

# Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania

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## MINUTES July 18, 2023 6:00 p.m.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** President Walker called the July 18, 2023, 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; and Assistant Solicitor Brett Flower.

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

### I. Public Comment

Wayne King, resident, brought up concerns regarding a property located in the 800 block of S. Duke St. that he said is a recovery house. He said he thought the property was sold last year and he wanted to know who to contact to issue complaints.

Spencer Carr, resident, said he lives in the same block as Mr. King, and he also brought up concerns about the same property. He said he wants to know who the tenants are and if they are sex offenders because he has a young daughter. He expressed his discontentment toward drug rehab houses, increased crime, and drug paraphernalia strewn about the neighborhood.

There being no further public comment, President Walker adjourned public comment at 6:06 p.m. and immediately convened in legislative session.

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

### III. Roll Call

IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

V. Moment of Silence was observed.

- VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of June 6, 2023 and June 13, 2023. Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes and unanimously approved them as written.
- VII. Presentations, Awards and Announcements: Noe
- VIII. Meeting(s) Scheduled:
  - ▶ **Legislative Meeting:** The next legislative meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on August 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 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. 34, Ordinance No. 33 - 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)

Final Passage of Bill No. 34, Ordinance No. 33, Session 2023, A Bill amending the FY2023 budget using ARPA funding in the amount of \$350,000 for capital upgrades to the Princess St. Center, which was introduced by Walker at the June 6, 2023 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Walker, seconded by Washington, Bill No. 34, Ordinance No. 33 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Dennis, Buckingham, Washington, Walker – 5; Nays – Rivera – 1.

2. Final Passage of Bill No. 35, Ordinance No. 34 - 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

Final Passage of Bill No. 35, Ordinance No. 34, Session 2023, A Bill amending the FY2023 budget in the amount of \$350,000 to pay invoices associated with completion of the 2022 phase of the George St. repaving project from PennDot funding, which was introduced by Dennis at the June 6, 2023 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Dennis, seconded by ?????, Bill No. 35, Ordinance No. 34 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker – 5; Nays – 0.

3. Final Passage of Bill No. 36, Ordinance No. 35 - 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)

Final Passage of Bill No. 36, Ordinance No. 35, Session 2023, A Bill Amending the FY2023 Budget 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, which was introduced by Washington at the June 6, 2023 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Washington, seconded by Buckingham, Bill No. 36, Ordinance No. 35 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

4. Final Passage of Bill No. 37, Ordinance No. 36 - A Bill Amending the FY2023 Budget. ([View](#)) (MNOA for Fund 26 Special projects for various initiatives including the senior security camera program - \$40,427.00)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Police

Final Passage of Bill No. 37, Ordinance No. 36, Session 2023, A Bill amending the FY2023 Budget in the amount of \$40,427.00 for monies not otherwise appropriated for Fund 26 Special Projects for various initiatives including the senior security camera program, which was introduced by Washington at the June 6, 2023 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Washington, seconded by Buckingham, Bill No. 37, Ordinance No. 36 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

5. Final Passage of Bill No. 38, Ordinance o. 37 - 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

Final Passage of Bill No. 38, Ordinance No. 37, Session 2023, A Bill Amending Article 713.03 of the Codified Ordinances to grant the mayor sole authority to designate open container areas, which was introduced by Rivera at the June 6, 2023 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Rivera, seconded by Buckingham, Bill No. 38 came up for discussion.

Manuel Gomez, resident, asked what the rationale is for granting the mayor sole authority to approve open containers. He said he understands Council's need to approve, but he doesn't understand why the mayor needs sole authority.

President Walker said this was requested from the mayor's office and if this is approved, Council will no longer need to approve such requests.

Manuel Gomez, resident, said this could breed favoritism for certain businesses or areas that the Mayor may have special interests. He said with Council being part of the approval process, these safeguards can be put in place.

There being no further discussion, Bill No. 37, Ordinance No. 36 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 4 Nays - Dennis - 1.

## Introduction of Bills

6. Introduction of Bill No. 39 - A Bill  
Amending the FY2023 Budget. ([View](#)) (For Parks & Recreation by appropriating revenue and expenditures for the donation received for the purchase of bikes, in the total amount of \$650.00)  
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis  
Originator: Public Works (Parks/Recreation)

Introduction of Bill No. 39, Session 2023, A Bill amending the FY2023 Budget for Parks & Recreation by appropriating revenue and expenditures for the donation received for the purchase of bikes, in the total amount of \$650.00, was introduced by Dennis, read by short title, and deferred to the August 15, 2023 meeting of Council.

