

# Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania

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## MINUTES March 1, 2022 6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Walker called the March 1, 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, 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; Michael Muldrow, Police Commissioner; and Jason Sabol, Assistant Solicitor.

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

### I. Public Comment:

Chastity Frederick, resident, and York City Bureau of Health employee stated there are currently 24 open positions for the City of York with most of those positions having to meet the city's residency requirement. She discussed the pros and cons of living within boundaries. She asked for a response from the Council on addressing the constraints of the city's residency requirement and said let's work together.

Don Hake, resident, spoke about the Leadership Energy Environmental Design (LEED) certification and asked that said certification be required on all new and residential construction in York City. He also asked Council to consider legislation switching to electric vehicles, and to outlaw the use of Styrofoam containers and plastic straws because they are not recyclable. He also asked that a position be created that focuses on the environmental aspects of our city. He said he has asked for environmental positions to be created in the past, but his calls and emails have gone unanswered.

There being no further comment, President Walker adjourned the public comment session at 6:14 PM and called the legislative meeting to order.

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 15, 2022](#). Council dispensed with the reading of the Minutes and approved them as written by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Washington, Walker - 4; 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 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on March 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - ▶ **Council Committee Meeting:** Scheduled for March 23, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on March 16<sup>th</sup>. (Click [here](#) for 2022 committee meeting dates and agenda deadlines.)
- 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. 25 - A Resolution Approving the preliminary/final land development plan submitted by Peel and Company. ([View](#)) (For multi-family residential units at 475 W. Philadelphia St. and 145 N. Hartley St.)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Health  
  
Resolution No. 25, Session 2022, A Resolution approving the preliminary/final land development plan submitted by Peel and Company for multi-family residential units at 475 W. Philadelphia St. and 145 N. Hartley St., was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Buckingham, Resolution No. 25 passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

### Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions

2. Final Passage of Bill No. 3 (Deferred to the 3/15/22 mtg.) - 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  
  
Final Passage of Bill No. 3, Session 2022, A Bill amending the City of York CDBG -CV (COVID-19) budget to reflect changes resulting in rollovers from the 2021 to 2022 fiscal budget, which was introduced by Washington at the February 15 meeting of Council, and read by short title, came up for final passage.  
  
**Request for abstention.** Vice President Washington requested approval to abstain from voting as Crispus Attucks is a recipient of funding in this legislation and she is employed by Crispus Attucks. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Buckingham, to approve said abstention, which passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Walker - 3; Nays - 0.  
  
On motion of Walker, seconded by Dennis, Bill No. 3 came up for final passage. Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Walker - 3; Nays - 0; Abstain - Washington - 1

As four votes are required to approve line item increases in the city's budget, and only four members of Council were present this evening, with one of those present abstaining, and no dissensions were received, Bill No. 3 was deferred to the March 15 meeting to allow for consideration of final passage.

3. Final Passage of Bill No. 4, Ordinance 3 - 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

Final Passage of Bill No. 4, Ordinance No. 3, Session 2022, A Bill amending the FY2022 City Budget for Parks/Recreation to fund upgrades at Bantz and Williams Parks and the installation of solar lights at Penn Park by appropriating expenditures from the American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" funds in the amount of \$285,000.00, which was introduced by Dennis at the February 15 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Dennis, seconded by Buckingham, Bill No. 4, Ordinance No. 3, passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

4. Final Passage of Bill No. 5 (Removed from the agenda) - 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.) (**Note:** At the 2/15/22 meeting, the mayor appealed to Council that the amount presented by the Administration was \$325,000 for both projects. However, the numbers were changed to \$750,000 without the Administrations' consent. As Council approved a motion from the floor to introduce the \$750,000 expenditures, Bill No. 5 will reflect \$750,000. However, the Council President has offered a Bill reflecting \$750,000, and the original Bill submitted for \$325,000, both of which are under "New Business" for Council's consideration.)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Council

**Motion to remove from agenda.** A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Dennis, to remove Bill No. 5 from the agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

5. Final Passage of Bill No. 6, Ordinance 4 - 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

Final Passage of Bill No. 6, Ordinance No. 4, 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, which was introduced by Dennis at the February 15 meeting of Council, and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Dennis, seconded by Washington, Bill No. 6, Ordinance No. 4, passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

6. Final Passage of Bill No. 7 (Deferred to the 3/15/22 mtg.) - 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

Final Passage 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, which was introduced by Washington at the February 15 meeting of Council, and read by short title, came up for final passage.

