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MINUTES February 15, 2022 6:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: President Walker called the February 15, 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: Michael Helfrich, Mayor; Kim Robertson, Acting Business Administrator; Melanie Baldwin, Grants; Nona Watson, Director of Economic & Community Development; William Sleeper, Fire Chief; and Jason Sabol, Assistant Solicitor.

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

President Walker called the general public comment session to order at 6PM. She stated that she heard there may be public comment on an agenda item #5 and therefore made a motion to waive Rule 10 of Council's Rules and Procedures to allow comment on this item during the general public comment period. The motion was seconded by Washington and passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

I. Public Comment:

Mike Breeland, resident, spoke about Penn Market renovations (agenda item #5) and urged Council and the Mayor to approve the ARPA allocation for renovations to the market. He said he is a vendor at Penn Market and since the end of last year, there has been an increase in foot traffic and shoppers, so

he hopes to see this market be brought back to life because it is a mainstay of the City. He said he would love to see everyone have an opportunity to avail themselves to visit the market and support the vendors that are there.

Don Hake, resident, complimented Police Commissioner Muldrow's dedication to his position and said he has the admiration and support of the community. Next, he said he provided Council with information on recycling. He asked Council and the Administration to take the initiative to form a committee to study our recycling and trash system. Then set a six-month deadline for submission of the committee's recommendations for enabling legislation and implementation. Lastly, Mr. Hake spoke about the public conflict between the legislative and executive branches of the government. The voters want to see unified leadership and that requires unity of purpose.

AliceAnne Frost, Controller, said in the 2022 York City approved budget, there is funding for an auditor position in her department. She stated that she has submitted the information to Business Administration for posting of the job online but there has been no movement from them. She asked Council if they could help shed light on why the job posting is being stalled.

Vickie Washington, resident, and member of the ARPA committee, outlined the process the committee practiced in reviewing applications. She stated the following: the top priorities were violence and homelessness. She is happy to see Police Commissioner Muldrow's objectives being implemented. Homelessness increased during the pandemic. Many non-profits had to shut their doors and donations were down. The advisory group discussed sustainability in making recommendations for funding to places like the Salvation Army as they have been providing services to this sector of the community for years. Many of the infrastructure programs can be funded through ARPA funding so the committee partially funded applicants and urged matching funds. She hopes we are proactive in addressing the core issues of poverty which fuels crime. For decades economic development has focused on downtown and broken promises. Thirty-three percent of the county's poverty lives along the Codorus Creek. It's time for a new approach but we need a strategy in place to lift up the community. She then outlined the programs the committee recommended for ARPA funding. She asked Council to slow down because infrastructure can be taken care of with infrastructure money. Poverty should be addressed with ARPA funding, the purpose of which it is intended for.

The City Clerk relayed a telephone comment received by resident Joan Maruskin asking for responses to her questions from the February 1st meeting.

President Walker apologized for not announcing that Council is in receipt of comment received via email and telephone because the City Clerk forwards them to Council.

There being no further comment, the general public comment session adjourned at 6:14 PM.

- II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:14 PM.
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- V. Moment of Silence was observed.
- VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [February 1, 2022](#). Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes and approved them by the following vote: 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, March 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on February 23, 2022.

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. 15 - A Resolution Approving the preliminary/final subdivision plan submitted by James R. Holley & Associates. (On behalf of Anthony Shinsky – 959-961 W. College Ave.) ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Planning

Resolution No. 15, Session 2022, A Resolution approving the preliminary/final subdivision plan and a preliminary/final land development plan submitted by James R. Holley & Associates on behalf of Anthony Shinsky for 959-961 W. College Ave., was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Buckingham, Resolution No. 15 passed by the following vote: Yeas – Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker – 5; Nays – 0.

Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions

President Walker announced that she heard that the Mayor is saying items were illegally placed on the agenda because he alleges they were not reviewed by the solicitor’s office. She said she assumes that includes all items on tonight’s agenda. She said the Mayor is referencing city ordinance 115.01(a). She said a preliminary agenda was sent out on Thursday and the final agenda was emailed to everyone, including the Mayor and the solicitor’s office, on Friday. It was also posted on the city’s website. She said the solicitor’s office had plenty of time to review the agenda and she’s sure the solicitor’s office would have spoken up if they had an issue.

President Walker asked Assistant Solicitor Sabol if he had time to review the agenda. The solicitor said he received the agenda and he reviewed it.

