

# Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania

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## MINUTES December 20, 2022 6:00 p.m.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** President Walker called the December 6, 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 R. Helfrich, Mayor; Joe Jefcoat, Treasurer; William Sleeper, Fire Chief; Monica Kruger, Director of Health; Gere Levell, Finance; Kim Robertson, Acting Business Administrator; and Jason Sabol, Assistant Solicitor.

### I. Public Comment:

Charles Radzik, resident, said the trash haulers are leaving a lot of trash behind on the roadway after dumping trash bins and he would like this to be addressed. He also asked about handicapped parking and said he was told that in residential areas, anyone with a handicapped parking plaque can park wherever there is a handicap parking sign. He asked if the handicapped parking can be assigned to the person who applied for the parking spot.

There being no further discussion, the public comment session adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

### II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:03 p.m.

### III. Roll Call

### IV. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

### V. Moment of Silence observed.

### VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [December 6, 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:

► **Legislative Meeting:** The next legislative meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on December 28<sup>th</sup>.

IX. Status of Prior Committee Referrals: No reports.

X. Legislative Agenda:

### Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions

1. Resolution No. 133 - A Resolution Amending Bill No. 61. ([View](#)) (The 2023 City Budget)  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Mayor | Finance

Resolution No. 133, Session 2022, A Resolution amending the 2023 proposed city budget was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 133 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

2. Final Passage of Bill No. 61, Ordinance No. 58 - A Bill Approving the 2023 City Budget. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Mayor | Finance

Final Passage of Bill No. 61, Ordinance No. 58, Session 2022, A Bill approving the 2023 York City Budget, which was introduced by Buckingham at the November 15, 2022 meeting, and amended by Resolution No. 133, came up for final passage. On motion of Buckingham, seconded by Washington, Bill No. 61, Ordinance No. 58, as amended by Resolution No. 133, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

3. Final Passage of Bill No. 62, Ordinance No. 59 - A Bill Approving the 2023 City Tax Rate. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Mayor | Finance

Final Passage of Bill no. 62, Ordinance No. 59, Session 2022, A Bill approving the 2023 York City Tax rate, which was introduced by Buckingham at the November 15, 2022 meeting of Council, and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Buckingham, seconded by Washington, Bill No. 62, Ordinance No. 59, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

4. Final Passage of Bill No. 63, Ordinance No. 60 - A Bill Amending the FY2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (TRC for King St. Bike Lane - \$130,000)  
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis  
Originator: Public Works

Final Passage of Bill No. 63, Ordinance No. 60, Session 2022, A Bill amending the FY2022 budget to pay the final invoices to TRC for King Street Bike Lane work expenditures from PennDOT funding, in the amount of \$130,000.00, which was introduced by Dennis at the December 6, 2022 meeting of Council, and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Walker, seconded by Rivera, Bill No. 63, Ordinance No. 60 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

5. Final Passage of Bill No. 64, Ordinance No. 61 - A Bill  
Amending Article 101 "Codified Ordinances" subsection 101.04(p). ([View](#)) (To amend the definition of "owner")  
Introduced by Lou Rivera  
Originator: Treasurer

Final Passage of Bill No. 64, Ordinance No. 61, Session 2022, A Bill amending Article 101 "Codified Ordinances" subsection 101.04(p) to amend the definition of "owner," which was introduced by Rivera at the December 6, 2022 meeting of Council, and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Rivera, seconded by Buckingham, Bill No. 64, Ordinance No. 61 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

6. Final Passage of Bill No. 65, Ordinance No. 62 - A Bill  
Amending the FY2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (To fund an Employee Retention Incentive Program - \$620,000)  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Finance

Final Passage of Bill No. 65, Ordinance No. 62, Session 2022, A Bill amending the FY2022 budget for ARPA funding in the amount of \$620,000.00 for the Employee Retention Incentive Program, which was introduced by Buckingham at the December 6, 2022 meeting of Council, and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Buckingham, seconded by Rivera, Bill No. 65, Ordinance No. 62, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

### Items for Consideration of Consent Agenda

**Motion to consider consent agenda.** A motion was made by Rivera, seconded by Buckingham, to consider agenda items 7-12 as a consent agenda.

President Walker asked if Council requests to pull any items from the consent agenda.

