

Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania

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MINUTES September 20, 2022 6:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: President Walker called the September 20, 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, Lou Rivera, Edquina Washington, Vice President, and Sandie Walker, President, with President Walker presiding. Councilwoman Betsy Buckingham participated via Zoom video.

Members of the Administration in attendance included: Michael Helfrich, Mayor; Kim Robertson, Acting Business Administrator; Monica Kruger, Director of Health; Chaz Green, Director of Public Works; Blanda Nace, Economic Development; Scott Miller, Chief of Staff; and Jason Sabol, Assistant Solicitor.

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

I. Public Comment:

Kelly Adams, resident, said the Columbia Gas wrecking crew arrived at the 400 block of W. Market St. and installed one of those hideous external gas meters in front of a vacant building on his block. He asked if Columbia Gas really needs those humongous meters. He said the water company reads its meters by computer and he knows the gas company doesn't physically read their meters so why are these throwbacks to the 19th century still required by Columbia Gas to read their meters. He asked if anyone explored the possibility of having gas meters read virtually because these ugly meters deface our city. Next, he said he and his wife attended the food truck festival at Penn Park and that the stone building next to the monument is an embarrassment. He said code officials go all over the city giving citations for blight and yet this building is on a public park and is in total disrepair. He said the property needs to be fixed and if not, then tear it down.

Dylan Bauer, resident, said he also looked into the Columbia Gas issue. He said Harrisburg uses a regulator. He explained that the PUC mandated that meters have to come out of buildings because of fear of explosion. He said he would love to be a part of exploring the option of an alternative way to have our gas meters read.

Councilman River said we have had discussions over the years regarding gas meters with Columbia Gas representatives at the table. He said he invites further discussion.

There being no further comment. The general public comment session adjourned at 6:10 PM.

- II. Call Legislative Meeting to Order: President Walker called the legislative meeting to order at 6:10 PM.
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- V. Moment of Silence was observed.
- VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [August 16, 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:
 - ▶ **Committee Meeting:** The next committee meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Committee Agenda items are due by 12 noon on September 21, 2022.
 - ▶ **Legislative Meeting:** The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on September 28, 2022.
- IX. Status of Prior Committee Referrals: No reports.
- X. Legislative Agenda:

Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions

1. Final Passage of Bill No. 50, Ordinance 49 - A Bill Amending the FY2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (As follows: **1**) For Bureau of Health by appropriating additional revenue and expenditures for the Safe and Healthy Communities grant (#4100085927), in the amount of \$46,285.02; **2**) For the Bureau of Health by appropriating revenue and expenditures for the Epidemiology, Laboratory Capacity (ELC) grant (#4100087734), in the amount of \$1,480,858.76; and **3**) For the Bureau of Permits & Inspection by appropriating revenue and expenditures for permits, license, and inspections, in the amount of \$784,000.00.)
 Introduced by: Edquina Washington
 Originator: Economic & Community Development | Health

Final Passage of Bill No. 50, Ordinance No. 49, Session 2022, A Bill Amending the FY2022 Budget as follows: **1**) For Bureau of Health by appropriating additional revenue and expenditures for the Safe and Healthy Communities grant (#4100085927), in the amount of \$46,285.02; **2**) For the Bureau of Health by appropriating revenue and expenditures for the Epidemiology, Laboratory Capacity (ELC) grant (#4100087734), in the amount of \$1,480,858.76; and **3**) For the Bureau of Permits & Inspection by appropriating revenue and expenditures for permits, license, and inspections, in the amount of \$784,000.00, which was introduced by Washington at the August 16 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Washington, seconded by Rivera, Bill No. 50, Ordinance No. 49, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker – 5; Nays – 0.

New Business

2. Introduction of Bill No. 51 (Will be on the 10/4/22 agenda) - A Bill Amending the FY2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (To support Economic Development and Redevelopment activities through the purchase and redevelopment of the 28 parcels of land containing approximately 17.3 acres commonly known as the Dentsply West College Avenue Campus in the amount of \$5,000,000.00.)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development

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3. Introduction of Bill No. 52 (Will be on the 10/4/22 agenda) - A Bill Amending the FY2022 Budget ([View](#)) (As follows: **(1)** Department of Economic & Community Development's Bureau of Housing Services to reflect changes of additional actual allocated funding for HOME ARP Administration, in the amount of \$99,031.30; **(2)** Public Works Department to pay the rest of our inspection invoices to TRC for King Street Bike Lane work expenditures from PennDot funding, in the amount of \$70,000.00; **(3)** Parks and Recreation Bureau by appropriating revenue and expenditures for the Back-to-School event, in the amount of \$5,500.00; **(4)** Bureau of Health by appropriating additional revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$99,263.00 through the Comprehensive Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Program; and **(5)** Bureau of Health by appropriating additional revenue and expenditures for the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) grant (#4100082860), in the amount of \$19,228.42.)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS/Health) | Public Works (Parks/Recs)

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Items for Consideration of Consent Agenda

Motion to consider consent agenda. A motion made by Rivera, seconded by Dennis to consider agenda items 4-17 as a consent agenda. President Walker asked if Council wishes to pull any items from the consent agenda. President Walker said she would like to pull agenda item #8. Vice President Washington said she would like to pull agenda item #14. A motion to consider agenda items 1-7, 9-13 and 15 as a consent agenda was made by Rivera, seconded by Washington and passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

President Walker asked if there was any Council, Administration or public comment on consent agenda items. There was none.

Motion to approve consent agenda items. A motion was made by Washington, seconded by Dennis to approve agenda items 1-7, 9-13 and 15. The motion to approve PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

4. Resolution No. 97 - A Resolution Accepting the recommendations of HARB in denying an application. ([View](#)) (156 S. Penn St.)
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 97, Session 2022, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in denying a certificate of appropriateness filed by Travis Gilbert for work to be done at 156 S. Penn St., was approved unanimously by Council by consent agenda.