She then read Rule 215, which is Resolution 215 of Session 1969 passed by City Council on December 29, 1969. Rule 215 reads, “Resolved, by the Council of the City of York, PA, that no Resolution or Legislative Bill shall be considered by the Council unless typewritten copies of the Resolution or Bill are delivered to the Mayor and all members of the Council not later than the Saturday preceding the stated legislative Council meeting.”

President Walker made a motion to waive city ordinance 115.01(a) and asked Assistant Solicitor Sabol to review tonight’s agenda items and send her and the City Clerk an email with any concerns that need to be addressed prior to Council’s 3/15/22 meeting. The motion was seconded by Washington and passed by the following vote: Yeas – Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker – 5; Nays – 0.

2. Final Passage of Bill No. 2, Ordinance No. 2 - A Bill
Amending the FY2022 City Budget. ([View](#)) (Amending the FY2022 City Budget as follows: (1) Bureau of Health by appropriating revenue and expenditures for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement, in the amount of \$759,081.66; (2) Bureau of Health by appropriating revenue and expenditures for the Epidemiology, Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Enhanced Detection grant, in the amount of \$2,840,636.17; (3) Business Administration by appropriating expenditures for the Department of Justice COVID-19 grant (CESF 2020-VD-BX-1733), in the amount of \$36,282.26)
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: Business Administration | Health

Final Passage of Bill No. 2, Ordinance No. 20, Session 2022, A Bill amending the FY2022 City Budget as follows: (1) Bureau of Health by appropriating revenue and expenditures for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement, in the amount of \$759,081.66; (2) Bureau of Health by appropriating revenue and expenditures for the Epidemiology, Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Enhanced Detection grant, in the amount of \$2,840,636.17; (3) Business Administration by appropriating expenditures for the Department of Justice COVID-19 grant (CESF 2020-VD-BX-1733), in the amount of \$36,282.26). The Bill was read by short title and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Washington, Bill No. 2 came up for discussion.

The City Clerk stated that Business Administration requested an amendment to Bill No. 2, Section Two, as follows:

Change line item 26-413-43090-10230 Indirect Costs expense to \$215,894.09
Change line item 26-413-45110-10230 Medical Supplies expense to \$179,064.31
Change line item 26-413-45300-10230 Other Supplies/Materials expense to \$334,172.78
Change line item 10-413-43090-00000 Indirect Costs expense to (\$409,480.19)
Change the total of \$137,717.36 to \$57,411.26

A motion was made by Buckingham, seconded by Rivera to accept the changes. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

There being no further discussion, Bill No. 2, Ordinance No. 2, as amended, passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

New Business

3. Introduction of Bill No. 3 - A Bill
Amending the CDBG-CV (COVID-19) budget. (To reflect changes resulting in rollovers from 2021 to 2022)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington ([View](#))
Originator: Economic & Community Development | BHS
- Introduction of Bill No. 3, Session 2022, A Bill amending the CDBG-CV (COVID-19) budget to reflect changes resulting in rollovers from 2021 to 2022, was introduced by Washington, read y short title and deferred to the March 1st meeting of Council.
4. Introduction of Bill No. 4 - A Bill
Amending the FY2022 Budget. (Upgrades to Bantz/Williams Parks; Solar lights at Penn Park - \$285,000) (ARPA)
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis ([View](#))
Originator: Council

Introduction of Bill No. 4, Session 2021, A Resolution amening the FY2022 Budget to allocate ARPA funds in the amount of \$285,000 for upgrades to Bantz and Williams Parks and installation

of solar lights at Penn Park, was introduced by Dennis, read by short title, and deferred to the March 1st meeting of Council.

Mayor Helfrich called for point of order and distributed Rule No. 5 "Committees" of Council's Rules and Procedures. He called attention to Rule No. 5(L)(7) said the rules approved by City Council which outlines the Director's roles reads, "The Director or designee shall make all necessary amendments to items as approved by Council during the committee meeting and forward the amended version to the City Clerk for inclusion on the designated legislative agenda." He said the Council has suspended their committee meetings, so no amendments could have been moved and approved. The City Council agenda for 2/15 states that this item's originator is Business Administration but no one from the administration put forth the change. He said the amounts shown in agenda item #5 are a complete falsehood. He said the alteration from \$325,000 proposed by the Administration to \$750,000 and outside of the public's eye violates Council's own rules and said he believes it also violates the PA Sunshine Act.

