

# Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania

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## MINUTES JULY 19, 2022 6:00 p.m.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** President Walker called the July 19, 2022, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 101 S. George St., York, PA, with the following members present: Felicia 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; Dan Hevner, Deputy Business Administrator; Nona Watson, Director of Economic & Community Development; Monica Kruger, Director of Health; Sharee McFadden, Economic Development and RDA Specialist; and Jason Sabol, Assistant Solicitor.

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

I. Public Comment:

Deidra Mincer, resident, said the neighbors in her block are concerned about the alley behind their homes. She said the other evening there was a piano dumped in the middle of the alley. There is so much trash behind the alley and they would like it cleaned up and the alley repaved.

Brenda Rice, resident, said the alley needs cleaned up because there is trash and dead animals in the alley. She then spoke about elderly housing and how properties have been demolished but nothing new has been built for senior housing. She said a lot of us seniors are on social security, and we need assistance with housing.

John Jamison, resident, said he has owned Brother John's Grocery for decades. He said a convenience store opened on Parkway Blvd and although there are signs posted for 25 mph, cars don't obey the speed limit and he doesn't want to see anyone, especially a child, get hit by a car. He suggested something be done to address.

Shareef Hameed, resident, spoke about the Smoke and Chill store located on the corner of Duke & Princess Sts. He said they encourage drug use of our kids. He stated that places like this open up in black & brown communities and that this store is just 200 ft away from Voni Grimes Gym, and two blocks away from two elementary schools. He said over 25,000 black people die every year from

tobacco related illnesses. He said it is absolutely horrific that they have vaping products and items known to be used for drugs.

Jeff Kirkland, resident, said he has been in drug stores in New York that don't have as much drug paraphernalia as Smoke and Chill. He said people who live in poverty areas don't have proper education, housing, income, etc. and they all come together to a complex relationship with drugs. The drug activity around here is a large portion of the crime taking place in our community. He asked why these types of facilities are allowed to open especially around our children. He said although these items are legal, what kind of message are we sending to our children.

Lettice Brown, resident, spoke about how the fireworks were horrendous in the fireside area this past fourth of July. She asked if we could create an ordinance for the aerial fireworks that shoot up in the air because of the fire risks. She said she met with Commissioner Muldrow who said they can't do much because of how the law is written. Next, she said this past week we had a lot of issues with trash in that the alleyways were littered with trash, so she hopes that is taken into consideration when our trash hauler comes up for contract renewal.

Mina Edmondson, Martin Library, thanked the City for their support of the Martin Library ribbon cutting event to showcase their newly renovated facility. She thanked Public Works, and Health and Sanitation, for answering all their questions, as well as the Police Dept., and the Fire Dept. who showed up and made sure the area was safe for our block party. She said the talented and exceptional children that provided entertainment and adults who support our kids are so much appreciated. We need to continue to support those that are doing right instead of always pointing out the things that aren't right. She said we had hundreds of members of the community attend the event, and she was pleased to see the turnout. She briefly outlined the newly renovated library and said they are ready to serve our community. She invited the public to take a tour of the library.

Seth Predix discussed the Keystone Colorworks Building and the Old Arctic Locker. He said we have always used a private trash hauler; however, we received from the city informing us of an ordinance regulating that if a building has under 50 units, you have to use the city's trash hauler. He said they will be submitting a waiver to use a private hauler. We're willing to pay the per unit fee. Colorworks has 29 apartments and isn't on the Republic's bid. He said you should look at modifying that ordinance because 50 units is a huge number. The last thing the city needs is 30 totes sitting on their sidewalk when one dumpster can be used. When we know people are scheduled to move out, we have an agreement with our hauler to remove the items within 24 hours. If I have to call Public Works and then they have to schedule with the hauler, it's not telling how long that will be. He also stated that he could provide a waste management plan if that is requested to allow them to use a private hauler.

Bryan Goodin, resident, said he had a studio that he was renting that he found out was condemned since 2017. He said city codes said the person we rented from has done this to others. He said the city showed up and shut him down and that the owner was allowed to do this to others so this must be a city-wide situation. He said does the city care to do anything for the businesses being molested by shady landlords. How can this continue to happen, and nothing is being done? He said something needs to be done. He asked whose fault is it that he's in this position because there was no indication that this property was labeled as condemned.

