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MINUTES December 21, 2021 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: President Nixon called the December 21, 2021 public hearing to order at 6:00 PM 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; Mike Pritchard, City Planner; Melanie Baldwin, Grants Administration and Special Projects Analyst; and Jason Sabol, Assistant Solicitor.

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

I. Public Hearing called to order at 6:00 PM

► 3 Rivers Beer, LLC, has requested the approval of the City of York for the proposed transfer of Pennsylvania restaurant liquor license no. R-17394, from Brickyard Tavern, Inc., 748 S. Albemarle St., Spring Garden Township, York County, York, Pennsylvania 17403 to 3 Rivers Beer, LLC for restaurant facilities within the City of York to be located at 131-139 North Duke Street, Suite 4, City of York, York County, York, Pennsylvania 17401 with the understanding that the liquor license will be transferred to only that location.

The public hearing was properly [advertised](#) according to law.

Council will vote on said request during its legislative meeting this evening. (See agenda item #1 - [Resolution No. 130 of 2021](#))

Attorney Gregory A. Szallar, Flaherty & O'Hara, presented on behalf of 3 Rivers Beer, LLC the proposal to transfer PA Restaurant Liquor License No. R-17394 from Spring Garden Township to the City of York. ([Click here to view applications letter](#)) As part of the application, Attorney Szallar submitted a diagram of the facility, which was marked [Exhibit A](#), and attached to Resolution No. 130 located in the City Clerk's archives.

President Nixon asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

There being no further business, President Nixon adjourned the public hearing at 6:06 PM.

Note: York Stenographic Services, 34 N. George St., York, PA, 17401, recorded the public hearing and will retain a copy of said recording for a period of five years. Transcripts of the hearing may be obtained by contacting York Stenographic Services at (717) 854-0077.

CALL TO ORDER: President Nixon called the December 21, 2021 general public comment session to order at 6:06 PM 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; Mike Pritchard, City Planner; Melanie Baldwin, Grants Administration and Special Projects Analyst; and Jason Sabol, Assistant Solicitor.

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

II. Public Comment:

Stephanie Seaton, Chairwoman, York City Human Relations Commission (YCHRC), spoke about the housing crisis. She said the Community Progress Council put out an email that their funds are limited, and they are scaling back those who individuals they were previously able to serve. For information on assistance, contact the YCHRC at (717) 846-2926.

There being no further comment, President Nixon adjourned the general public comment session at 6:07 p.m. and convened in legislative session.

CALL TO ORDER: President Nixon called the December 21, 2021 legislative session to order at 6:08 PM 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; Mike Pritchard, City Planner; Melanie Baldwin, Grants Administration and Special Projects Analyst; and Jason Sabol, Assistant Solicitor.

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

III. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:08 PM.

IV. Roll Call

V. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

VI. Moment of Silence observed.

VII. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [November 16, 2021](#) and [November 30, 2021](#). Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes and unanimously approved them as written.

VIII. Proclamations, Awards and Announcements: None

IX. Meeting(s) Scheduled:

► **Reorganization Meeting:** The reorganization meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on December 29th.

X. Status of Prior Committee Referrals: No reports.

XI. Legislative Agenda: (Order of Business – Action on Subdivision/Land Development & HARB Resolutions; Final Passage of Bills/Resolutions; New Business.)

Liquor License Transfer

1. Resolution No. 130 - A Resolution Approving the liquor license transfer request submitted by 3 Rivers Beer, LLC. (Restaurant Liquor License No. R-17394 from Spring Garden Twp. to the City of York) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Council (City Clerk)

A public hearing was held this evening, December 21, 2021 at 6PM in City Council Chambers, 101 S. George St., York, PA, to hear a presentation on the application and receive public testimony.