He then read the portion of Rule No. 5 that states if a committee is unable to meet, the item will automatically appear on Council's next legislative agenda and may be referred back to committee by a majority vote of Council. He said any alteration of the original text is a violation of the rules. He said since the original Bill reflected \$325,000, that's what must be introduced this evening. He said Council has every right to amend this Bill at its next meeting, but you can't have someone altering numbers and then saying it came from the administration.

President Walker said Council has suspended committee meetings since COVID-19 hit back in 2020. So, what you're essentially saying is that we are in violation, and we'll have to go back and change everything from 2020 to now.

Mayor Helfrich said, no, but Council can't just change numbers between the administration submitting things and your meeting. He said things were changed behind closed doors and this is a violation of the Sunshine Act.

President Walker said there was no closed-door discussion. She then made a motion to waive Rule No. 5 of Council's Rules and Procedures. The motion was seconded by Washington.

Mayor Helfrich said this is a violation of Council's rules and Robert's Rules of Order and he requested an appeal.

President Walker said there is a motion and a second on the floor and asked the City Clerk to call for a vote to waive Rule No. 5 of Council's Rules and Procedures. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

Assistant Solicitor Sabol asked the Mayor to clarify that he is saying agenda item #5 was originally submitted at \$325,000 not \$750,000 and somewhere along the lines it was changed by someone else.

Mayor Helfrich said per the preliminary agenda, the item was originally submitted by the administration in the amount of \$750,000.

President Walker made a motion to amend the amounts from \$325,000 as stated by the Mayor to \$750,000 for Rex/Laurel and Penn Market. The motion was seconded by Washington and passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

5. Introduction of Bill No. 5 - A Bill
Amending the FY2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (Amending the FY2022 City Budget as follows: (1) York City Fire Department to fund Rex/Laurel Fire Station Renovations by appropriating expenditures from the American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" funds, in the amount of \$750,000.00; (2) Community & Economic Development to fund Penn Street Market Renovations by appropriating revenue and expenditures from ARPA funds, in the amount of \$750,000.00.)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Council

Introduction of Bill No. 5, Session 2022, A Bill amending the FY2022 City Budget as follows: (1) York City Fire Department to fund Rex/Laurel Fire Station Renovations by appropriating expenditures from the American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" funds, in the amount of \$750,000.00; (2) Community & Economic Development to fund Penn Street Market Renovations by appropriating revenue and expenditures from ARPA funds, in the amount of \$750,000.00, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the March 1st meeting of Council.

6. Introduction of Bill No. 6 - A Bill
Amending the FY2021 Budget. ([View](#)) (Environmental Svcs. MNOA for remaining refuse disposal costs for 2021 - \$134,345.55)
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis
Originator: Public Works

Introduction of Bill No. 6, Session 2022, A Bill approving the transfer of funds in the FY2021 City Budget for Environmental Services and making an appropriation for money not otherwise appropriated in the combined amount of \$134,345.55 to fund the remaining refuse disposal costs for 2021, was introduced by Dennis, read by short title, and deferred to the March 1st meeting of Council.

7. Introduction of Bill No. 7 - A Bill
Amending the FY2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (Amending the FY2022 City Budget for Community & Economic Development to fund an annual principal and interest payment on the Crispus Attucks loan per a Memorandum of Understanding by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$31,500.00)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development

Introduction of Bill No. 7, Session 2022, A Bill amending the FY2022 City Budget for Community & Economic Development to fund an annual principal and interest payment on the Crispus Attucks loan per a Memorandum of Understanding by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$31,500.00, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the March 1st meeting of Council.

8. Introduction of Bill No. 8 - A Bill
Making an appropriation from money not otherwise appropriated. ([View](#)) (Making an appropriation for money not otherwise appropriated in the amount of \$23,770 to fund payment of the 2021 Annual payment to Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Service Inc. (VFIS) for Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for our Volunteer Firefighters)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Fire/Rescue

Introduction of Bill No. 8, Session 2022, A Bill making an appropriation for money not otherwise appropriated in the amount of \$23,770 to fund payment of the 2021 Annual payment to Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Service Inc. (VFIS) for Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for our Volunteer Firefighters, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the March 1st meeting of Council.

