

Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania

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MINUTES January 4, 2022 6:00 p.m.

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I. Swearing in of new officers: 6:00 PM

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTIONS

The following Certificates of Election were verified and are on file at the York County Bureau of Elections and a copy both are attached to these minutes:

1. Betsy W. Buckingham to the Office of York City Council for a term of four years beginning the first Monday of January 2022.
2. Felicia O. A. Dennis to the Office of York City Council for a term of four years beginning the first Monday of January 2022.

City Clerk Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell administered the oath of office to Councilwoman Betsy W. Buckingham and Councilwoman Felicia O. A. Dennis.

CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Walker called the January 4, 2022 reorganization meeting to order at 6:10 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, and Sandie Walker, with Councilwoman Walker presiding.

Members of the Administration in attendance included: Kim Robertson, Acting Mayor/Acting Business Administrator; Michael Pritchard, City Planner; and Jason Sabol, Assistant Solicitor. Assistant Solicitor Sabol teleconferenced in from a remote location.

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

II. **Public Comment:** Councilwoman Walker called the general public comment session to order at 6:10 PM.

Ryan Supler, resident, congratulated the new Council members.

Furman Dennis, resident, congratulated the new Council members.

Stephanie Seaton, Chair, York City Human Relations Commission, welcomed the new Council members and wished all Council members the best in this coming year.

There being no further comment, the public comment session adjourned at 6:11 PM.

III. Called Reorganization Meeting to Order at 6:11 PM: Councilwoman Walker called the reorganization meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

IV. Roll Call

V. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

VI. Moment of Silence observed.

VII. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [December 21, 2021](#) and [December 30, 2021](#). Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes and approved them by the following vote: Yeas – Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker – 5; Nays – 0.

V. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements: None

VI. Meeting(s) Scheduled:

- **Next Council Legislative Meeting:** Scheduled for **Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.**
Agenda items are due by 12 noon on January 12, 2022.

VII. Legislative Agenda:

Reorganization

1. Resolution No. 1 - A Resolution
Adopting the Rules and Procedures of Council. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 1, Session 2022, A Resolution adopting the Rules and Procedures of Council was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 1 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker – 5; Nays – 0.

2. Resolution No. 2 - A Resolution
Electing a Council President. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 2, Session 2022, A Resolution electing the President of Council, was introduced by Rivera, read at length and on motion of Rivera, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 2 came up for discussion.

City Clerk Thompson-Mitchell asked if there were any nominations for Council President.

Councilman Rivera nominated Councilwoman Walker as President.

There were no further nominations.

On motion of Rivera, seconded by Walker, the nomination of Councilwoman Sandie Walker as President of Council PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker – 5; Nays – 0.

There being no further discussion, on motion of Rivera, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 2 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker – 5; Nays – 0.

3. Resolution No. 3 - A Resolution
Electing a Vice President of Council. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 3, Session 2022, A Resolution electing the Vice President of Council, was introduced by Rivera, read at length, and on motion of Rivera, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 3 came up for discussion.

President Walker asked if there were any nominations for Vice President of Council.

Councilman Rivera nominated Councilwoman Washington as Vice President.

There were no further nominations.

On motion of Rivera, seconded by Walker, the nomination of Councilwoman Edquina Washington as Vice President of Council PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker – 5; Nays – 0.

There being no further discussion, on motion of Rivera, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 3 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker – 5; Nays – 0.

4. Resolution No. 4 - A Resolution
Establishing seating order. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 4, Session 2022, A Resolution establishing the seating order of Council was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 4 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker – 5; Nays – 0.

5. Resolution No. 5 - A Resolution
Establishing voting order. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 5, Session 2022, A Resolution establishing the voting order of Council was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 5 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker – 5; Nays – 0.

6. Resolution No. 6 - A Resolution
Establishing committee assignments. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 6, Session 2022, A Resolution establishing committee assignments was introduced by Rivera, read at length, and on motion of Rivera, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 6 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker – 5; Nays – 0.

Introduction of Bills

7. Introduction of Bill No. 1 - A Bill
Vacating a public street. (2nd Ward – unnamed street between E. Clarke Ave. and E. Philadelphia St.)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington ([View](#))
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Planning

Introduction of Bill No. 1, Session 22, A Bill vacating a public street in the 2nd Ward an unnamed street between E. Clarke Ave. and E. Philadelphia St., was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the February 1st meeting of Council.

New Business

8. Resolution No. 7 - A Resolution
Appointing & reappointing members to various boards. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: Council | Mayor

Resolution No. 7, Session 2022, A Resolution consenting to the reappointment of Ruth Robbins as a member of the Historical Architectural Review Board to serve until the first Monday of January 2027; Reappointment of Adam Nugent as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board to serve until January 1, 2027, and Appointment of Jada Richardson as a member of the York City Planning Commission to serve until January 1, 2026, was introduced by Rivera, read at length, and on motion of Rivera, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 7 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker – 5; Nays – 0.

9. Resolution No. 8 - A Resolution
Authorizing an agreement with Brown Shultz and Fritz. (For auditing services) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 8, Session 2022, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Brown Shultz and Fritz to provide the City with an additional one (1) year engagement for audited financial statements for the year 2019 for a minimum sum of \$130,000 not to exceed \$150,000, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 8 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker – 5; Nays – 0.

VIII. Requests for Future Meetings: None

IX. Council Comment

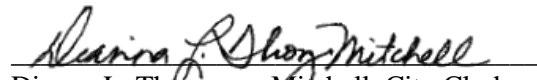
Councilwoman Buckingham thanked the voters of the city for their confidence in her and stated that she looks forward to working with Council.

Councilwoman Dennis thanked her fellow Council members for welcoming her and for those who saw fit to vote for her as a leader in this community and said she's excited and looking forward to serving.

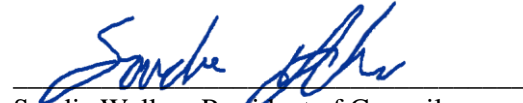
X. Administration Comment

Interim Business Administrator Robertson welcomed the new Council members and said she is looking forward to working with everyone.

- XI. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2022, at 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers. There being no further business, the January 4, 2022, reorganization meeting of Council adjourned at 6:30 PM.



Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk



Sandie Walker, President of Council