Resolution No. 130, Session 2021, A Resolution approving the application filed by 3 Rivers Beer, LLC, to transfer Pennsylvania restaurant liquor license no. R-17394, from Brickyard Tavern, Inc., 748 S. Albemarle St., Spring Garden Township, York County, York, Pennsylvania 17403 to 3 Rivers Beer, LLC for restaurant facilities within the City of York to be located at 131-139 North Duke Street, Suite 4, City of York, York County, York, Pennsylvania 17401 with the understanding that the liquor license will be transferred to only that location. The Resolution was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 130 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

Subdivision/Land Development/HARB

2. Resolution No. 131 - A Resolution Authorizing the release of financial security funds to Pennrose, LLC. (\$675,570.50 associated with the York Family Residence/State Street Crossing land development – 300 N. State St.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Planning)

Resolution No. 131, Session 2021, A Resolution authorizing the release of financial security funds to Pennrose, LLC in the amount of \$675,570.50 associated with the York Family Residence/State Street Crossing land development located at 300 N. State St., was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 131 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

3. Resolution No. 132 - A Resolution Approving the preliminary/final subdivision plan submitted by Warehaus. (320 N. George St.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Planning)

Resolution No. 132, Session 2021, A Resolution approving the preliminary/final subdivision plan submitted by Warehaus for 320 N. George St., was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 132 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

4. Resolution No. 133 - A Resolution Approving the preliminary/final subdivision plan submitted by Site Design Concepts. (On behalf of the York County History Center – 121 N. Pershing Ave.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Planning)

Resolution No. 133, Session 2021, A Resolution approving the preliminary/final subdivision plan submitted by Site Design Concepts, on behalf of the York County History Center, for 121 N. Pershing Ave., was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 133 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

5. Resolution No. 134 - A Resolution Approving the preliminary/final land development plan submitted by Site Design Concepts. (On behalf of the York County History Center – 121 N. Pershing Ave.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Planning)

Resolution No. 134, Session 2021, A Resolution approving the preliminary/final land development plan submitted by Site Design Concepts, on behalf of the York County History Center, for 121 N. Pershing Ave., was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 134 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

6. Resolution No. 135 - A Resolution Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 135, Session 2021, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing a certificate of appropriateness for work to be covered in the following: (1) Application filed by RSDC for work to be done at 46 W. Princess St.; (2) Application filed by Noe Galvez for work to be done at 165 S. Pine St.; and (3) Application filed by Cassidy and James Atkins for work to be done at 349 W. Philadelphia St., was introduced by Rivera, read at length, and on motion of Rivera, seconded by Ritter-Dickson, Resolution No. 135 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

New Business

7. Resolution No. 136 - A Resolution Approving various appointments and reappointments to boards/authorities. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Mayor | Council

Resolution No. 136, Session 2021, A Resolution consenting to the following:

- Appointment made by the Mayor of [Lauren Days](#) as a member of the York Business Improvement District Authority (Downtown Inc) which term shall expire January 1, 2027.
- Appointment made by the Mayor of [Delia Pabon](#) as a member of the York Business Improvement District Authority (Downtown Inc) which term shall expire January 1, 2027.
- Reappointment made by the Mayor of [Kimberly Lentz](#) as a member of the York City General Authority, which term shall expire January 1, 2027.
- Reappointment made by the Mayor of [Michael Connor](#) as a member of the York City Sewer Authority Board, which term shall expire January 1, 2027.
- Reappointment made by the Mayor of [Christopher M. Velez](#) as a member of the York City Planning Commission, which term shall expire January 1, 2026.
- Reappointment made by City Council of [Mark Skehan](#) as a member of the Historical Architectural Review Board, which term shall expire the first Monday of January 2027.
- Reappointment made by City Council of [Mark D. Shermeyer](#) as a member of the Historical Architectural Review Board, which term shall expire the first Monday of January 2027.
- Reappointment of made by City Council of [Nicholas H. Holman, IV](#), as a regular member of the Zoning Hearing Board, which term shall expire January 1, 2027.

The Resolution was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 136 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

8. Resolution No. 137 - A Resolution Approving the appointment of Lisa Welty to the Civil Service Board. (From an alternate member to a regular member) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Council (City Clerk)

Resolution No. 137, Session 2021, A Resolution appointing Lisa Welty from an alternate member of the Civil Service Board to a regular member, to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Stein, which term shall expire the first Monday of January 2025, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 137 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker – 4; Nays – Nixon – 1.