9. Resolution No. 16 - A Resolution
Recognizing Black History Month. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Council (Walker)

A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Washington to read Resolution No. 16 by short title. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

Resolution No. 16, Session 2022, Recognizing Black History Month in the City of York, PA, and the 2022 theme of Black Health and Wellness by highlighting achievements and barriers broken by black physicians in America, was introduced by Walker, read by short title, and on motion of Walker seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 16 passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

10. Resolution No. 17 - A Resolution
Reappointing Eric Menzer to the York Business Improvement District Authority (Downtown Inc)
Introduced by: Lou Rivera ([View](#))
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 17, Session 2022, A Resolution reappointing Eric Menzer to the York Business Improvement District Authority (Downtown Inc) to serve in said capacity until January 1, 2027, was introduced by Rivera, read at length, and on motion of Rivera, seconded by Buckingham, Resolution No. 17 passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

11. Resolution No. 18 - A Resolution
Appointing probationary police officers. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Police

Resolution No. 18, Session 2022, A Resolution appointing the following as probationary police officers: Jacob Harris, Zachary Beazley, Kimberly Ortega, Bridgette Wilson, Matthew Burke, Frederick Lucas, Augustine Mariche, Alex Raffensberger, and Lim Cash, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Dennis, Resolution No. 18 passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

12. Resolution No. 19 - A Resolution
Adopting/Submitting to DEP the Act 537 Plan Update. ([View](#)) (As an update to the city's official plan)
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis
Originator: Public Works

A motion was made by Rivera, seconded by Buckingham, to read Resolution No. 19 by short title. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

Resolution No. 19, Session 2022, A Resolution adopting and submitting to the Department of Environmental Protection for its approval the Act 537 Plan Update Special Study as an update to the city's official plan, was introduced by Dennis, read by short title, and on motion of Dennis, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 19 passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

13. Resolution No. 20 - A Resolution Authorizing various budget transfers. ([View](#)) (Approving transfers of funds in the FY2021 City Budget as follows: (1) Permits & Inspections to fund final attorney fees for 2021 by transferring a total of \$2,757.84; (2) York City Police Department to fund final expenses for clothing/uniforms, tuition reimbursements, and a MDC quarterly lease and laptop to York County for 2021 by transferring a total of \$10,482.37; (3) Information Technology to fund final software maintenance and data processing equipment invoices for 2021 by transferring a total of \$2,120.52; (4) Building & Electrical to fund final bills for Electric-Traffic Signals by transferring a total of \$3,767.00; (5) Public Works to fund final Water bills by transferring a total of \$708.78; (6) Public Works for Pennsylvania Ave. bridge paving and repairs to Poorhouse Run transferring a total of \$87,288.50; and (7) Public Works transferring to cement/concrete/stone line item in the amount of \$628.74)
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: PPZ | Police | IT | Bldg/Elec | Public Works

A motion was made by Washington, seconded by Dennis to read Resolution No. 20 by short title. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

Resolution No. 20, Session 2022, A Resolution Approving transfers of funds in the FY2021 City Budget as follows: (1) Permits & Inspections to fund final attorney fees for 2021 by transferring a total of \$2,757.84; (2) York City Police Department to fund final expenses for clothing/uniforms, tuition reimbursements, and a MDC quarterly lease and laptop to York County for 2021 by transferring a total of \$10,482.37; (3) Information Technology to fund final software maintenance and data processing equipment invoices for 2021 by transferring a total of \$2,120.52; (4) Building & Electrical to fund final bills for Electric-Traffic Signals by transferring a total of \$3,767.00; (5) Public Works to fund final Water bills by transferring a total of \$708.78; (6) Public Works for Pennsylvania Ave. bridge paving and repairs to Poorhouse Run transferring a total of \$87,288.50; and (7) Public Works transferring to cement/concrete/stone line item in the amount of \$628.74, was introduced by Buckingham, read by short title, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 20 passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

14. Resolution No. 21 - A Resolution Waiving Article 165.02 of the Codified Ordinances. ([View](#)) (Article 165.02 "Contract Interest: Conflict of Interest requirement of Article 165.02" for contracts and actions relating to the position of Emergency Preparedness Community Health Specialist in the York City Health Bureau.)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Health

A motion was made by Washington, seconded by Dennis to read Resolution No. 21 by short title. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

Resolution No. 21, Session 2022, A Resolution Waiving the "Contract Interest: Conflict of Interest requirement of Article 165.02" for contracts and actions relating to the position of Emergency Preparedness Community Health Specialist in the York City Health Bureau, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 21 passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

15. Resolution No. 22 - A Resolution Extending the Declaration of Disaster Emergency to March 31, 2022. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 22, Session 2022, A Resolution extending the declaration of disaster emergency relating to the COVID-19 pandemic to March 31, 2022, was introduced by Buckingham, read at

length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 22 passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

