

# Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania

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## MINUTES May 18, 2022 6:00 p.m.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** President Walker called the May 18, 2022, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 101 S. George St., York, PA, with the following members present: 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 Administration; Nancy Griffin, Zoning Officer & Acting Planner; Monica Kruger, Director of Health; and Jason Sabol, Assistant Solicitor.

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

### I. Public Comment:

Dennis Kunkle, resident, and member of HARB, said in a seller's disclosure statement it does touch on the historic district. He then said building code officials may exclude an entire historic building or structure or part of the building or structure from compliance with the Uniform Construction Code if it meets conditions found listed in 34 Pa. Code, Section 403.24.

Craig Zumbrun, member of HARB, asked that a consultant be restored to HARB to help with advising members with regard to historic preservation. He said being a HARB member is a difficult one because we are trying to safeguard the architecture and bones of historic properties.

There being no further comment, President Walker adjourned the general public comment session at 6:05 PM and immediately convened in legislative session.

### II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:05 PM.

### III. Roll Call

### IV. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

### V. Moment of Silence observed. President Walker paid respect to those who were injured and killed after a gunman opened fire at Tops supermarket in Buffalo, NY.

- VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [May 3, 2022](#). Council dispensed with the reading of the Minutes and approved them as written by the following vote: Yeas - Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.
- VII. Proclamations, Awards and Announcements: None
- VIII. Meeting(s) Scheduled:
  - ▶ **Committee Meeting:** Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - ▶ **Legislative Meeting:** The next legislative meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 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. 58 - A Resolution Approving the preliminary/final subdivision and land development plans for Envirite of Pennsylvania. ([View](#)) (730 Vogelsong Rd.)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Planning)

Resolution No. 58, Session 2022, A Resolution approving preliminary/final subdivision plan and a preliminary/final land development plan submitted by Nutec Group, on behalf of Envirite of Pennsylvania, for the Drum Building Expansion at 730 Vogelsong Road, was introduced by Washington, read at length and on motion of Washington, seconded by Rivera, Resolution No. 58 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

- 2. Resolution No. 59 - A Resolution Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Lou Rivera  
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 59, Session 2022, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in approving a certificate of appropriateness for applications received for work to be done at 316 E. Locust St., 237 W. Market St., and 244-256 N. George St., was introduced by Rivera, read at length, and on motion of Rivera, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 59 came up for discussion.

Councilman Rivera asked Craig Zumbrun to elaborate on the position he was requesting for HARB during the general public comment period.

Mr. Zumbrun said when Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson (JMT) was the historical preservationist and architect consultant to HARB they did a historical review of the property, wrote a comment piece on how the application met or did not meet The Secretary of Interiors Guidelines and gave the board direction on how to vote. He said would like to have someone like this assigned to HARB again.

Mayor Helfrich said the former consultant to HARB did not want to renew the contract, so we are in the process of looking at another contractor.

Councilman Rivera asked how many board members does HARB consist of?

Mr. Zumbrun said HARB is a seven-member board with three alternates, however, the entire board currently only consists of five members. He said we have a hard time finding qualified and committed individuals to fill these positions. He outlined the make-up of the board. He said we currently have an architect, a planner, a history teacher, and a real estate person.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 59 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

3. Resolution No. 60 - A Resolution Accepting the recommendation of HARB in denying a certificate of appropriateness. (For work to be done at 319-335 N. George St.) ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Lou Rivera  
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 60, Session 2022, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in denying a certificate of appropriateness for work to be done at 319-335 N. George St., was Introduced by Rivera, read at length, and on motion of Rivera, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 60 came up for discussion.

Kim Hogeman, York County Economic Alliance, representing the client, explained the following in an email dated April 26, 2022 sent to Council:

"This week, on behalf of the York County Industrial Development Authority (YCIDA) and the YCEA, I will present the Northern Gateway / Ballpark Commons project to HARB. We have shared information about this project in the past through a variety of forums, but recognizing that it has been some time - and I don't expect everyone to remember every project all of the time, I thought I would share the attached document as an update on the project status.

Way back when the stadium was first constructed, the York Outdoor Recreation Complex (YORC) development plan approved by Council and the Planning Commission included the acquisition, demolition of nine properties along North George Street, 319-335 North George, that sit adjacent to Brooks Robinson Plaza north to Arch Street. At the time, construction funding for the stadium was prioritized and proceeded. Over the course of 15 years, the YCIDA acquired properties along that stretch as they became vacant and available. We now hope to complete the vision of the 2005 Redevelopment Plan and improve our City's northern entry point with this exciting project.