9. Resolution No. 138 - A Resolution Authorizing the submission of a proposal for funds with the Assistance for Firefighters Grant. (AFG - \$78,000 for ballistic vests) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Fire/Rescue Services

Resolution No. 138, Session 2021, A Resolution authorizing the submission of a proposal for funds with the Assistance fir Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$78,000, with a 10% match of \$7,800 for purchase of ballistic vests for the protection of firefighters, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 138 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

10. Resolution No. 139 - A Resolution Authorizing a budget transfer for the Health Bureau. (\$4,650 budget revision for federal funds) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Planning

Resolution No. 139, Session 2021, A Resolution authorizing a budget transfer in the amount of \$4,650 due to a budget revision of federal funds that need to be spent by December 31, 2021, was introduced by Ritter-Dickson, read at length, and on motion of Ritter-Dickson, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 139 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

11. Resolution No. 140 - A Resolution Approving year 2022 minimum municipal obligations (MMO – Fire, Police and O&E) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 140, Session 2021, A Resolution approving the year 2022 minimum municipal obligations for the following pensions: Firefighter's Pension Fund - \$4,096,002; Police Pension Fund - \$4,331,288; and Officers & Employees Retirement Fund - \$1,740,916, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 140 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

12. Resolution No. 141 – A Resolution Establishing year 2022 schedule of Council meetings. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Council | City Clerk

Resolution No. 141, Session 2021, A Resolution establishing the year 2022 statement meetings of City Council, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 141 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

Appended Agenda

13. Resolution No. 142 – A Resolution
Appointing a probationary police officer. (Michael Davidson) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Police

Resolution No. 142, Session 2021, A Resolution appointing Michael Davidson as a probationary police officer was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 142 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

Supplemental Agenda

Motion to waiver Rule 215. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Ritter-Dickson to waive the provisions of Resolution No. 215 of Session 1969 to permit consideration of a supplemental agenda containing two resolutions. The motion PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

14. Resolution No. 143 - A Resolution
Extending the declaration of Disaster Emergency to January 31, 2022. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 143, Session 2021, A Resolution extending the declaration of disaster emergency for the City of York to January 31, 2022, was introduced by Rivera, read at length, and on motion of Rivera, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 143 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

15. Resolution No. 144 - A Resolution
Amending Bill No. 60 of Session 2021, the City of York 2022 Budget. (To change the amount of awarded American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) expenditures from \$6,468,725 to \$197,726) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 144, Session 2021, A Resolution amending Bill No. 60 of Session 2021, the City of York 2022 Budget to change the amount of awarded American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) expenditures from \$6,468,725 to \$197,726, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 144 came up for discussion.

Franklin Williams, resident, said Council started off with a discouraging statement in its joint press release by criticizing the mayor saying that he’s politicizing the shooting death of a young man as a political ploy to rally residents to support his ARPA spending plan. He noted excerpts from the Council’s joint statement and commented to the contrary on various aspects of the joint statement. He said the homeless situation and guns killing our youth are real problems that need attention now. He thanked those who served on the ARPA review committee and for presenting its recommendations.

Kenneth Oatman, resident, thanked Council for their time in serving its constituents. He said he has some issues with Council’s alleged objection to the mayor’s proposed budget. He said he supports the programs the mayor has pinpointed for ARPA funding. He said we need to get homelessness under control, or we’ll end up like Los Angeles with their open-air drug markets. He stated that there are so many things in this budget that are so good, and he does not see how Council can just strike them out. This is a rare opportunity to have such a pool of funds, he said. I appreciate that you don’t want to waste it and we want to be good stewards of this money, but we need to do some things right now that can really help to change some people’s lives. He said this includes people who are homeless and those hanging out in the park doing drugs all night. If putting a mentor group on the street is in order, then I support it, he said.

Michael Helfrich, resident, said this is a complete elimination of the funding to address the problems in the City of York. This budget lets them know there are people out here that care about them. He spoke about the GVI (gun violence intervention) who took a record number guns off the streets. He outlined several ARPA allocations that will assist our residents suffering from mental illness, will creating mentoring programs, homelessness outreach, a shots fired trauma system, air drones to locate lost individuals and illegal dirt bikes, job training, street outreach to connect homeless people to help them with their needs, and more. He said his plan directly connects individuals to people who can help them. He went through each allocation and expressed the need for all the services listed. He said what Council is doing is negatively affecting the people of the City of York. He said this process has taken 8 months and has incorporated many individuals into this process.