Councilwoman Buckingham requested to pull agenda item #11 for discussion.

**Vote on consideration of consent agenda.** A motion to consider agenda items 7-10, and 12 as a consent agenda was made by Rivera, seconded by Buckingham, and passed by the following vote: Yeas - Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

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

**Motion to approve consent agenda.** A motion was made by Buckingham, seconded by Washington, to approve consent agenda items 7-10 and 12. The motion PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

7. Resolution No. 134 - A Resolution  
Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 134, Session 2022, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing a certificate of appropriateness to Adam Seltzer for work to be done at 54 S. Pine St., and

Elite Property Renovations for work to be done at 383 E. Market St., was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

8. Resolution No. 135 - A Resolution Approving various appointments & reappointments. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 135, Session 2022, A Resolution approving the following appointments and reappointments made by the Mayor was approved unanimously by consent agenda:

Reappointment of Corey Wolfe as a member of the York City Planning Commission, which term shall expire the first day of January 2027; Reappointment of Michael Johnson as a member of the York City Planning Commission, which term shall expire the first day of January 2027; Reappointment of Aneury Perez as a member of the York Business Improvement District Authority (Downtown Inc), which term shall expire the first day of January 2028; Reappointment of Cindy Steele as a member of the York Business Improvement District Authority, which term shall expire the first day of January 2028; Reappointment of Jamiel L. Alexander as a member of the York City General Authority, which term shall expire the first Monday of January 2028; Reappointment of Greg Halpin to the York City Civil Service Board, which term shall expire the first Monday of January 2027; Appointment of Chris Harris as a member of the York Business Improvement District Authority, which term shall expire the first day of January 2028; Appointment of Melissa Beaverson as a member of the York Business Improvement District Authority, which term shall expire the first day of January 2028.

9. Resolution No. 136 - A Resolution Approving the 2023 stated meetings of Council. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: City Clerk

Resolution No. 136, Session 2022, A Resolution approving the 2023 stated meetings of Council was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

10. Resolution No. 137 - A Resolution Extending the declaration of disaster emergency to January 31, 2023. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 137, Session 2022, A Resolution extending the declaration of disaster emergency relating to the COVID-19 pandemic to January 31, 2023, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

11. Resolution No. 138 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with Anser Advisory Consulting, LLC. ([View](#)) (For ARPA consulting services.)  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 138, Session 2022, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Answer Advisory Consulting, LLC to provide ARPA consulting services through December 31, 2024 for a total cost not to exceed \$776,600.00, was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 138 came up for discussion.

Councilwoman Buckingham said she was part of the interview process for the ARPA grant manager, and it was a great experience. She said everyone they interviewed was very professional and more than qualified to handle the task. She stated that she is looking forward to their guidance in helping the city to maximize its ARPA dollars for the benefit of our community.

President Walker thanked Councilwoman Buckingham and the Administration for their work in getting this contract secured.

There being no further discussion or comment, Resolution No. 138 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Buckingham, Washington, Walker - 3; Nays - Rivera - 1.

12. Resolution No. 139 - A Resolution Conveying a parcel of land to the York City Redevelopment Authority. ([View](#)) (Parcel 03-049-01-0013.00-00000)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Redevelopment Authority

Resolution No. 139, Session 2022, A Resolution conveying Parcel #03-049-01-0013.00-00000, also known as "North Pershing Street" back to the Redevelopment Authority for the purposes of Land Development and Subdivision activities, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

XI. Requests for Future Meetings: None

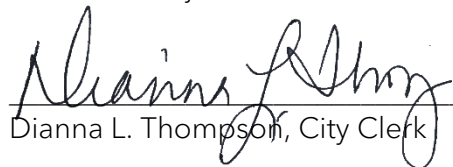
XII. Council Comment:

President Walker said there are a lot of organizations that step up to help those in need during the holidays. She said this shows the heart of our community and she thanked them for their service and said it is recognized and appreciated.

XIII. Administration Comment

Mayor Helfrich thanked Council for approving the 2023 budget and he's looking forward to a brand-new year. He then announced various holiday events happening in the city.

XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers. There being no further business, the December 20, 2022 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:15 PM.

  
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Dianna L. Thompson, City Clerk

  
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