In addition to the work along George Street, as we are entering the 15<sup>th</sup> season for the York Revolution, we anticipate doing several capital improvements to PeoplesBank Park, in conjunction with this project and in cooperation with the REVS. Thus, ensuring the stadium is looking sharp for another 15 seasons! (Sidenote, Opening Home Game is May 3<sup>rd</sup>!)

Earlier this year, I presented the project to HARB for discussion and recommendations. We have since incorporated their recommendations and will provide an update this week. The project has twice received funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in November of 2021 and just last week.

Included in this PowerPoint are conceptual renderings. These are merely conceptual. The project will still require a formal, public bidding process to engage developers. Ultimately, any

construction would still require the same HARB approval process, collaboration, and permitting.”

Ms. Hogeman said they are recommending demolition of the property and they have received RACP awards for \$4 million that will go toward the project.

Jack Kay, Chair, YCIDA, said when the stadium project was envisioned and we went through the redevelopment process of zoning that area, these properties were included and were part of that sight. As we got into development of the stadium, we didn't have the funding to complete this piece of the project. This is an important piece because it is the front of the stadium, and the site lines are hampered because of the presence of these properties. We see this as an opportunity to create a meaningful gateway. Since development of the stadium a tremendous amount of development in the area has happened including retail and commercial development, as well as redevelopment of the former Rail Freight building. He said this row of properties are not impactful or have no architectural significance. We believe that with proposed development of mixed commercial development this will create a positive first impression as you're coming into the city. We think that demolition is the right thing to do. We respect the historic nature of buildings, but these are not particularly unique. If the facades were more significant, we might have a different perspective. This will create better sight lines for the city and enhance entry into the city. We fully understand HARB's perspective, and they are looking to do their job. At the same time, we are advocating that this would be a better and positive outcome for the city.

Councilman Rivera said that if approved, he hopes that they will engage the black and brown community to ensure they get contracts and employment and that they be part of the process.

Mr. Kay said one of the important objectives of the YCIDA is to reflect on these kinds of comments and be respectful of the entire York community. We're making sure the Yorktowne Hotel is everyone's hotel and that everyone can play a role and be a participant. We recognize that this is a responsibility of our board, and we are going to lengths to hire through Crispus Attucks and York College. He said it would mean a lot to them to have people walk to work and have a career.

Mayor Helfrich said he supports moving forward with this project. He said once he learned the history of this project and since it's been litigated and legislated about 20 years ago, he thinks it's unfair for the city to not honor something that was agreed on years prior. He said he researched the architecture of the city and feels the gain is more than the loss. Also, economically, he said we are trying to find a way to connect the stadium customers with the rest of the shopping and restaurant districts of the city. He said the more we build up the area, the more we connect to that concept and build on income.

There being no further discussion, Council rejected HARB's recommendation by the following vote: Yeas - None; Nays - Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 4. As Council rejected the recommendations of HARB, the building code official is hereby authorized to issue a certificate of appropriateness for work to be covered in the application as submitted to HARB.

## Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions

4. Final Passage of Bill No. 30, Ordinance No. 29 - A Bill Amending the FY2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (To appropriate revenue and expenditures for the Justice Assistance Grant for the period of 10/1/2020-9/30/2024, in the amount of \$50,532.00)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Police

Final Passage of Bill No. 30, Ordinance No. 29, Session 2022, A Bill amending the 2022 budget

by appropriating revenue and expenditures for the Justice Assistance Grant for the period of 10/1/2020-9/30/2024, in the amount of \$50,532.00, which was introduced by Washington at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Washington, seconded by Rivera, Bill no. 30, Ordinance No. 29 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

5. Final Passage of Bill No. 31, Ordinance No. 30 - A Bill Adopting rules and regulations. ([View](#)) (Pertaining to wastewater collection, conveyance, treatment, and disposal service; providing for implementation and enforcement of same; rescinding inconsistent ordinances and resolutions; and stating the effective date)  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Solicitor's Office

Final Passage of Bill No. 31, Ordinance No. 30, Session 2022, A Bill adopting rules and regulations pertaining to wastewater collection, conveyance, treatment, and disposal service; providing for implementation and enforcement of same; rescinding inconsistent ordinances and resolutions; and stating the effective date (relating to sale of Wastewater Treatment Plant to Pennsylvania American Water Co.), which was introduced by Buckingham at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Buckingham, seconded by Rivera, Bill No. 31, Ordinance No. 30, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

6. Final Passage of Bill No. 32, Ordinance 31 - A Bill Amending Article 165.07 "Residency Requirements" of the Codified Ordinances. ([View](#)) (To expand residency area to York County, or any County contiguous to York County, Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Harford, Baltimore, and Carroll Counties)  
Introduced by: Lou Rivera  
Originator: Mayor | Business Administration

Final Passage of Bill No. 32, Ordinance No. 31, Session 2022, A Bill amending Article 165.07 "Residency Requirements" of the Codified Ordinances to expand residency area to York County, or any County contiguous to York County, Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Harford, Baltimore, and Carroll Counties, which was introduced by Rivera at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Rivera, seconded by Buckingham, Bill No. 32 came up for discussion.