Stephanie Seaton, resident, said to reduce the 2022 ARPA allocations to this extent makes me ask, why? She said the time is now. She said she sees hungry people in the community every day. I know Council sees the lack of resources, homelessness, and violence, and to remove this money is irresponsible. She said our residents need these services now. She said there are guidelines to expending this ARPA funding and the mayor's recommendations are qualified expenditures.

Manuel Gomez, resident, said he respects all who spoke tonight and has heard all of the discussion. He said he sees what Council is doing is earnest but he would like to know why Council is doing what it's doing. Many people are in agreement with the mayor, but you have to consider there will be a new Council seated soon so proceed judiciously in this process, he said.

Councilwoman Walker read the following statement: *“What I envision for the City of York is an unbiased and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) is a critical resource made available to help us make that a reality.*

Since the pandemic, York County has seen over 78,000 coronavirus cases, and over 1,000 deaths. Additionally, we have seen widespread economic losses across multiple sectors, with job loss at an all-time high during the height of the pandemic. Working families with school-aged children have been profoundly affected by the disruption to in-person public schooling and the impacts of these losses have disproportionately impacted low-income families and communities of color.

Mayor Helfrich has boasted about a survey he spearheaded of York City residents on how ARPA funds should be spent. He stated that nearly 600 residents responded providing a survey with 95% confidence and that this reflects the will of York City residents. With over 44,000 residents living in the City of York, how can you feel confident that 600 responses represent the will of our community? What this represents to me, is that we need to do more outreach and offer more public engagement opportunities.

I am not against Mayor Helfrich's recommendations, but I do question the process and autonomy. This has been my unwavering stance from the very beginning. We have aging buildings, emergency vehicles needing replaced or repaired, and failing businesses. I am extremely frustrated by the speed of this process being forced upon us especially as this is Council's final meeting of the year.

Mayor Helfrich has shoved these numbers down our throats without any formal plan. I'm not in favor of giving blanket allocations for services that are unfamiliar and undetailed. This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for us to bounce back from years of solid decline.

I believe it is imperative that we hire a neutral consultant to help us with this process to ensure equitable and proper distribution of funds and services. Also, I question whether a bidding mechanism should be included in requests for proposals for services when expending ARPA funding. We want to maximize our pocketbook, and this may be an appropriate approach to help us do that.

I also I think there may be opportunities for us to partner with the school district and the County of York on somethings and maybe create a collaborative roadmap of services. We need to work together to maximize this funding to make a bigger impact in our community.

I would like to see a community engagement campaign initiated to understand how the City of York can best close these gaps. We need to hear from the community and most of all, we need a solid, impartial, detailed plan that will serve the needs of the City of York and its residents.”

Vice President Walker then gave an example of what other communities are doing, specifically, the City of Lancaster who had 8 outreach opportunities on top of their questionnaire. She said we live in this community, work in this community, and have generations living in this community. We know the problems. She said there has been a misconceived perception that we want these funds to sit in the bank. That is untrue. We must invest wisely and take deliberate attempts to make change in our community. As elected officials, she said we stand to make sure this money is utilized in the most efficient and effective way possible.

President Nixon stated that he echoes Vice President Walker’s statements, and he hopes the incoming Council is wise in dispersing these funds.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 144 came up for a vote.

Request for abstention. Councilman Rivera requested abstention from voting as he is positioned to receive ARPA funding related to his organization SMARC. The motion to accept said abstention was made by Washington, seconded by Walker, and PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

There being no further business, Resolution No. 144 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0; Abstain – Rivera – 1.

Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions

16. Final Passage of Bill No. 60, Ordinance No. 60 (Amended by Res. No. 144) (Forthcoming) _____ - A Bill Approving the 2022 York City Budget. ([View](#)) ([View Proposed Budget](#)) ([View proposed amendment to Bill No. 60](#))

Introduced by: Sandie Walker

Originator: Mayor | Business Administration (Finance)

Final Passage of Bill No. 60, Ordinance No. 60, Session 2021, the 2022 York City Budget, which was introduced by Walker at the November 30 meeting of Council, and read by short title, and amended by Resolution No. 144, came up for final passage. On motion of Walker, seconded by Washington, Bill No. 60 came up for discussion.