5. Resolution No. 98 - A Resolution Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 98, Session 2022, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in approving certificates of appropriateness for work to be done in the following applications:

1. Application filed by Carolyn Painter for work to be done at 746 S. George St.
2. Application filed by Taylor McGill for work to be done at 364 W. King St.
3. Application filed by Joe Musso for work to be done at 41 E. Princess St.
4. Application filed by Joe Musso for work to be done at 153-155 S. Queen St.
5. Application filed by Dan Gibson for work to be done at 55 S. Queen St.
6. Application filed by Glen Heidlebaugh, Jr. for work to be done at 319 E. Princess St.
7. Application filed by Phil Briddell for work to be done at 50 N. Duke St.
8. Application filed by Rich Spangler for work to be done at 225 E. King St.
9. Application filed by Nicole Price for work to be done at 225 E. King St.
10. Application filed by White Rose Credit Union for work to be done at 107 E. Philadelphia St.
11. Application filed by Sheldon Stahle for work to be done at 408 W. Market St.
12. Application filed by Mel Hecker for work to be done at 253 W. Philadelphia St

The resolution was approved unanimously by Council by consent agenda.

6. Resolution No. 99 - A Resolution Awarding a contract to D.E. Gemmill, Inc. ([View](#)) (For line painting - \$45,290.50)
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 99, Session 2022, A Resolution awarding a contract to D.E. Gemmill, Inc. for line painting throughout the City of York was approved unanimously by Council by consent agenda.

7. Resolution No. 100 - A Resolution Awarding a contract to Kinsley Construction, Inc. ([View](#)) (For paving - N. Hartley St., N. Hawthorne St., Edgar St., & Heighes St.)
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 100, Session 2022, A Resolution awarding a contract to Kinsley Construction for paving was approved unanimously by Council by consent agenda.

8. Resolution No. PULLED - A Resolution Authorizing a letter of Intent. ([View](#)) (To purchase the Dentsply West College Ave. Campus - \$4M)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development

Agenda item #8 was pulled from the consent agenda at the request of Council President Sandie Walker for further discussion. A date for consideration of passage to be determined.

9. Resolution No. 101 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with Susquehanna Real Estate and Mental Health Association of York and Adams Counties. ([View](#)) (To separate ownership of 36-38 South Queen (a/k/a Parcel 18) from the ownership of 40- 50 South Queen (a/k/a Parcel 20) and 141 East King (a/k/a Parcel 37)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Solicitor's Office

Resolution No. 101, Session 2022, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Susquehanna Real Estate and Mental Health Association of York and Adams Counties to separate ownership of 36-38 South Queen (a/k/a Parcel 18) from the ownership of 40- 50 South Queen (a/k/a Parcel 20) and 141 East King (a/k/a Parcel 37), was approved unanimously by Council by consent agenda.

10. Resolution No. 102 - A Resolution Authorizing a budget transfer. ([View](#)) (\$9,475.41 - Overdose to Action Grant)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Health

Resolution No. 102, Session 2022, A Resolution authorizing a budget transfer for the Health Department in the amount of \$9,475.41 for the Overdose to Action Grant, was approved unanimously by Council by consent agenda.

11. Resolution No. 103 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement the Institute for Intergovernmental Research. ([View](#)) (For a drug disposal program - \$99,263.00)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Health

Resolution No. 103, Session 2022, A Resolution authorizing an agreement the Institute for Intergovernmental Research for a drug disposal program in the amount of \$99,263.00, was approved unanimously by Council by consent agenda.

12. Resolution No. 104 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with the PA Department of Health. ([View](#)) (For immunization initiatives - \$568,674.52)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Health

Resolution No. 104, Session 2022, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with the PA Department of Health for immunization initiatives in the amount of \$568,674.52, was approved unanimously by Council by consent agenda.

13. Resolution No. 105 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with the PA Department of Health. ([View](#)) (Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program - \$19,228.42)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Health

Resolution No. 105, Session 2022, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with the PA Department of Health for the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program in the amount of \$19,228.42, was approved unanimously by Council by consent agenda.

14. Resolution No. 106 - A Resolution Amending the 2022 Annual Action Plan. ([View](#)) (Transferring \$10K for COVID-19 accts to Crispus Attucks Rental Assistance)
Introduced by: Sandie Walker
Originator: Economic & Community Development | BHS

Resolution No. 106, Session 2022, A Resolution amending the 2022 Annual Action Plan to transfer \$10,000 for COVID-19 accounts to Crispus Attucks Rental Assistance, was introduced by Walker, read at length, and on motion of Walker, seconded by Dennis, Resolution No. 106 came up for discussion.

Request to abstain. Vice President Washington requested to abstain her vote as she is employed by Crispus Attucks.

Motion to accept abstention. A motion was made by Rivera, seconded by Dennis, to accept the request for abstention. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 106 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Walker - 4; Nays - 0; Abstain - Washington - 1.

15. Resolution No. 107 - A Resolution Extending the declaration of disaster emergency. ([View](#)) (To 10/31/22)
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 107, Session 2022, A Resolution extending the declaration of disaster emergency relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, was approved unanimously by Council by consent agenda.

XI. Requests for Future Meetings: None

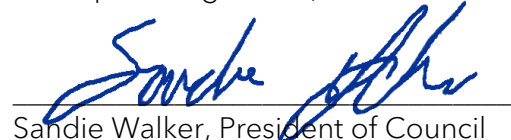
XII. Council Comment: None

XIII. Administration Comment: None

XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for October 4, 2022 at 6PM in City Council Chambers. There being no further business, the September 20, 2022 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:24 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