

# Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania

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## AGENDA June 6, 2023 6:00 p.m.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** President Walker called the June 6, 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, 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; and Assistant Solicitors Brett Flower & Don Hoyt.

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

### I. Public Comment

Lettice Brown, resident, spoke about the proposed warehouse on Pennsylvania Avenue. She said there hasn't been much movement and no plans have been officially submitted by Inch & Company. She provided Council with a colored rendering of a drawing submitted by Inch & Company to its attorney. She said we are standing our ground for no development there. She said she was given a cease and desist and was threatened with a lawsuit for comments she posted about the company and its plans. She said she was able to work it out with them, but she found out this was a strategic move called SLAP, which is an attempt to initiate frivolous lawsuits to silence individuals who cannot afford to litigate such lawsuits. She said we have a fundraising committee to raise money for attorney fees and court costs as the project moves forward. She stated that we'll offer a website where people can get information and they'll be setting up meetings for the public to attend. She said we are doing outreach to keep this relevant. She said a petition will be circulated to rezone the area because they feel the steps the township took were not legal. She stated that on June 13, 2023 at 6PM is a township board meeting and she said she plans to speak and let them know there are many people who do not want this development. She asked for Council's support by issuing a statement to be read to the board of supervisors.

There being no further discussion, the public comment session adjourned at 6:06 PM. President Walker called the legislative meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

### II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:06 PM.

### III. Roll Call

- IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- V. Moment of Silence was observed.
- VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [May 17, 2023](#) (legislative) and [May 31, 2023](#) (committee). Council dispensed with the reading of the Minutes and unanimously approved them as written.
- VII. Presentations, Awards and Announcements - Mike Pritchard, York County Planning Commission, did a brief presentation on the 2025 Transportation Improvement Program ([View](#)). He said we'll need a letter from Council on what the issues are for York City (a list of projects), which is requested by the end of August. He said residents may contact the York County Planning Commission with questions.
- VIII. Meeting(s) Scheduled:
  - ▶ **Special Meeting:** Council will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 2PM in City Council Chambers to consider adoption of a Bill authorizing ARPA funding for purchase of a new ladder truck and new engine for the Fire Department (\$900,000).
  - ▶ **Legislative Meeting:** After tonight's meeting, Council will observe its summer recess. As such, the next legislative meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on July 12. No committee meetings are held during the summer recess.
- 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:** None

- 1. Final Passage of Bill No. 32, Ordinance No. 31 - A Bill Amending the FY2023 Budget. ([View](#)) (By appropriating revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$111,586.50 for the HIV Prevention Program grant)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Final Passage of Bill No. 32, Ordinance No. 31, Session 2023, A Bill amending the FY2023 Budget by appropriating revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$111,586.50 for the HIV Prevention Program grant, which was introduced by Washington at the May 17 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Washington, seconded by Rivera, Bill No. 32, Ordinance No. 31 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

**Introduction of Bills**

- 2. Introduction of Bill No. 33 - A Bill Amending the FY2023 Budget. ([View](#)) (ARPA funding in the amount of ~~\$900,000.00~~ \$1,000,000.00 for purchase of a new ladder truck and engine)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Fire/Rescue

Introduction of Bill No. 33, Session 2023, A Bill amending the FY2023 Budget in ARPA funding in the amount of \$900,000.00 for purchase of a new ladder truck and engine, was introduced by Washington, and came up for discussion.

Vice President Washington said the cost has increased \$100,000 and therefore this bill needs to

be amended to reflect the increase. As such, a motion was made by Buckingham, seconded by Washington, to amend Bill No. 33 to increase APRA funding to \$1,000,000.00. The motion to amend passed by the following vote: Yeas – Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker – 5; Nays – 0. There being no further discussion, Bill No. 33 was deferred to the June 13, 2023 special meeting of Council. (Note: A special meeting will be held on 6/13/2023 at 2PM to consider final passage of Bill No. 33)

3. Introduction of Bill No. 34 - A Bill  
Amending the FY2023 Budget. ([View](#)) (ARPA funding in the amount of \$350,000 for capital upgrades to the Princess Street Center)  
Introduced by: Sandie Walker  
Originator: Council (Walker)

Introduction of Bill No. 34, Session 2023, A Bill amending the FY2023 Budget in ARPA funding in the amount of \$350,000 for capital upgrades to the Princess Street Center, was introduced by Walker, read by short title, and deferred to the July 18 meeting of Council.

4. Introduction of Bill No. 35 - A Bill  
Amending the FY2023 Budget. ([View](#)) (To pay invoices associated with the completion of the 2022 phase of the George St. Repaving Project from PennDot funding - \$350,000.00)  
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis  
Originator: Public Works

Introduction of Bill No. 35, Session 2023, A Bill amending the FY2023 Budget to pay invoices associated with the completion of the 2022 phase of the George St. Repaving Project from PennDot funding in the amount of \$350,000.00, was introduced by Dennis, read by short title, and deferred to the July 18 meeting of Council.

