

Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania

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MINUTES January 3, 2023 6:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: President Walker called the January 3, 2023, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 101 S. George St., York, PA, with the following members present: Betsy Buckingham, Edquina Washington, Vice President, and Sandie Walker, President, with President Walker presiding.

Members of the Administration in attendance included: Kim Robertson, Acting Business Administrator; and Jason Sabol, Assistant Solicitor.

City Council staff in attendance: Dianna L. Thompson, City Clerk

I. Public Comment:

Lettice Brown, resident, spoke about a rumor regarding a warehouse being proposed to be built at 1201 Pennsylvania Ave./180 Willis Rd. She said she and residents went to a West Manchester Township meeting and expressed their concerns. She said West Manchester Twp has changed the zoning from commercial to industrial in preparation for this project. It's supposed to be a 422,000 square foot facility with 200 parking spaces, and 70+ truck bays (Click [here](#) to view brochure) (Click [here](#) to view broker page). She said there are pictures of the proposed warehouse online. This strip of land use to be farmed and there are deer, fox, and fowl that call this place their home. Wildlife has been killed in mass numbers possibly to get ready for development. This is producing a tremendous amount of stormwater issues that will flood back into the City of York. The tributary that runs along Met-Ed will create flooding problems. There will be noise pollution, air pollution, and a decrease in property values if this warehouse is built. It will create a danger to those who visit the cemetery. The tax revenue will go to West Manchester Twp, but the problems will become ours. She said she and a group of about 20 concerned citizens met last week on who to contact to bring attention to this development. She said she contacted her environmental friends to get involved and now she's asking City Council and the Mayor to offer expertise or advice. She said we need the community's support and to reach out to the powers that be to bring attention to this proposed development. She said she is willing to meet with Council and the Administration if they would like to talk about it.

There being no further comment, the public comment session adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:09 p.m.

III. Roll Call

- IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- V. Moment of Silence was observed.
- VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [December 20, 2022](#). Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes and approved them as written by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.
- VII. Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Announcements:
 - ▶ **HOME ARPA Plan Presentation** - Kate Molinaro, M&L Associates, to give a brief presentation on the HOME ARPA Plan. (See agenda item #3) - PULLED. Presentation deferred to a later date.
- VIII. Meeting(s) Scheduled:
 - ▶ **Legislative Meeting:** The next legislative meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on January 11th.
 - ▶ **Council Committee Meeting:** Scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on January 18th.
- IX. Status of Prior Committee Referrals: No reports.
- X. Legislative Agenda:

Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions: NONE

Introduction of Bills

1. Introduction of Bill No. 1 - A Bill
 Amending the FY2023 Budget. ([View](#)) (Amending the FY2023 City Budget for Housing Services' Community Development Block Grant budget reflecting updates of additional actual rollover funding amounts in the Rehabilitation program in the amount of \$164,661.93.)
 Introduced by: Edquina Washington
 Originator: Economic & Community Development | BHS

 Introduction of Bill No. 1, Session 2023, A Bill amending the FY2023 City Budget for Housing Services' Community Development Block Grant budget reflecting updates of additional actual rollover funding amounts in the Rehabilitation program in the amount of \$164,661.93, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the January 17 meeting of Council.

2. Introduction of Bill No. 2 - A Bill
 Amending the FY2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (Amending the FY2022 City Budget for the Public Works Department to account for revenue and expenses associated with the property at 1601 Toronita Street in the amount of \$138,201.25.)
 Introduced by: Felicia Dennis
 Originator: Public Works

 Introduction of Bill No. 2, Session 2023, A Bill amending the FY2022 budget for the Public Works Department to account for revenue and expenses associated with the property at 1601 Toronita Street in the amount of \$138,201.25, was introduced by Dennis, read by short title, and deferred to the January 17 meeting of Council

Items for Consideration of Consent Agenda

3. Resolution No. PULLED - A Resolution Approving substantial amendments to the 2021 Annual Action Plan. ([View](#)) (To approve the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development | BHS
4. Resolution No. 1 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with AIA, Alera Group, Inc. ([View](#)) (For health and welfare benefits broker services)
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 1, Session 2023, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with AIA, Alera Group, Inc, for health and welfare benefits broker services, was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 1 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Washington, Walker - 4; Nays - 0.

XI. Requests for Future Meetings

XII. Council Comment

Vice President Washington said Wednesday, January 11, 2023 is Wear Blue Day to stand in solidarity with victims on Human Trafficking. She encouraged residents to wear blue to show their support.

President Walker applauded the employees for their hard work and said she was pleased to be able to approve employee bonuses ([Bill No. 65, Ord No. 62 of 2022](#)) and she thanked employees for their heartfelt emails thanking Council for its support.

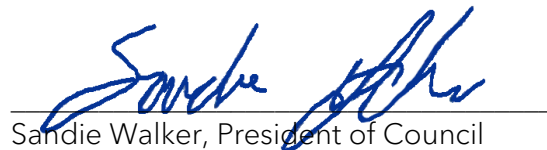
XIII. Administration Comment: None

XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for January 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. There being no further business, the January 3, 2023 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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



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Sandie Walker, President of Council