Shanell Barnes, resident, and city employee said this is important to those of us who have been working for the city for years. She said where we live should be a choice and we want to get and keep good people to work for the city. She said it's not that we don't love the city, we just want the option to choose.

There being no further discussion, Bill No. 32, Ordinance No. 31, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Buckingham, Rivera, Walker - 3; Nays - Washington - 1.

President Walker said she would like to see quarterly reports on the make-up of our employees post residency expansion and she thanked the City Clerk for working on the residency timeline as it was very helpful.

7. Final Passage of Bill No. 33, Ordinance 32 - A Bill Amending Article 185 "Human Relations" of the York City Codified Ordinances. ([View](#)) (To update definitions and prohibit race-based discrimination based on hair texture or protective hairstyles - CROWN Act)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Council (Washington)

Final Passage of Bill No. 33, Ordinance No. 32, Session 2022, A Bill amending Article 185 "Human Relations" of the York City Codified Ordinances to update definitions and prohibit race-based discrimination based on hair texture or protective hairstyles - CROWN Act, which was introduced by Washington at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Washington, seconded by Rivera, Bill No. 33 came up for discussion.

Vice President Washington thanked York City Human Relations Commission Chairwoman Stephanie Seaton, HRC Board members, the City Clerk and Council for their work and support on this legislation. She said CROWN stands for "Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair," and is a law that prohibits race-based hair discrimination, which is the denial of employment, housing, and educational opportunities because of hair texture or protective hairstyles. She said she hopes that parameters are set to protect those classes of individuals that would be affected by race-based discrimination.

Mina Edmondson, HRC, said she is pleased to support this addition to Article 185 and going forward to protect persons of color in our community.

Sandra Thompson, Attorney, NAACP, said she wrote an Op-Ed in the newspaper supporting the CROWN Act and she appreciates Council considering this legislation. She said she hopes this legislation is adopted at the county level as well. She said it took years to be able to walk into the courthouse as an attorney with natural hair and be empowered by others wearing natural hair. We still sometimes get comments about our hair but with now being empowered, this is what's needed. This shows that our natural hair is also professional.

There being no further discussion, Bill No. 33, Ordinance No. 32, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

## New Business

8. Introduction of Bill No. 34 - A Bill Amending the 2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (HIV Prevention Program grant SAP#4100079928 for state and federal)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Health

Introduction of Bill No. 34, Session 2022, A Bill amending the 2022 budget by appropriating revenue and expenditures for the HIV Prevention Program grant (SAP #4100079928) for both for State and Federal funding, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the May 25<sup>th</sup> special meeting of Council.

9. Introduction of Bill No. 35 - A Bill Amending the 2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (For the Healthy Moms Healthy Babies Home Visiting Program grant renewal (#4100080791) in the amount of \$275,000.00)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Health

Introduction of Bill No. 35, Session 2022, A Bill amending the FY2022 City Budget for Bureau of Health by appropriating revenue and expenditures for the Healthy Moms Healthy Babies Home Visiting Program grant renewal (#4100080791), in the amount of \$275,000.00, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the May 25<sup>th</sup> special meeting of Council.

10. Introduction of Bill No. 36 - A Bill Amending the 2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (For the Bureau of Health to comply with an approved budget shift for the Healthy Moms Healthy Babies Home Visiting Program grant (#4100080791), by transferring a total of \$21,021.56)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Health

Introduction of Bill No. 36, Session 2022, A Bill approving transfer of funds in the FY2022 City Budget for the Bureau of Health to comply with an approved budget shift for the Healthy Moms Healthy Babies Home Visiting Program grant (#4100080791), by transferring a total of \$21,021.56, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the May 25<sup>th</sup> special meeting of Council.