Supplemental Agenda

A motion was made by seconded by Dennis to waive the provisions of Resolution No. 215 to 1969 to permit consideration of a supplemental agenda containing four items. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

16. Introduction of Bill No. 9 - A Bill
Amending the FY2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (For the York City Police Department to fund a Police Cadet Program, GVI/Credible Messengers, a second GVI Street Team, the Shotspotter/Trauma Informed Care Program, Small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS) Program, Building Rehab/Reprogram York Initiative, Tele-Policing Program, and a Victim Notification/Follow-Up/Officer Satisfaction Program by appropriating expenditures from the American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" funds in the amount of \$2,702,641.83.)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Council

Introduction of Bill No. 9, Session 2022, A Bill amending the FY2022 budget for the York City Police Department to fund a Police Cadet Program, GVI/Credible Messengers, a second GVI Street Team, the Shotspotter/Trauma Informed Care Program, Small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS) Program, Building Rehab/Reprogram York Initiative, Tele-Policing Program, and a Victim Notification/Follow-Up/Officer Satisfaction Program by appropriating expenditures from the American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" funds in the amount of \$2,702,641.83, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the March 1st meeting of Council.

17. Introduction of Bill No. 10 - A Bill
Amending the FY2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (For Business Administration to fund other professional services costs for administration, management, and auditing services for the American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" monies by appropriating expenditures from the American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" funds in the amount of \$170,000.00)
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: Council

Introduction of Bill No. 10, Session 2022, A Bill amending the FY2022 budget for Business Administration to fund other professional services costs for administration, management, and auditing services for the American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" monies by appropriating expenditures from the American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" funds in the amount of \$170,000.00, was introduced by Buckingham, read by short title, and deferred to the March 1st meeting of Council.

18. Resolution No. 23 - A Resolution
Authorizing various budget transfers. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Council | Health

A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Dennis to read Resolution No. 23 by short title. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

Resolution No. 23, Session 2022, A Resolution approving a transfer of funds in the FY2022 City Budget as follows: (1) Council to fund other professional services by transferring a total of \$6,000.00; (2) Health Bureau to comply with an approved budget shift of Family Health Council grant funds by transferring a total of \$28,630.02, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Dennis, Resolution No. 23 passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

19. Resolution No. 24 - A Resolution Authoring the Mayor and Controller to sign a Pass-Through Contract Agreement. ([View](#)) (With the County of York as a subgrantee with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) for a State budget allocation of federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds for a total sum not to exceed \$246,000.00)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Police

Resolution No. 24, Session 2022, A Resolution authoring the Mayor and Controller to sign a Pass-Through Contract Agreement with the County of York as a subgrantee with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) for a State budget allocation of federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds for a total sum not to exceed \$246,000.00, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 24 came up for discussion.

XI. Requests for Future Meetings: None

XII. Council Comment

President Walker responded to resident Joan Maruskin's questions that were sent via email by outlining the 30-, 60- and 90-80-day plans for the ARPA funding. (Click [here](#) to read)

XIII. Administration Comment

Mayor Helfrich announced restaurant week which will consist of 10 days of great food all across the city of York.

He then addressed the Controller's question about posting of the auditor position for her office. He said the administration is juggling a lot because they are down in staff numbers. They are waiting for positions to be advertised and for people to fill those positions. We have about 18 positions open here at the City of York. We will have your position as well as other positions posted when we have the capacity to get things done. We'll consider this your top priority.

Next, the Mayor said government officials have a difference of opinions and must publicly debate but there are fundamental differences of opinion that must be debated. He said he strongly believes ARPA funding is to uplift those disproportionately affected in our community especially our minority community. Spending this funding on the city's infrastructure presented by some members of Council is a difference of opinion but not something we can't get past. Infrastructure cannot be invested in our children and our families, so we are doing our best to try to work this out. He thanked Council for the Police Commissioner's ARPA funding because that is more than what we had recommended.

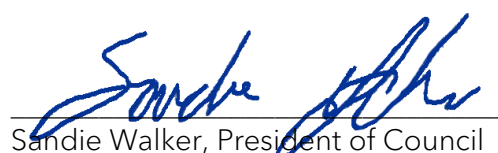
XIV. Adjournment

The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for March 1, 2022, at 6:00 PM. There being no further business the February 15, 2022, meeting of Council adjourned at 7:10 PM.

XV. Resumption of Public Comment Period (at the discretion of the presiding officer)



Dianna L. Thompson, City Clerk



Sandie Walker, President of Council