5. Introduction of Bill No. 36 - A Bill  
Amending the FY2023 Budget. ([View](#)) (By appropriating revenue and expenditures as follows: **(1)** Family Health Council of Central PA (FHCCP) for the Family Planning Program, in the amount of \$5,000.00; **(2)** Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) grant (#4100082860), in the amount of \$7,401.00; **(3)** Healthy Moms – Healthy Babies Program, in the amount of \$112,761.00; **(4)** Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) for Infectious Diseases grant (SAP #4100087734); **(5)** Immunization & Vaccines grant, in the total amount of \$112,011.83; **(6)** Health by appropriating revenue and expenditures for the Healthy Moms Healthy Babies Home Visiting Program grant; **(7)** Family Health Council of Central PA (FHCCP) for the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP), in the amount of \$30,500.00; **(8)** Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) grant, in the amount of \$15,849.00; **(9)** Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement, in the amount of \$505,409.35; **(10)** Pennsylvania Department of Health Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce and Data Systems (SAP #4100095618) in the amount of \$952,601.00; and **(11)** Tuberculosis (TB) program, in the amount of \$28,189.00)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development/Health

Introduction of Bill No. 36, Session 2023, Amending the FY2023 Budget for the Bureau of Health was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the July 18 meeting of Council.

6. Introduction of Bill No. 37 - A Bill  
Amending the FY2023 Budget. ([View](#)) (MNOA for Fund 26 Special projects for various initiatives included the senior security camera program - \$40,427.00)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Police

Introduction of Bill No. 37, Session 2023, A Bill amending the FY2023 Budget for monies not otherwise appropriated (MNOA) for Fund 26 Special projects for various initiatives included the

senior security camera program in the amount of \$40,427.00, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the July 18 meeting of Council.

7. Introduction of Bill No. 38 - A Bill Amending Article 713.03 of the Codified Ordinances. ([View](#)) (To grant the mayor sole authority to designate open container areas)  
Introduced by: Lou Rivera  
Originator: Mayor

Introduction of Bill No. 38, Session 2023, A Bill amending Article 713.03 of the Codified Ordinances to grant the mayor sole authority to designate open container areas, was introduced by Rivera, read by short title, and deferred to the July 18 meeting of Council.

### New Business – Items for Consideration of Consent Agenda

**Motion to consider consent agenda.** President Walker asked if there is a motion to consider a consent agenda. The motion 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 are any items Council wishes to pull from the consent agenda. President Walker requested to pull agenda item #8.

President Walker asked if there was any comment from the Administration or the public on the consent agenda.

Elsbeth Bupp, resident, brought attention to a possible typographical error in agenda item #11 (Resolution No. 55). The address and applicant in the first paragraph are different from the last paragraph.

The City Clerk said the error is duly noted and asked if there is a motion to amend.

**Motion to amend agenda item #11.** A motion was made by Rivera, seconded by Washington, to amend agenda item #11 (Resolution No. 55), last paragraph to read "1195 Loucks Road, submitted by RGS Associates on behalf of York Development Limited Partnership." The motion to amend passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

**Motion to approve consent agenda items.** A motion was made by Buckingham, seconded by Washington, to approve consent agenda items 9-23. The motion to approve PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

8. Resolution No. 52 - A Resolution Appointing Lindy B. Hitzel as an alternate member of HARB. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Lou Rivera  
Originator: Council (HARB)

Resolution No. 52, Session 2023, A Resolution appointing Lindy B. Hitzel as an alternate member of HARB to serve in said capacity until the first Monday of January 2026, was introduced by Rivera, read at length, and on motion of Rivera, seconded by Walker, Resolution No. 52 came up for discussion.

Lindy Hitzel gave a brief background of herself and thanked Council for the opportunity to serve.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 52 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Ms. Hitzel.