President Walker said she encouraged many people who spoke tonight to attend because their comments recorded, contact information is on the public comment form, and the mayor is usually in attendance and can answer your questions after the meeting.

There being no further discussion, public comment was adjourned at 6:32 PM.

II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:32 PM.

- III. Roll Call
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- V. Moment of Silence observed.
- VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [June 7, 2022](#). Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes and approved them as written by the following vote: Yeas – Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker – 5; Nays – 0.
- VII. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements:

► **Keystone Oral Histories** – Bryan Wade, C.E.O. of Keystones Oral Histories, gave a presentation on Keystone Oral Histories wherein he chronicled the lives of York County African Americans who served in the military. He stated that a presentation on this initiative is currently airing on PBS.

► **ARPA Update** – Kim Robertson, Interim Business Administration, gave an update on the American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA). She said we received all of our ARPA funding. She provided a handout of an approved budget vs. year-to-date expenditures. Year-to-date there has been a total of \$5.1 million approved by Council. She outlined the programs funded by ARPA last year. She said although the money was budgeted, it wasn't expended in 2021. She said they are tying up loose ends from last year before they can expend the money that has been approved. This year, she said we have budgeted \$5.1 million total and we have spent over \$348,987.16. She said they have been working to evaluate the processes they currently have in place, as well as reporting procedures. She said they are finalizing the RFP for the ARPA project manager position and hope to have that completed this week.

- VIII. Meeting(s) Scheduled:

► **Legislative Meeting:** The next legislative meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on August 10.

- 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.)

**Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions:**

- 1. Final Passage of Bill No. 39, Ordinance No. 38 - A Bill  
Amending the FY2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (\$100,000 for the Family Planning Program)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Business Administration (For Economic & Community Development | Health)

Final Passage of Bill No. 39, Ordinance No. 38, Session 2022, A Bill amending the FY2022 budget in the amount of \$100,000 for the Family Planning Program, which was introduced by Washington at the June 7 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Washington, seconded by Rivera, Bill No. 39, Ordinance No. 38 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker – 5; Nays – 0.

- 2. Final Passage of Bill No. 40, Ordinance No. 39 - A Bill  
Amending the FY2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (\$250,000 for repairs/replacement of air conditioning units)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Business Administration (For Police)

Final Passage of Bill No. 40, Ordinance No. 39, Session 2022, A Bill amending the FY2022 budget in the amount of \$250,000 for repairs/replacement of the air conditioning units at the

York City Police Station, which was introduced by Washington at the June 7 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Washington, seconded by Buckingham, Bill No. 40, Ordinance No. 39 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

## New Business

3. Introduction of Bill No. 41 - A Bill  
Amending the FY2022 City Budget for Bureau of Health. ([View](#)) (By appropriating revenue and expenditures as follows: Healthy Moms - Healthy Babies Program, in the amount of \$196,858.34; Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement (#41000#####), in the amount of \$181,923.00; and Family Health Council of Central PA) (FHCCP) for the Family Planning Program, in the amount of \$61,384.57.)

Introduced by: Edquina Washington

Originator: Economic & Community Development | Health

Introduction of Bill No 41, Session 2022, A Bill amending the FY2022 budget by appropriating revenue and expenditures as follows: Healthy Moms - Healthy Babies Program, in the amount of \$196,858.34; Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement (#41000#####), in the amount of \$181,923.00; and Family Health Council of Central PA (FHCCP) for the Family Planning Program, in the amount of \$61,384.57, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the July 28 special meeting of Council.

4. Introduction of Bill No. 42 - A Bill  
Amending the FY2022 City Budget for Bureau of Health. ([View](#)) (By appropriating revenue and expenditures as follows: Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) grant renewal (#4100082860), in the amount of \$14,100.00; HIV Prevention Program grant (#4100079928), in the total amount of \$273,000.00; Immunization & Vaccines grant (#410089411), in the total amount of \$224,022.83; Overdose Data to Action grant (#4100085402), in the amount of \$184,713.92; Safe and Healthy Communities grant (#4100085927), in the amount of \$238,750.00; and Tuberculosis (TB) program grant renewal (#4100085638), in the amount of \$6,377.00.)