11. Introduction of Bill No. 37 - A Bill Amending the 2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (For the Bureau of Health to comply with an approved budget revision of the Substance Abuse Prevention Program/Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (#4100085402) by transferring a total of \$51,435.44)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Health

Introduction of Bill No. 37, Session 2022, A Bill approving transfer of funds in the FY2022 City Budget for the Bureau of Health to comply with an approved budget revision of the Substance Abuse Prevention Program/Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (#4100085402) by transferring a total of \$51,435.44, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the May 25<sup>th</sup> special meeting of Council.

#### **Items for consideration of consent agenda:**

**Motion to waive 215.** A motion was made by Washington, seconded by Rivera, waive the provisions of Resolution No. 215 of Session 1969 to permit consideration of a supplemental agenda (agenda item #21) as part of the consent agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

**Motion to consider agenda.** A motion was made by Buckingham, seconded by Rivera, to consider agenda items 13-21 as a consent agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

President Walker received comment from Council on consent agenda items, which is noted in these minutes.

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

**Motion to approve items on consent agenda.** A motion made by Buckingham, seconded by Rivera, to approve consent agenda items 13-21. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

12. Resolution No. PULLED - A Resolution Appointing a probationary police officer. ([View](#)) (Heath Test)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Mayor | Police

Agenda item #12 was pulled from the agenda at the request of Business Administration (HR).

13. Resolution No. 61 - A Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding and Closing Agreement. ([View](#)) (Between the City of York and Teamsters Local 776 relating to sale of the WWTP)  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 61, Session 2022, A Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding and Closing Agreement between the City of York and Teamsters Local 776 relating to sale of the WWTP, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

14. Resolution No. 62 - A Resolution Authorizing a Lease Agreement with Pennsylvania American Water Company. ([View](#)) (For office space at City Hall located at 101 S. George St., York, PA)  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Solicitor's Office

Resolution No. 62, Session 2022, A Resolution authorizing a lease agreement with Pennsylvania American Water Company for office space at City Hall located at 101 S. George St., York, PA, was considered as part of the consent agenda with the following discussion.

Councilman Rivera asked where PA American Water Company will be leasing space in City Hall?

Mayor Helfrich said they will be leasing space that's approximately 320 square feet in Suites H and I of City Hall.

There being no further comment, Resolution No. 62 was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

15. Resolution No. 63 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with Transportation Resource Group. ([View](#)) (For engineering and planning services)  
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis  
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 63, Session 2022, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Transportation Resource Group (TRG) for engineering services, was considered as part of the consent agenda with the following discussion.

President Walker said the TRG and CS Davidson (agenda item #16) contracts date back to January 1<sup>st</sup>. She asked if they have already started the work?

Acting Business Administrator Kim Robertson said this is work that has been in place as they have been providing consulting work for multiple years but with us getting our financial processes in order, the Controller's office has asked that we get this agreement put down on paper.



President Walker asked if these agreements came before Council in the past.

Acting Business Administrator Robertson said in the past she believes it depended on what the projects were, and the amount funding involved with larger projects being submitted to Council for approval.

Vice President Walker asked why the Controller's office is now asking for contracts if the work is already being performed.

Acting Business Administrator Robertson said they are doing their due diligence in tying up loose ends.

There being no further comment, Resolution No. 63 was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

16. Resolution No. 64 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with C.S. Davidson. ([View](#)) (For engineering services)  
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis  
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 64, Session 2022, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with C.S. Davidson for engineering services, was approved unanimously by consent agenda. (Note: See discussion under agenda item 15.)

17. Resolution No. 65 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with Latino Connection. ([View](#)) (#ItsWorthAShot Campaign)  
Introduced by: Lou Rivera  
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Health

Resolution No. 65, Session 2022, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Latino Connection for #ItsWorthAShot Campaign, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

18. Resolution No. 66 - A Resolution Extending the declaration of disaster emergency to August 31, 2022. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 66, Session 2022, A Resolution extending the declaration of disaster emergency relating to the COVID-19 pandemic to August 31, 2022, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

19. Resolution No. 67 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with Family Health Council of Central PA. ([View](#)) (Family Planning program services - \$100,000)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Health

Resolution No. 67, Session 2022, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Family Health Council of Central PA to provide family planning program services including education, counseling, and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases for the period of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 in the amount of \$100,000, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

20. Resolution No. 68 - A Resolution Authorizing Budget Transfers. ([View](#)) (For the Bureau of Health as follows: (1) to comply with an approved budget shift for the Immunization and Vaccines Grant (SAP #410089411), by transferring a total of \$100,858.41; (2) to comply with an approved budget shift for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement (#410089378), by transferring a total of \$1,140.05; (3) to comply with an approved budget shift of the County of York Department of Human Services, Children Youth and Families Agency grant funds by transferring a total of \$19,667.91.)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Health