7. Introduction of Bill No. 40 - A Bill  
Amending the FY2023 Budget. ([View](#)) (For the Police Department to fund More Graduations, Less Funerals Opportunity Scholarships by appropriating expenditures from the American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" funds in the amount of \$125,000.00)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Police

Introduction of Bill No. 40, Session 2023, A Bill amending the FY2023 Budget for the Police Department to fund More Graduations, Less Funerals Opportunity Scholarships by appropriating expenditures from the American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" funds in the amount of \$125,000.00, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the August 15, 2023 meeting of Council.

8. Introduction of Bill No. 41 - A Bill  
Amending the FY2023 Budget. ([View](#)) (For the York City Police Department by appropriating revenue and expenditures as follows: **(1)** For the funding received from the County of York as a pass-through for an award from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) for a subgrant of Federal Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recover (Federal 21.027 CG) funds, in the amount of \$178,607.00, and **(2)** Amending the FY2023 City Budget for the York City Police Department by appropriating revenue and expenditures in Fund 26 Special Projects for the grant received from the Rotary Club of York in support of the Group Violence Initiative, in the amount of \$10,000.00)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Police

Introduction of Bill No. 41, Session 2023, A Bill amending the FY2023 Budget for the York City Police Department by appropriating revenue and expenditures as follows: **(1)** For the funding received from the County of York as a pass-through for an award from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) for a subgrant of Federal Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recover (Federal 21.027 CG) funds, in the amount of \$178,607.00, and **(2)** Amending the FY2023 City Budget for the York City Police Department by appropriating revenue and expenditures in Fund 26 Special Projects for the grant received from the Rotary Club of York in support of the Group Violence Initiative, in the amount of \$10,000.00, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the August 15, 2023 meeting of Council.

9. Introduction of Bill No. 42 - A Bill  
Amending the FY2023 budget. ([View](#)) (For Fire & Rescue Services by appropriating revenue and expenditures for the grant received from the Office of the State Fire Commission, in the total amount of \$15,000.00)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Fire/Rescue

Introduction of Bill No. 42, Session 2023, A Bill amending the FY2023 budget for Fire & Rescue Services by appropriating revenue and expenditures for the grant received from the Office of the State Fire Commission, in the total amount of \$15,000.00, was introduced by Washington, read by short title and deferred to the August 15, 2023 meeting of Council.

10. Introduction of Bill No. 43 - A Bill  
Amending the FY2023 Budget. ([View](#)) (For the Finance Office by appropriating monies not otherwise appropriated (MNOA) from Funds 40 for Funds 44 and 45 2023 debt service payments in the amount of \$925,074.81)  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Business Administration (Finance)

Introduction of Bill No. 43, Session 2023, A Bill amending the FY2023 Budget for the Finance Office by appropriating monies not otherwise appropriated (MNOA) from Funds 40 for Funds 44 and 45 for 2023 debt service payments in the amount of \$925,074.81, was introduced by Buckingham, read by short title, and deferred to the August 15, 2023 meeting of Council.

11. Introduction of Bill No. 44 - A Bill  
Reducing the board members of the York City General Authority. ([View](#)) (From 7 to 5 members)  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: General Authority

Introduction of Bill No. 44, Session 2023, A Bill reducing the board members of the York City General Authority from seven (7) members to five (5) members, was introduced by Buckingham, read by short title, and deferred to the August 15, 2023 meeting of Council.

12. Introduction of Bill No. 45 - A Bill  
Establishing Article 701 "Youth Mental Health Protection." ([View](#)) (Identifying conversion therapy as a general offence within the City of York)  
Introduced by: Lou Rivera  
Originator: Mayor

Introduction of Bill No. 45, Session 2023, A Bill Establishing Article 701 "Youth Mental Health Protection" Identifying conversion therapy as a general offence within the City of York

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

**Motion to consider a consent agenda.** A motion was made by Rivera, seconded by Buckingham, to consider agenda items 13-21 as a consent agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas – Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker – 5; Nays – 0.

**Motion to approve items for consent agenda.** Motion made by Rivera, seconded by Buckingham to approve agenda items 13-21, and came up for discussion. See discussion on agenda items 13 & 14.

