

Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania

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Minutes January 18, 2022 6:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: President Walker called the January 18, 2022, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 101 S. George St., York, PA, with the following members present: Dr. Felicia O. A. Dennis, Betsy Buckingham, Lou Rivera, Edquina Washington, Vice President, and Sandie Walker, President, with President Walker presiding.

Members of the Administration in attendance included: Kim Robertson, Acting Mayor/Acting Business Administrator; and Jason Sabol, Assistant Solicitor.

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

I. Public Comment: None

There being no public comment, President Walker adjourned the public comment session at 6:01 PM and convened in legislative session.

II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:01 PM.

III. Roll Call

- IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- V. Moment of Silence was observed.
- VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [January 4, 2022](#). Council dispensed with the reading of the Minutes and approved them as follows: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.
- VII. Proclamations, Awards and Announcements: None
- VIII. Meeting(s) Scheduled:
 - ▶ **Legislative Meeting:** The next legislative meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on January 26, 2022.
 - ▶ **Committee Meeting:** The January 26, 2022 (6PM) committee meeting is **CANCELED**.
- IX. Status of Prior Committee Referrals: No reports.
- X. Legislative Agenda: (Order of Business - Action on Subdivision/Land Development & HARB Resolutions; Final Passage of Bills/Resolutions; New Business.)

Subdivision/Land Development/HARB

- 1. Resolution No. 9 - A Resolution
 Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
 Introduced by: Lou Rivera
 Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 9, Session 2022, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing certificates of appropriateness for work to be covered in the following applications:

- 1. Application filed by Seventeen-Nineteen, LLC for work to be done at 17-19 S. George St.
- 2. Application filed by Chad Eisenhart for work to be done at 45 E. King St.
- 3. Application filed by Peel & Company for work to be done at 25 E. Philadelphia St.
- 4. Application filed by Ras Dean for work to be done at 20 N. Penn St.
- 5. Application filed by Ras Dean for work to be done at 21-25 S. Pershing Ave.

The resolution was introduced by Rivera, read at length, and on motion of Rivera, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 9 passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions: NONE

New Business

- 2. Resolution No. 10 - A Resolution
 Authorizing the submission of a proposal for funds with the Assistance for Firefighters Grant (AFG) (\$80,000 grant/\$8,000 match for ballistic vests) ([View](#))
 Introduced by: Edquina Washington
 Originator: Fire/Rescue

Motion to read by short title. A motion was made by Washington, seconded by Rivera, to read Resolution No. 10 by short title. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

Resolution No. 10, Session 2022, A Resolution authorizing the submission of a proposal for funds in the amount of \$80,000 with the Assistance for Firefighters Grant (AFG) with a 10% match of \$8,000 for purchase of ballistic vests for the protection of firefighters, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 10 passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

3. Resolution No. 11 - A Resolution Appointing members to the Historical Architectural Review Board. (Buffington/Zumbrun/Neff) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 11, Session 2022, A Resolution consenting to the following:

1. Appointment of **Steven R. Buffington** to fill the unexpired term of Craig Zumbrun as **Building Inspector** on HARB, which term shall expire the first Monday of January 2026.
2. Appointment of **Craig Zumbrun** to fill the **city resident** vacancy on HARB, which term shall expire the first Monday of January 2027.
3. Appointment of **Alan Neff** as an **alternate member** of HARB to fill the unexpired term of Mark Skehan, which term shall expire the first Monday of January 2026.

The resolution was introduced by Rivera, read at length, and on motion of Rivera, seconded by Buckingham, Resolution No. 11 passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

4. Resolution No. 12 - A Resolution Approving various insurances for the year 2022. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 12, Session 2022, A Resolution authorizing agreements with the following:

1. Contract for services as proposed by Old Republic International Corporation for General Liability/Professional Liability insurance for the year 2022.
2. Contract for services as proposed by American Financial Group, Inc. for Commercial Property/Inland Marine insurance for the year 2022.
3. Contract for services as proposed by W. R. Berkley Corporation for Commercial Umbrella-Primary insurance for the year 2022.
4. Contract for services as proposed by Travelers, for crime insurance for the year 2022.
5. Contract for services as proposed by AIG for cyber insurance for the year 2022.
6. Contract for services as proposed by AXA XL Group of Companies for Police Professional Liability insurance for the year 2022.
7. Contract for services as proposed by Old Republic International Corporation, for Business Auto and Business Auto - Fire Truck Physical Damage insurance for the year 2022.
8. Contract for services as proposed by Old Republic International Corporation, for General Liability/Public Entity Management Liability for the City of York Sewer Authority insurance for the year 2022.
9. Contract for services as proposed by Old Republic International Corporation for Commercial Umbrella for the City of York Sewer Authority insurance for the year 2022.
10. Contract for services as proposed by Midwest Casualty Insurance Company, for Excess Workers Compensation insurance for the year 2022.

The resolution was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 12 passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

5. Resolution No. 13 - A Resolution Extending the declaration of disaster emergency to February 28, 2022. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 13, Session 2022, A Resolution extending the declaration of disaster emergency to February 20, 2022, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 13 passed by the following vote: Yeas -Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

- XI. Requests for Future Meetings
XII. Council Comment

President Walker said Council has no intention of being the administrator of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds but will leave implementation of grant funds to qualified professionals. She further stated that ARPA funds are a once in a generation injection of capital into all levels of government to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its economic impacts. In the upcoming weeks, she said, Council will present a plan to the Mayor and the Administration with the hope of coming to some type of common ground. We might need some type of mediator to assist with communication, but our hopes are to not delay with moving forward.

Next, President Walker recognized our homeless population especially during this harsh winter weather. She said one of the reasons the Children’s Aid Society couldn’t open sooner was because they didn’t have enough staff or volunteers available to open the Code Blue Shelter. She If you’d like to volunteer, please contact the Children’s Aid Society at 717-624-4461 or visit www.cassd.org for more information.

- XIII. Administration Comment: None
XIV. Adjournment: The next meeting of City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers. There being no further business, the January 18, 2022, meeting of Council adjourned at 6:17 PM.
XV. Resumption of Public Comment Period (at the discretion of the presiding officer): None



Dianna L. Thompson, City Clerk



Sandie Walker, President of Council