Resolution No. 68, Session 2022, A Resolution Authorizing Budget Transfers. ([View](#)) (For the Bureau of Health as follows: (1) to comply with an approved budget shift for the Immunization and Vaccines Grant (SAP #410089411), by transferring a total of \$100,858.41; (2) to comply with an approved budget shift for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement (#410089378), by transferring a total of \$1,140.05; (3) to comply with an approved budget shift of the County of York Department of Human Services, Children Youth and Families Agency grant funds by transferring a total of \$19,667.91, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

### Supplemental Agenda

21. Resolution No. 69 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with the Family Health Council of Central PA. ([View](#)) (Safe & Healthy Communities program contract - \$737,069.23)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Health

Resolution No. 69, Session 2022, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with the PA Department of Health to provide physical activity, healthy food access, injury prevention, and other community health initiatives within the parameters of the Safe and Healthy Communities Program as authorized by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the PA Department of Health desires to Amend the contractual relationship with the City of York to provide these services for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 up to the new maximum amount of \$737,069.23, was approved unanimously by consent agenda. (Note: A motion to waive Rule 215 and consider this item as part of the consent agenda passed unanimously as noted earlier in these minutes.)

### XI. Requests for Future Meetings:

In an email dated May 16<sup>th</sup>, Acting Business Administrator Kim Robertson requested a special meeting to consider passage of Bill No.'s 34-37 that were introduced this evening. She said the grant programs associated with these budget amendments all end June 30, 2022. In order for the Health Bureau staff to be able to initiate the purchasing process to spend remaining funds by this deadline, the requested budget amendments will need to be approved as soon as possible so the funds can be processed in our financial system in order for the remaining grant funds to be spent. She requested a special meeting be held on May 25<sup>th</sup> immediately prior to Council's committee meeting. Council agreed to meet in special session at 6:00 PM on May 25, 2022 to consider said items.

### XII. Council Comment

In referencing adoption of the CROWN Act, Councilwoman Buckingham said she is proud that Council had the foresight to protect individuals from discrimination while working, living, or visiting the City of York not only with adoption of the CROWN Act but adoption of all of our anti-discrimination laws.

Vice President Washington thanked all that supported the CROWN Act legislation. She said this is a national piece of legislation for people of color. We have done work tonight that will affect generations to come. She then said a Community Baby Shower will be held 11AM - 2PM, Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Port Equipping Center, Parkway Homes, 140 Willis Lane. They will giving away free pampers, wipes, etc.

Councilman Rivera said this is indeed a historic day in York and he's proud of this. A few years ago, he said he wasn't in favor of lifting the residency because he didn't feel the city was being diverse in its hiring. But after he saw the struggles in hiring for the health department, he reconsidered the issue. There must be accountability and we will hold the administration accountable to hire black and brown people for jobs. He said it's our job to go out and look for people of color to fill these positions. He stated that people might not like everything he has to say but he said he speaks from my heart. Jobs that were held by white men are now being held by white women like at the YWCA, and the Cultural Alliance and we have to stay on top of that. We have to demand that black and brown folks are on the hiring committees of these organizations. We are always talking about diversity and inclusion, but these organizations are giving jobs to white females. He said it's time the people that hold these positions represent our community.

XIII. Administration Comment

Mayor Helfrich thanked all for their support as we worked hard to remove the residency requirement. When people are being forced to be separated from their loved ones and we are struggling to fill positions, this is way overdue. We need the support of other folks to encourage people of color to apply for these jobs. He said he is excited about the services the citizens of the city are going to receive now that the residency has been lifted. He said bonus points are given to city residents when applying for city jobs. He then said King St. is not being turned into two-way traffic. The improvements people are seeing are the upgrades to the King Street Bus Transit Center and new two-way bike lanes. Lastly, he said the Bureau of Housing Services is accepting applications for the Legacy Builders Program for teenagers for the July 13 - July 28 program period. Please call (717) 771-1100 for applications and information.

XIV. Adjournment: A special legislative session of Council is scheduled for May 25, 2022 at 6PM in City Council Chambers. The next regular legislative session of Council is scheduled for June 7, 2022 at 6PM in Council Chambers. There being no further business, the May 18, 2022 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:57 PM.

XV. Resumption of Public Comment Period (at the discretion of the presiding officer): None

  
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Dianna L. Thompson, City Clerk

  
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Sandie Walker, President of Council