Assistant Solicitor Sabol said although Council approved Resolution No. 144, Council has to formally adopt those line-item amendments approved in Exhibit A-1 of Resolution No. 144.

Motion to amend. A motion made by Walker to adopt Exhibit A-1 of Resolution No. 144 to amend Bill No. 60 in accordance with Resolution No. 144. The motion was seconded by Ritter-Dickson and came up for discussion.

Vice President Walker said \$197,000 of ARPA money will be appropriated to fund a Human Relations Commission employee so that they may continue with the mission and goals of the commission.

Request for abstention. Councilman Rivera requested abstention from voting on this amendment as he is positioned to receive ARPA funding related to his organization SMARC. The motion to accept said abstention was made by Washington, seconded by Walker, and PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0.

Vote on amendment. There being no further discussion on the amendment, the amendment PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – 0; Abstain – Rivera – 1.

Vote on Bill No. 60, as amended. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Washington, to approve Bill No. 60, as amended. The motion came up for discussion.

Michael Helfrich, resident, said there have been several comprehensive plans done, a survey and an advisory group working toward the passage of this bill. I heard criticisms from Council, but I haven't heard anything that you've done. You had questions about residency. You held a public meeting for public input. Even though public input said Council should get rid of residency, Council didn't do anything. Now here you sit. What have you done? You've had plenty of opportunities to hold public meetings. There is nothing you can tell me that we haven't done from our side. If you wanted more done, why didn't you do it. I am flabbergasted because you are letting this money sit in the bank. We have heard from the public and I feel like a defense attorney losing a case when the prosecution has no evidence of wrongdoing. This seems like a personal issue and if you are acting out of personal feelings, then this is an embarrassment to the City of York.

Vice President Walker said in October during Council's legislative meeting, I requested directly from you what other municipalities are doing and your comment was "duly noted." The next day, you called me and said your team was so busy that you could not give me information on what other municipalities are doing. I found out myself what other cities are doing, and they had strategic plans and clean timeframes on how they were using their funds. I have talked to ARPA committee members to get their feel on the process and their concerns are concerning. I'm not just sitting here twiddling my thumbs. I have a full schedule, so I don't have time to make personal jabs. As an elected official, I asked that you not announce the organizations you recommended for funding because it leads to disappointment if they don't get these funds. Thankfully, these organizations know our commitment to this community. I asked for an independent consultant to make sure we are doing the best we can to appropriate these funds and I think there is a better way to do it. She said, I am willing and ready to work toward a solid plan.

Manuel Gomez, resident, stated that he feels the considerations put forth as an amendment was not emotionally based and he supports it. He suggested Council and the Administration all meet at the table once again to discuss.

There being no further discussion, Bill No. 60, Ordinance No. 60, Session 2021, [as amended](#), PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 4; Nays – Rivera – 1.

17. Final Passage of Bill No. 61, Ordinance No. 61 (Forthcoming) - A Bill
Approving the 2022 Tax Rate. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Mayor | Business Administration (Finance)

Resolution No. 71, Ordinance No. 61, Session 2021, A Bill establishing the 2022 tax rate, which was introduced by Walker at the November 30 meeting of Council, and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Walker, seconded by Rivera, Bill No. 61, Ordinance No. 61, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Rivera, Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Walker, Nixon – 5; Nays – 0.

XII. Council Comment

Councilwoman Ritter-Dickson thanked the community and her fellow councilmembers in allowing her to serve the community. She wished everyone well. She said she was born and raised in this community and will remain here and will continue to be a part of this process.

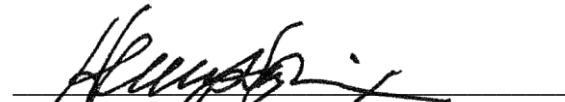
Vice President Walker thanked both President Nixon and Councilwoman Ritter-Dickson for their commitment to the community because she knows it's hard at times to balance. She said the years you have dedicated to the city has earned you time to enjoy, so enjoy!

President Nixon said it's been truly an honor to have served the City of York for the past 12 years.

XIII. Administration Comment: None

XIV. Adjournment: The reorganization meeting of City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6PM in City Council Chambers. New Council members will be sworn in at that time. There being no further business, the December 21, 2021 meeting of Council adjourned at 7:17PM.


Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk


Henry Hay Nixon, President of Council