9. Resolution No. 53 - A Resolution  
 Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))  
 Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
 Originator: HARB
- Resolution No. 53, Session 2023, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing certificates of appropriateness to the following: 1) Application filed by White Rose Capital for work to be done at 145 E. Philadelphia St.; 2) Application filed by L & M Rentals for work to be done at 32 W. King St.; 3) Application filed by Mark Jordan for work to be done at 37 S. Newberry St.; and 4) Application filed by Citadel Assets for work to be done at 812 S. George St., was approved unanimously by consent agenda.
10. Resolution No. 54 - A Resolution  
 Approving a preliminary/final subdivision plan. ([View](#)) (Dyed Red Holdings for 135 S. Duke St.)  
 Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
 Originator: Economic & Community Development/Planning
- Resolution No. 54, Session 2023, A Resolution approving the preliminary/final subdivision plan submitted by Dyed Red Holdings for 135 S. Duke St., was approved unanimously by consent agenda.
11. Resolution No. 55 - A Resolution  
 Approving a preliminary/final subdivision plan. ([View](#)) (RGS Associates on behalf of York Development Limited Partnership for 1195 Loucks Rd.)  
 Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
 Originator: Economic & Community Development/Planning
- Resolution No. 55, Session 2023, A Resolution approving the preliminary/final subdivision plan submitted by RGS Associates on behalf of York Development Limited Partnership for 1195 Loucks Rd., was approved unanimously by consent agenda.
12. Resolution No. 56 - A Resolution  
 Approving a preliminary/final subdivision plan. ([View](#)) (Statewide Partners for 146-150; 208-236 N. Beaver St.)  
 Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
 Originator: Economic & Community Development/Planning
- Resolution No. 56, Session 2023, A Resolution approving the preliminary/final subdivision plan submitted by Statewide Partners for 146-150; 208-236 N. Beaver St., was approved unanimously by consent agenda.
13. Resolution No. 57 - A Resolution  
 Exonerating municipal taxes for Keystone Kidspace. ([View](#)) (369 N. George St. - \$13,084.99)  
 Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
 Originator: Keystone Kidspace
- Resolution No. 57, Session 2023, A Resolution exonerating municipal taxes for Keystone Kidspace for the property located at 369 N. George St. in the amount of \$13,084.99, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.
14. Resolution No. 58 - A Resolution  
 Authorizing various grant award agreements for the Bureau of Health. ([View](#))  
 Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
 Originator: Economic & Community Development/Health

Resolution No. 58, Session 2023, A Resolution authorizing various grant award agreements for

the Bureau of Health, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

15. Resolution No. 59 – A Resolution Authorizing a budget transfer. ([View](#)) (For equipment costs of new vehicle for GVI Street Team ARPA program - \$11,225.66)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Police

Resolution No. 59, Session 2023, A Resolution authorizing a budget transfer for equipment costs of new vehicle for GVI Street Team ARPA program in the amount of \$11,225.66, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

16. Resolution No. 60 – A Resolution Authorizing a budget transfer. ([View](#)) (For uplift kits, mobile video camera installs, and a pocket park - \$68,000.00)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Police

Resolution No. 60, Session 2023, A Resolution Authorizing a budget transfer for uplift kits, mobile video camera installs, and a pocket park in the amount of \$68,000.00, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

17. Resolution No. 61 – A Resolution Authorizing a contract extension with the York County Planning Commission. ([View](#)) (Rental assistance)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development/BHS

Resolution No. 61, Session 2023, A Resolution authorizing a contract extension with the York County Planning Commission rental assistance, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

18. Resolution No. 62 – A Resolution Authorizing a contract extension with Public Works. ([View](#)) (CDBG funding for park and street improvements)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development/BHS

Resolution No. 62, Session 2023, A Resolution authorizing a contract extension with Public Works in CDBG funding for park and street improvements, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

19. Resolution No. 63 – A Resolution Authorizing a contract extension with Bell Socialization Services. ([View](#)) (Rental assistance)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development/BHS

Resolution No. 63, Session 2023, A Resolution authorizing a contract extension with Bell Socialization Services for Rental assistance, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

20. Resolution No. 64 – A Resolution Amending the FY2023 Annual Action Plan. ([View](#)) (COVID-19 Public Services)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development/BHS

Resolution No. 64, Session 2023, A Resolution amending the FY2023 Annual Action Plan for the Covid-19 Public Services to revise the 2023 Budget and Annual Action Plan to reflect the



changes transferring funding amounts of \$102,990.80 for Covid-19 accounts from Small Business Grant, YMCA, Crispus Attucks to Bell Socialization, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

21. Resolution No. 65 - A Resolution Awarding a contract to YSM Landscape Architects. ([View](#)) (For a master plan site plan for Farquhar Park - \$49,800.00)  
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis  
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 65, Session 2023, A Resolution awarding a contract to YSM Landscape Architects for a master plan site plan for Farquhar Park in the amount of \$49,800.00, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

22. Resolution No. 66 - A Resolution Authorizing an amendment to the Billing & Revenue Services Agreement with the York Water Company. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 66, Session 2023, A Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Billing & Revenue Services Agreement with the York Water Company, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

23. Resolution No. 67 - A Resolution Authorizing the mayor to designate open container areas. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 67, Session 2023, A Resolution authorizing the mayor to designate open container areas, was approved unanimously 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 Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 6PM. There being no further business, the June 6, 2023 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:33 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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