**Request for abstention.** Vice President Washington requested approval to abstain from voting as Crispus Attucks is a recipient of funding in this legislation and she is employed by Crispus Attucks. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Buckingham, to approve said abstention, which passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Walker - 3; Nays - 0.

On motion of Walker, seconded by Dennis, Bill No. 3 came up for final passage. Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Walker - 3; Nays - 0; Abstain - Washington - 1

As four votes are required to approve line item increases in the city's budget, and only four members of Council were present this evening, with one of those present abstaining, and no dissensions were received, Bill No. 7 was deferred to the March 15 meeting to allow for consideration of final passage.

7. Final Passage of Bill No. 8, Ordinance 5 - 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

Final Passage of Bill No. 8, Ordinance No. 5, 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, which was introduced by Washington at the February 15 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Washington, seconded by Buckingham, Bill No. 8, Ordinance No. 5, passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

8. Final Passage of Bill No. 9, Ordinance 6 - 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

Final Passage of Bill No. 9, Ordinance No. 6, Session 2022, A Bill Amending the FY2022 City Budget for 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, which was introduced by Washington at the February 15 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Washington, seconded by Buckingham, Bill No. 9 came up for discussion.

Police Commissioner Michael Muldrow thanked Council and the Administration for their support in considering this funding and allowing us to put a package in front of you that will help our families and kids. He also thanked all residents, family, and friends that showed up tonight to support this initiative.

Matt Enright, York Dispatch, asked if this program is approved, how much ARPA money will be left for the city; I know the combined total is \$35.3M. He asked what the small, unmanned aircraft will be used for?

Mayor Helfrich responded that a ballpark figure is that we've allocated about \$5 million dollars of the \$35.3M ARPA funding. He then explained that the small, unmanned aircraft will be used in the Fire and Police Departments. He said this aircraft would patrol the illegal dirt bikes ravaging our streets, will help to find lost children, or even illegal items that may have been tossed onto a rooftop. For the Fire Department, he said being able to see what's going on from above instead of risking our firefighters is a huge benefit.

Carol Hill-Evans, resident, said these are all wonderful programs and asked if this is the same \$5M that the ARPA committee discussed when making its recommendations.

Mayor Helfrich said most of the items he and Council have agreed upon so far were from the recommendations of the ARPA committee. He said he'll continue to advocate for the community.

President Walker said we're working off the recommendation plan of Council and we've had meetings with the Mayor and department heads to discuss items for consideration of ARPA funding. This will also include an ARPA grant manager and contractor to help us with this process. She said the funding recommendations for the non-profits are not being thrown away. We will review those in our OpenGov procurement program. She said we have to make sure the funding is within the rules and requirements, and we didn't want to give a sense of false hope to organizations that applied for funding.

Carol Hill-Evans, resident, asked if there will be another advisory committee.

President Walker an advisory committee is not part of Council's recommendations.

Manuel Gomez, resident, said 14 years ago ShotSpotter was purchased for the city but the data was not reliable. They now say the ShotSpotter has been upgraded. If you Google ShotSpotter, you'll see how unreliable this system is. They are being sued because of their unreliability. Most of the alerts were false. We have to be careful how we deploy technology. We still had to pay them hundreds of thousands of dollars per year for this shotty system. He said we need sustainability and to figure out how we're going to afford these costs. Mr. Gomez stated that he hasn't seen any feedback from the community on whether the unmanned aircraft systems - also referred to as drones - are relevant or if this technology even fits in our community. He said we should have a dialogue on these issues and that he opposes the use of ShotSpotter and drones.

Melissa Rasario, resident, asked what confidence do we have that what happened in Chicago won't happen in York when using the ShotSpotter system.

Mayor Helfrich said the old ShotSpotter was trash and their representatives spent a long time explaining to all of us the things that have been changed to make it better. He briefly explained how ShotSpotter works. He said he and Police Commissioner Muldrow were skeptical, but they feel assured that this system will work when coupled with the trauma outreach program. This way

we can deploy trauma counselors into the neighborhoods and schools to check on them to be sure they are okay. He said the best way to make our police officers better is with support tools such as this. If we make a mistake, he said we can end this process.

Commissioner Muldrow said this will be a year-to-year contract and we're looking for grant funding for future years. He said no disrespect toward Chicago, but his kids are dying here in York. He stated that he gets calls from our residents when their family members are dying. He said he's trying to identify traumatized neighborhoods and speak to the kids and families who are affected by these traumatic experiences.