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5. Introduction of Bill No. 43 - A Bill  
Amending Title Four - Stormwater Management, Article 935 "General Provisions" of the York City Codified Ordinances. ([View](#)) (To make it consistent with the 2022 model stormwater ordinance provided by the PA Department of Environmental Protection; and to establish subsection 935.11 "Waivers.")

Introduced by: Felicia Dennis

Originator: Public Works | MS4

Introduction of Bill No. 43, Session 2022, A Bill amending Title Four - Stormwater Management, Article 935 "General Provisions" of the York City Codified Ordinances to make it consistent with the 2022 model stormwater ordinance provided by the PA Department of Environmental

Protection; and to establish subsection 935.11 "Waivers, was introduced by Dennis, read by short title, and deferred to the August 16 meeting of Council.

6. Introduction of Bill No. 44 - A Bill  
Amending Title Four – Stormwater Management, Article 936 "Definitions" of the York City Codified Ordinances. ([View](#)) (To make it consistent with the 2022 model stormwater ordinance provided by the PA Department of Environmental Protection.)  
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis  
Originator: Public Works | MS4

Introduction of Bill No. 44, Session 2022, A Bill amending Title Four – Stormwater Management, Article 936 "Definitions" of the York City Codified Ordinances to make it consistent with the 2022 model stormwater ordinance provided by the PA Department of Environmental Protection, was introduced by Dennis, read by short title, and deferred to the August 16 meeting of Council.

7. Introduction of Bill No. 45 - A Bill  
Amending Title Four – Stormwater Management, Article 937 "Stormwater Management Standards" of the York City Codified Ordinances. ([View](#)) (To make it consistent with the 2022 model stormwater ordinance provided by the PA Department of Environmental Protection.)  
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis  
Originator: Public Works | MS4

Introduction of Bill No. 45, Session 2022, A Bill amending Title Four – Stormwater Management, Article 937 "Stormwater Management Standards" of the York City Codified Ordinances to make it consistent with the 2022 model stormwater ordinance provided by the PA Department of Environmental Protection, was introduced by Dennis, read by short title, and deferred to the August 16 meeting of Council.

8. Introduction of Bill No. 46 - A Bill  
Amending Title Four – Stormwater Management, Article 938 "Stormwater Management (SWM) Site Plan Requirements" of the York City Codified Ordinances. ([View](#)) (To make it consistent with the 2022 model stormwater ordinance provided by the PA Department of Environmental Protection.)  
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis  
Originator: Public Works | MS4

Introduction of Bill No. 46, Session 2022, A Bill amending Title Four – Stormwater Management, Article 938 "Stormwater Management (SWM) Site Plan Requirements" of the York City Codified Ordinances to make it consistent with the 2022 model stormwater ordinance provided by the PA Department of Environmental Protection, was introduced by Dennis, read by short title, and deferred to the August 16 meeting of Council.

9. Introduction of Bill No. 47 - A Bill  
Amending Title Four – Stormwater Management, Article 942 "Detection and Elimination of Illicit Discharges to the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System" of the York City Codified Ordinances. ([View](#)) (To make it consistent with the 2022 model stormwater ordinance provided by the PA Department of Environmental Protection.)  
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis  
Originator: Public Works | MS4

Introduction of Bill No. 47, Session 2022, A Bill amending Title Four – Stormwater Management, Article 942 "Detection and Elimination of Illicit Discharges to the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System" of the York City Codified Ordinances to make it consistent with the 2022 model stormwater ordinance provided by the PA Department of Environmental Protection, was introduced by Dennis, read by short title, and deferred to the August 16 meeting of Council.

10. Introduction of Bill No. 48 - A Bill Amending Title Four – Stormwater Management, Article 943 “Enforcement and Penalties” of the York City Codified Ordinances. ([View](#)) (To make it consistent with the 2022 model stormwater ordinance provided by the PA Department of Environmental Protection.)  
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis  
Originator: Public Works | MS4

Introduction of Bill No. 48, Session 2022, A Bill amending Title Four – Stormwater Management, Article 943 “Enforcement and Penalties” of the York City Codified Ordinances to make it consistent with the 2022 model stormwater ordinance provided by the PA Department of Environmental Protection, was introduced by Dennis, read by short title, and deferred to the August 16 meeting of Council.

