

Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania

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CALL TO ORDER: President Walker called the November 1, 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: Kim Robertson, Acting Business Administrator; William Sleeper, Fire Chief; Steve Buffington, Building Code Official; Scott Miller; and Jason Sabol, Assistant Solicitor.

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

- I. Public Comment: None
- II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:01 PM.
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- V. Moment of Silence was observed.
- VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [October 18, 2022](#) (legislative) and [October 26, 2022](#) (committee). Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes and approved them by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.
- VII. Proclamations, Awards and Announcements: None
- VIII. Meeting(s) Scheduled:
 - **Legislative Meeting:** The next legislative meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on November 9th.
- IX. Status of Prior Committee Referrals:

- ▶ [Bill No. 54](#) - Amending Article 145 "Police Department" was tabled at Council's 10/26/22 committee meeting.

X. Legislative Agenda:

Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions

1. Final Passage of Bill No. 56, Ordinance No. 53 - A Bill Amending the FY2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (For Public Works to fund the removal of the Bascule Gate Dam located on the Codorus Creek just north of Philadelphia Street as required by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers by appropriating expenditures from the American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" funds in the amount of \$500,000.00)
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis
Originator: Public Works

Final Passage of Bill No. 56, Ordinance No. 53, Session 2022, A Bill amending the FY2022 budget for Public Works to fund the removal of the Bascule Gate Dam located on the Codorus Creek just north of Philadelphia Street as required by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers by appropriating expenditures from the American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" funds in the amount of \$500,000.00, which was introduced by Dennis at the October 18 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Dennis, seconded by Buckingham, Bill No. 56, Ordinance No. 53, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

2. Final Passage of Bill No. 57, Ordinance No. 54 - A Bill Amending the FY2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (For Permits & Inspections to fund the unexpected additional cost to the emergency demolition of 38 East South Street in the amount of \$59,300.00)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Permits & Inspections

Final Passage of Bill No. 57, Ordinance No. 54, Session 2022, A Bill amending the FY2022 budget for Permits & Inspections to fund the unexpected additional cost to the emergency demolition of 38 East South Street in the amount of \$59,300.00, which was introduced by Washington at the October 18 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Washington, seconded by Rivera, Bill No. 57, Ordinance No. 54 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

New Business

3. Introduction of Bill No. 58 - A Bill Amending the FY 2022 City Budget. ([View](#)) (For the York City Human Relations Commission by appropriating money not otherwise appropriated for the Holliday Diversity Luncheon Fund 26 Special Projects account, in the amount of \$1,500.00.)
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: Human Relations Commission

A Bill amending the FY2022 City Budget for the York City Human Relations Commission by appropriating money not otherwise appropriated for the Holliday Diversity Luncheon Fund 26 Special Projects account, in the amount of \$1,500.00, was introduced by Buckingham, read by short title, and deferred to the November 15th meeting of Council.

4. Introduction of Bill No. 59 - A Bill
Amending the FY2022 City Budget. ([View](#)) (For the Bureau of Planning and Zoning to fund an agreement with CS Davidson for the completion of the City of York Comprehensive Plan by appropriating expenditures from American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" funds, in the amount of \$40,000.00)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development

Introduction of Bill No. 59, Session 2022, A Bill amending the FY2022 Budget for the Bureau of Planning and Zoning to fund an agreement with CS Davidson for the completion of the City of York Comprehensive Plan by appropriating expenditures from American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" funds, in the amount of \$40,000.00, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the November 15th meeting of Council.

5. Introduction of Bill No. 60 - A Bill
Amending the FY2022 City Budget. ([View](#)) (For the Bureau of Permits and Inspections by appropriating expenditures from the American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" funds, to fund an electronic plan review table; two inspectors to conduct building code and health sanitation inspections; and a vehicle to be used for inspections by appropriating expenditures from ARPA funds, in the total amount of \$301,000.00, with \$82,404.90 being needed for the remainder of FY2022)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development

Introduction of Bill No. 60, Session 2022, A Bill amending the FY2022 Budget for the Bureau of Permits and Inspections by appropriating expenditures from the American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" funds, to fund an electronic plan review table; two inspectors to conduct building code and health sanitation inspections; and a vehicle to be used for inspections by appropriating expenditures from ARPA funds, in the total amount of \$301,000.00, with \$82,404.90 being needed for the remainder of FY2022, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the November 15th meeting of Council.

Items for Consideration of Consent Agenda

Motion to consider consent agenda. A motion was made by Rivera, seconded by Dennis, to consider agenda items 6-8 as a consent agenda.

President Walker asked if Council requests to pull any items from the consent agenda. There were no requests.

The motion to consider agenda items 6-8 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 Council, Administration, or public comment on the consent agenda items. There was none.

Vote on consent agenda items. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Buckingham to approve agenda items 6-8. The motion was seconded by Washington and PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

6. Resolution No. 118 - A Resolution
Approving various board re/appointments. ([View](#)) (Appointment T. Chronister to the General Authority; and Reappointment of F. Countess to the Redevelopment Authority)
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 118, Session 2022, A Resolution approving the appointment of Tyler Christopher As a member of the York City General Authority to fill the unexpired term of Meredith Schreffler,

which term shall expire the first Monday of January 2027, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

7. Resolution No. 119 - A Resolution Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 119, Session 2022, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing a certificate of appropriateness to Fred Walker for work to be done at 325 E. Market St. was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

8. Resolution No. 120 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with PennDot. ([View](#)) (For the purchase of SR0083-091 R/W, Parcel 69, for \$5,800)
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis
Originator: Solicitor's Officer

Resolution No. 120, Session 2022, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with PennDot for the purchase of SR0083-091 R/W, Parcel 69 for \$5,800.00 was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

XI. Requests for Future Meetings

XII. Council Comment

XIII. Administration Comment

Fire Chief Sleeper said we got word that our current status of ISO Class 3 improved to a rating of ISO Class 2. He explained that ISO (Insurance Services Office) is an independent company that serves insurance companies, communities, fire departments, insurance regulators, and others by providing information about risk. He said this upgraded ISO rating is validation of our quality of services provided to the community, which is phenomenal. He said he is proud that the department achieved this level. He said this is also a reflection on the Administration and Council.

Council President Walker and Vice President Washington thanked the Fire Chief and the work of the Fire Department and congratulated them on this accomplishment.

XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative session of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 6PM in City Council Chambers. There being no further business, the November 1, 2022, meeting of Council adjourned at 6:10 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