**Motion to amend:** President Walker said she appreciates the comments and concerns brought up this evening and that clearly more discussion needs to be had. As such, President Walker made a motion to amend Bill No. 9 to remove funding for ShotSpotter and the unmanned aircraft as follows:

Reduce line item 29-500-44400-00424 Other Contractual Service from \$292,000.00 to \$92,000  
Reduce line item 29-500-46170-00402 Other Capital Equipment from \$40,000.00 to \$0  
Reduce the total amount of all expenditures from \$2,702,641.83 to \$2,335,641.83

The motion to amend was seconded by Washington and came up for discussion.

Aaron Anderson, resident, said it seems hasty to pull those items from the budget at this point based on a couple of questions. He said he thinks it's due time for us to have an effective civil rights policy in place but said he feels you can approve this item and task some group to work on these issues. He asked that we trust our Police Commissioner so he can continue to deal with some problems that are very pressing for our community.

Manuel Gomez, resident, said if we had more data to inform ourselves, then we would speak of such data at that point, but we don't have that data. If you would create the space for dialogue, we may be more inclined to work on these initiatives, tentatively. He said institute it in the pilot phase and let's see how we can balance this initiative.

Commissioner Muldrow said he likes Mr. Gomez's idea and appreciates his feedback. He asked Mr. Gomez to contact him about the drone policy.

Tanoa Sweeney, resident, asked how are we going to have a pilot program if there is no funding?

Commissioner responded that there will be no pilot program if funding is removed.

Ms. Sweeney said to remove funding because of one comment seems unfair. She said these dirt bikes are a problem and will get worse as the weather warms up.

Mayor Helfrich said we will come back to Council with these recommendations, so this isn't the end of the road because he plans to introduce these items again.

Margaret Eckles-Ray, resident, said when we are discussing matters of our community, we can find data to support the pros and cons. It would have been better if we would have agreed to disagree and move into the development phase that some of us were looking forward to. She said she found articles as recent as two weeks ago that spoke about the pros and cons to the ShotSpotter initiative. She stated that she hopes when this is re-introduced, we can agree that there isn't a perfect answer and move toward what works.

Manuel Gomez, resident, said he's looking forward to dialogue on how to move our community forward.

President Walker thanked everyone for their comments and stated that we're looking forward to more discussion.

Vote on motion to amend. The motion to amend passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Washington, Walker - 3; Nays: Buckingham - 1. The motion to amend was approved.

There being no further discussion, Bill No. 9, Ordinance No. 6, as amended, passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

9. Final Passage of Bill No. 10, Ordinance 7 - 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

Final Passage of Bill No. 10, Ordinance No. 7, Session 2022, A Bill amending the FY2022 City 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, which was introduced by Buckingham at the February 15 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Buckingham, seconded by Washington, Bill No. 10, Ordinance No. 7, passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

## New Business

10. Introduction of Bill No. 11 (Will be on the 3/15/22 agenda) - A Bill  
Amending the FY2022 City Budget. ([View](#)) (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: Sandie Walker  
Originator: Council

Introduction of Bill No. 11, Session 2022, A Bill amending the 2022 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 Walker, read by short title, and deferred to the March 15 meeting of Council.

11. Introduction of Bill No. (Removed from the agenda) - A Bill  
Amending the FY2022 City Budget. ([View](#)) (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 \$325,000.00; (2) Community & Economic Development to fund Penn Street Market Renovations by appropriating revenue and expenditures from ARPA funds, in the amount of \$325,000.00.)  
Introduced by: Sandie Walker  
Originator: Business Administration

Motion to remove from agenda. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Buckingham, to remove agenda item #11 from the agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

12. Introduction of Bill No. 12 (Will be on the 3/15/22 agenda) - A Bill Amending the CDBG and HOME Budgets. (To rollover amounts to the 2022 budget) ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development | BHS

Introduction of Bill No. 12, Session 2021, A Bill amending the CDBG and HOME Budgets to reflect rollover amounts into the 2022 budget, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the March 15 meeting of Council.

13. Introduction of Bill No. 13 (Will be on the 3/15/22 agenda) - A Bill Amending the Bureau of Housing Services Budget. ([View](#)) (To reflect rollover amounts for the 2022 budget.)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development | BHS

Introduction of Bill No. 13, Session 2022, A Bill amending the Bureau of Housing Services budget to reflect rollover amounts for the 2022 budget, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the March 15 meeting of Council.