### Items for Consideration of Consent Agenda

**Motion to consider consent agenda.** A motion made by Rivera, seconded by Buckingham, to consider agenda items 11-17 as a consent agenda.

President Walker asked if there were any items to requested to be pulled from the consent agenda. No items were requested.

The motion to consider agenda items 11-17 as a consent agenda passed by the following vote: Yeas – Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker – 5; Nays – 0.

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

President Walker asked if there was any Council or Administration comment. There was none.

**Motion to approve consent agenda items.** A motion was made by Rivera, seconded by Washington to approve agenda items 11-17. The motion PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker – 5; Nays – 0.

11. Resolution No. 78 - A Resolution Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Lou Rivera  
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 78, Session 2022, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing certificates of appropriateness for work to be done in the applications filed by John Snavelly for work to be done at 116 S. George St., Sarah Malinsky for work to be done at 202 E. King St., Eric Bowman for work to be done at 728 S. George St., and Jack Kay for work to be done at 50 N. Duke St., was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

12. Resolution No. 79 - A Resolution Appointing members to the City of York General Authority. ([View](#)) (M. Schreffler; P. Briddell)  
Introduced by: Lou Rivera  
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 79, Session 2022, A Resolution appointing Meredith Schreffler to the York City General Authority to fill the unexpired term of Richard Miller, which term shall expire the first Monday of January 2027, and Philip Briddell to fill the unexpired term of Benjamin McLaughlin, which term shall expire the first Monday of January 2024, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

13. Resolution No. 80 - A Resolution Appointing probationary firefighters. ([View](#)) (C. Caruso; C. D’Onotrio; S. O’Malley; L. Wilson)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Mayor | Fire/Rescue

Resolution No. 80, Session 2022, A Resolution appointing the following as probationary police officers: Connor Caruso, Christopher D’Onotrio, Shane O’Malley, and Lance Wilson, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

14. Resolution No. 81 - A Resolution Approving the 2022-2024 YPEA Union Agreement. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 81, Session 2022, A Resolution approving the York Public Employees Association (YPEA) union agreement for the period covering January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

15. Resolution No. 82 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with the PA Department of Health. ([View](#)) (Overdose Data to Action Program - \$928,384.00)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Health

Resolution No. 82, Session 2022, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with the PA Department of Health in the amount of \$928,384.00 for the Overdose Data to Action Program, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

16. Resolution No. 83 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with Fulton Bank. ([View](#)) (For short term securities - WWTP proceeds)  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 83, Session 2022, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Fulton Bank for short term securities relating to the proceeds from the sale of the Waste Water Treatment Plant, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

Matthew Bush, VP Portfolio Manager, Fulton Bank, gave a brief presentation on Cash Reserve Investment Management.

17. Resolution No. 84 - A Resolution Authorizing the sale of a dumpster truck. ([View](#)) (To PA American Water Company- \$130,984.00)  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Solicitor

Resolution No. 84, Session 2022, A Resolution authorizing the sale of a dumpster truck to PA American Water Company for \$130,984.00 was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

- XI. Requests for Future Meetings: Council to hold a special meeting on July 28, 2022 at 12 noon to consider passage of Bill No.’s 41 & 42.

- XII. Council Comment

Vice President Washington announced the unveiling of the William C. Goodridge statute - the first African American statue in the City of York - will take place on August 12, 2022 at 10AM in front of the

Goodridge Museum, 123 E. Philadelphia St. The public is invited to attend.

XIII. Administration Comment

Mayor Helfrich responded to Mr. Goodin's comments made during the public comment session. He said he doesn't check certificates of occupancy when he walks into a building. He said the procedure is that the tenant must be told to vacate or get fined. He then responded to other comments made during the public comment session.


President Walker asked if there can be a list compiled of condemned properties.

Assistant Solicitor Sabol said he doesn't see where that would be a problem.

XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for August 16, 2022 at 6PM in Council Chambers (a special meeting will be held on 7/28/22 at 12 noon). There being no further business, the July 19 meeting of Council adjourned at 8:05 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