azmar Sullivan, and Andrew Eisenberger as probationary police officers, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 94 came up for discussion.

President Nixon asked if we are adding more police to our employee roster.

Acting Business Administrator Kim Robertson said there is a program in the works with WellSpan so that we can contract to provide permanent police at the hospital. So, these hires are in anticipation of shifting some of our police to that contract. These hires will initially bring us over 100 until planned retirements at the beginning of next year. These officers will be replacing older officers who will be transferred to York Hospital. She added that we are getting funding from WellSpan to cover these officers as well.

Vice President Walker said Council does not have much say when it comes to the Civil Service process but that it's wonderful to see familiar names come before Council for approval for probationary police officer. She said we need the public to continue to apply for these positions.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 94 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

8. Resolution No. 95 - A Resolution Approving the final subdivision plan submitted by Musso Development Services. (41-45 E. King St. on behalf of MECE Housing) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic Development (Planning)

Resolution No. 95, Session 2021, A Resolution approving the final subdivision plan submitted by Musso Development Services for 41-45 E. King St. on behalf of MECE Housing, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 95 came up for discussion.

Joe Musso, Musso Development Services, outlined the project. He said MECE purchased these properties. He said two buildings are on one lot and another building is on a separate lot. He said MECE would like to change these buildings into residential units, however, the Zoning Office requested these lots be combined into one lot allowing for eight units.

Chaz Eisenhardt, MECE Housing, said the square footage of these apartments will be about 450-1600 sq. ft. with one handicap accessible unit.

Betsy Buckingham, resident, asked about parking.

Mr. Musso said this property is in the Central Business District so they will add about 5 spaces, but additional parking is available in the parking garage.

Councilwoman Washington asked if these will be rental properties.

Mr. Eisenhardt said yes, and they will be market-rate rentals.

Mayor Helfrich said this building is in the direct view line of City Hall and has been a menace for year so we're looking forward to this project. He thanked MECE for taking on this project.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 95 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

9. Resolution No. 96 - A Resolution Approving the final land development plan submitted by RGS Associates. (427 Kings Mill Rd. on behalf of York College of PA) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Planning)

Resolution No. 96, Session 2021, A Resolution approving the final land development plan submitted by RGS Associates on behalf of York College for 427 Kings Mill Rd., was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read by short title, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 96 came up for discussion.

Ken Martin, York College, and Kathy Connelly, RGS Associates were present to answer questions.

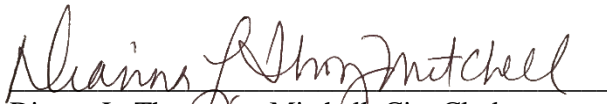
Ms. Connelly said this is the old Schmidt & Alt paper company. She gave a brief background of the property. The property sits in both Spring Garden Twp. and York City. The portion being presented this evening is in the City of York. She briefly discussed that: (1) The College obtained ownership of this property; (2) This has been a long planning process; (3) We will utilize RACP funding on this project; (4) This will be used for educational purposes and possibly some business offices; (5) Parking will be provided for college and business needs; (6) Proposing a total of 100 parking spaces; and (7) Space is also be provided for loading/unloading and normal spaces for UPS/FedEx. She stated that the York County Planning and CS Davidson have reviewed the plan and we believe we've met the intent of their requests.

Vice President Walker asked what is happening with the Codorus Creek adjacent to the project area.

Ken Martin, York College, said the Army Corps of Engineers is replacing the flood wall.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 96 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

IV. Adjournment: There being no further business, the August 24, 2021 special meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.



Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk



Henry Hay Nixon, President of Council