14. Introduction of Bill No. 14 (Will be on the 3/15/22 agenda) - A Bill Amending the 2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (To amend rollovers from 2021 to 2022 budget for Habitat for Humanity-Chestnut St. Project in the amount of \$42,336.79)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development | BHS

Introduction of Bill No. 14, Session 2022, A Bill amending the 2022 budget to amend rollovers from 2021 to 2022 for Habitat for Humanity-Chestnut St. Project in the amount of \$42,336.79, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the March 15 meeting of Council.

15. Introduction of Bill No. 15 (Will be on the 3/15/22 agenda) - A Bill Amending the 2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (For Police Department to fund rent and utilities payments for the 48 S. Duke Street property per a Memorandum of Understanding with York College, Center for Community Engagement by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$20,000.00)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Police

Introduction of Bill No. 15, Session 2022, A Bill amending the 2022 budget for Police Department to fund rent and utilities payments for the 48 S. Duke Street property per a Memorandum of Understanding with York College, Center for Community Engagement by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$20,000.00, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the March 15 meeting of Council.

16. Introduction of Bill No. 16 (Will be on the 3/15/22 agenda) - A Bill Amending the 2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (As follows: (1) Bureau of Health by appropriating revenue and expenditures for the Tuberculosis (TB) program (SAP#4100085638), in the amount of \$7,436.00; (2) Bureau of Health by appropriating revenue and expenditures for the Immunization & Vaccines Grant program (SAP#410089411), in the amount of \$236,114.86.)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Health



Introduction of Bill No. 16, Session 2022, A Bill amending the 2022 budget as follows: (1) Bureau of Health by appropriating revenue and expenditures for the Tuberculosis (TB) program (SAP#4100085638), in the amount of \$7,436.00; (2) Bureau of Health by appropriating revenue and expenditures for the Immunization & Vaccines Grant program (SAP#410089411), in the amount of \$236,114.86, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and came up for discussion.

**Motion to amend.** City Clerk Thompson said that a request has been made by Business Administration to the third spreadsheet of the Bill to change the fund numbers from 25 to fund 26. The motion to amend was made by Walker, seconded by Washington, and passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

There being no further discussion, Bill No. 16 was deferred to the March 15 meeting of Council.

17. Introduction of Bill No. 17 (Will be on the 3/15/22 agenda) - A Bill Amending the 2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (As follows: (1) Bureau of Health by appropriating revenue and expenditures for various Fund 26 Special Projects accounts, in the amount of \$65,197.90; (2) Police Department by appropriating revenue and expenditures for various Fund 26 Special Projects accounts, in the amount of \$175,813.44) Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health) | Police

Introduction of Bill No. 17, Session 2022, A Bill amending the 2022 budget as follows: (1) Bureau of Health by appropriating revenue and expenditures for various Fund 26 Special Projects accounts, in the amount of \$65,197.90; (2) Police Department by appropriating revenue and expenditures for various Fund 26 Special Projects accounts, in the amount of \$175,813.44, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the March 15 meeting of Council.

18. Resolution No. 26 - A Resolution Amending the Rules and Procedures of Council. ([View](#)) (To amend procedures for agenda item submissions)  
Introduced by: Sandie Walker  
Originator: Council (Walker)

Resolution No. 26, Session 2022, A Resolution amending the Rules and Procedures of City Council to update rules for submitting items for Council's legislative and committee agendas, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 26 came up for discussion.

Assistant Solicitor Sabol said Rule 6(B) and 6(B)(2) are not feasible. He said in Rule 6(B) to expect the solicitor's office to review items and forward to the City Clerk the day after the deadline is not enough time for proper review, and Rule 6(B)(2) Council can't automatically place an item on the agenda if the item hasn't been reviewed by the solicitor's office.

Manuel Gomez, resident, said he has always been a harsh critic of the solicitor's office, but he agrees that 24 hours turnaround time would place too much of a strain on the solicitor's plate. He suggested Council get its own attorney.

Mayor Helfrich said he agrees that Council should have their own attorney as well. He said the current system is an unreasonable way to function. He said he would be happy to have Human Resources work on this with Council. He too agreed that Rule 6(B)(2) which would authorize items to be placed on the agenda if the solicitor's office doesn't respond to agenda item submissions is unreasonable. Plus, he said the solicitor's office is in court on Wednesday's and doesn't have the time to review agenda items on that day.