**Motion to approve agenda items 13-21.** A motion was made by Rivera, seconded by Buckingham, to approve agenda items 13-21, with an amendment made to Resolution No. 69, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker – 5; Nays – 0.

13. Resolution No. 68 - A Resolution Approving a preliminary/final subdivision plan. ([View](#)) (Submitted by Apple Service Center for 1060 Marbrook Lane and 1128 Roosevelt Ave.)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Planning)

Resolution No. 68, Session 2023, A Resolution approving a preliminary/final subdivision plan submitted by Apple Service Center for 1060 Marbrook Lane and 1128 Roosevelt Ave. came up for discussion.

Tom Englerth, Site Design Concepts, said there should be a land development accompanying this subdivision, which was approved by the Planning Commission.

The City Clerk said she didn't receive a land development plan and that she would contact the City Planner to have this placed on the August 15 legislative agenda.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 68 PASSED unanimously by consent agenda.

14. Resolution No. 69 - A Resolution Approving a waiver of the preliminary/final land development plan. ([View](#)) (Submitted by RSDC Parking Lot Configuration for 135 S. Duke St.)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Planning)

Resolution No. 69, Session 2023, A Resolution approving the preliminary/final land development plan submitted by RSDC Parking Lot Configuration for 135 S. Duke St., came up for discussion.

**Motion to amend.** The City Clerk stated that the City Planner contacted her and said this should be a land development plan, not a subdivision plan.

Tom Englerth, Site Design Concepts, said this should be a waiver to the land development plan which was approved by the Planning Commission.

A motion to amend the Resolution to indicate approval of a waiver to the preliminary/final land development plan was made by Rivera, seconded by Washington, and PASSED unanimously by consent agenda.

15. Resolution No. 70 - A Resolution Appointing members to various boards. ([View](#)) (N. Gaines to Planning & J. Eyster to HRC)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 70, A Resolution appointing Nacole M. Gaines to the York City Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Russalina Nolden which term shall expire January 1, 2026, and John Eyster to the York City Human Relations Commission which term shall expire July 16, 2026, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

16. Resolution No. 71 - A Resolution Awarding a contract to Shiloh Paving. ([View](#)) (2023 street improvement project - \$1,015,747.50)  
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis  
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 71, Session 2023, A Resolution awarding a contract to Shiloh Paving for the 2023 street improvements project for \$1,015,747.50 was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

17. Resolution No. 72 - A Resolution Authorizing budget transfers for Public Works. ([View](#)) (\$114,600 for natural gas expenses & \$26,500 for vehicle repair)  
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis  
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 72, Session 2023, A Resolution authorizing a budget transfer in the amount of \$114,600 for natural gas expenses, and \$26,500 for vehicle repair was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

18. Resolution No. 73 - A Resolution Approving the IBEW collective bargaining agreement. ([View](#)) (For years 1/1/2022-12/31/2025)  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 73, Session 2023, A Resolution approving the collective bargaining agreement for the IBEW for the years 2022-2025 was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

19. Resolution No. 74 - A Resolution Appointing probationary firefighters. ([View](#)) (M. Curilla, J. Pigott, M. Broadt, K. Jimenez, A. Gardner, J. Rice, J. McDonald, R. Frederick & J. Jones)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Fire/Rescue

Resolution No. 74, Session 2023, A Resolution appointing Matthew Curilla, Jared Rice, Jonathan Pigott, Jeremy McDonald, Michael Broadt, Ryan Frederick, Kyle Jimenez, John Jones, and Adam Gardner as probationary firefighters was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

20. Resolution No. 75 - A Resolution Authorizing agreements for school crossing guards. ([View](#)) (York City School District & All City Management Services for the 2023-2024 school year)  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 75, Session 2023, A Resolution authorizing agreements with the York City School District and All City Management Services for school year 2023-2024 school crossing guards was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

21. Resolution No. 76 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with Benn Law Firm. ([View](#)) (For special counsel services to City Council)  
Introduced by: Sandie Walker  
Originator: Council (City Clerk)

Resolution No. 76, Session 2023, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Benn Law Firm to server as Council's special counsel, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

XI. Requests for Future Meetings: None

XII. Council Comment: None

XIII. Administration Comment: None

XIV. Adjournment: The next meeting of City Council is scheduled for August 15, 2023 at 6PM in Council Chambers. There being no further business, the July 18, 2023 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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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Sandie Walker, President of Council