**Motion to amend.** A motion was made by Buckingham to amend Rule 6(B) to require the solicitor's office to submit items its reviewed for the agenda to the City Clerk by 10AM on the Friday before the scheduled Council meeting and to remove all of Rule 6(B)(2).

Assistant Solicitor Sabol said he's in agreement with the proposed amendments.

The motion to amend passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0. Motion to strike 6(b)(2) made by Buckingham, seconded by Washington, all yeas.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 26, as amended, passed by the following vote: Yeas: Dennis, Buckingham, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

19. Resolution No. 27 - A Resolution  
Approving the 2019 Annual Action Plan. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development | BHS

Resolution No. 27, Session 2022, A Resolution approving the ~~2022~~ 2019 Annual Action Plan, was introduced by Washington, and came up for discussion.

**Motion to amend.** City Clerk Thompson said an amendment has been requested from the Bureau of Housing Services to amend the Action Plan year from 2022 to 2019. The motion to amend passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

**Motion to read by short title.** A motion was made by Washington, seconded by Walker to read Resolution No. 27 by short title. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

Resolution No. 29, as amended by was read by short title, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 29, as amended, passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

20. Resolution No. 28 - A Resolution  
Authorizing an agreement with Willis of PA ([View](#)) (Willis Towers Watson - For self-general liability insurance & self-insured for worker's comp insurance - statement of work through 2023)  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 28, Session 2022, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Willis of Pennsylvania (Willis Towers Watson) for self-general liability insurance & self-insured for worker's comp insurance - statement of work through 2023, was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Dennis, Resolution No. 28 passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

21. Resolution No. 29 - A Resolution  
Authorizing various budget transfers. ([View](#)) (Approving transfer of funds in the FY2021 City Budget as follows: (1) Recreation/Parks to correct transfer approved on February 15, 2022 in [Resolution 20](#) for the cement/concrete/stone expense line in the amount of \$530.68; (2) Wastewater Treatment Plant to fund final 2021 expenses for medical supplies by transferring a total of \$310.00; (3) Permits & Inspections to fund final 2021 expenses for architect/engineer/consultant services by transferring a total of \$11,283.44; (4) Police Department to fund final 2021 expense for tuition reimbursement by transferring a total of \$470.61; (5) Building & Electrical to fund final 2021 expenses for electric-traffic signals by transferring a total of \$90.18.)  
Introduced by: Sandie Walker  
Originator: Public Works (Rec/Parks)(WWTP)(Bldg/Elec) | Comm/Econ Dev (PPZ) | Police

Resolution No. 29, Sessions 2022, A Resolution approving transfer of funds in the FY2021 City Budget as follows: (1) Recreation/Parks to correct transfer approved on February 15, 2022 in [Resolution 20](#) for the cement/concrete/stone expense line in the amount of \$530.68; (2) Wastewater Treatment Plant to fund final 2021 expenses for medical supplies by transferring a total of \$310.00; (3) Permits & Inspections to fund final 2021 expenses for architect/engineer/consultant services by transferring a total of \$11,283.44; (4) Police Department to fund final 2021 expense for tuition reimbursement by transferring a total of \$470.61; (5) Building & Electrical to fund final 2021 expenses for electric-traffic signals by transferring a total of \$90.18, was introduced by Walker, and came up for discussion.

**Motion to read by short title.** A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Washington, to read Resolution No. 29 by short title. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

Resolution No. 29, Session 2022, was read by short title, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 29 passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

XI. Requests for Future Meetings: None

XII. Council Comment: None

XIII. Administration Comment

Mayor Helfrich said he is happy to have any procedural discussions with Council in the future and thanked Council for correcting the issue that occurred at the last Council meeting with introduction of the Bill allocating funding for renovations to Rex/Laurel Fire Station and Penn Market.

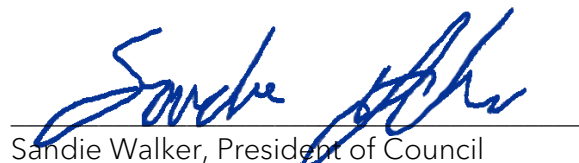
Mayor Helfrich then talked about changing residency to include adjacent counties and asked that City Council revisit that because the Finance Department and Bureau of Health are suffering with these vacant positions. Residency is the biggest reason why potential employees walk away from job offers or even from applying.

XIV. Adjournment

The next legislative meeting of City Council is scheduled for 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers. There being no further business the March 1, 2022 meeting of Council adjourned at 8:18 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