

# Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania

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## Minutes November 8, 2023 6:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: President Walker called the November 8, 2023, meeting to order at 6:00 PM 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, Business Administrator; and Brett Flower, Assistant Solicitor.

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

I. Public Comment:

Elsbeth Bupp, resident, thanked the voters and said she looks forward to being on Council next year.

There being no further public comment, President Walker adjourned the public comment period at 6:01 PM and immediately convened in legislative session.

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 17, 2023 (legislative) and October 25, 2023 (committee). Council unanimously approved the minutes as written.

VII. Presentations, Awards and Announcements

Vice President Washington read into the record a proclamation declaring the week of November 13-17, 2023 as PA Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Week and November

17, 2023 as Red Shirt Day in the City of York. (Click [here](#) to read proclamation) She encouraged the community to learn more about youth experiencing homelessness and show them you care.

Sonia Pitzi, Director, Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness, said this is the 10-year anniversary and we want to build consistency in our youths' education. She thanked Council for bringing attention to this issue.

VIII. Meeting(s) Scheduled:

► **Legislative Meeting:** The next legislative meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on November 15th.

► **Council Committee Meeting:** Scheduled for Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on November 22nd.

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

**Introduction of Bills**

1. Introduction of Bill No. 52 - A Bill  
Amending the FY2023 Budget. ([View](#)) (ARPA - \$3,500,000.00 for Affordable Housing & Homeowner Relief programs)  
Introduced by: Sandie Walker  
Originator: Council (Walker)/Economic & Community Development/Finance

Bill No. 52, Session 2023, A Bill amending the FY2023 budget in the amount of \$3,500,000.00 for Affordable Housing & Homeowner Relief programs, was introduced by Walker, read by short title and deferred to the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of Council.

2. Introduction of Bill No. 53 - A Bill  
Amending the FY2023 Budget. ([View](#)) (ARPA - \$550,000.00 for a Blighted Property Reduction Program)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development/Redevelopment Authority

Introduction of Bill No. 53, Session 2023, A Bill amending the FY2023 budget in the amount of \$550,000.00 for a Blighted Property Reduction program, was introduced by Washington, read by short title and deferred to the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of Council.

3. Introduction of Bill No. 54 - A Bill  
Amending the FY2023 Budget. ([View](#)) (\$289,500.00 - Pass through from the County of York for an award from PCCD for a Juvenile Engagement Officer, laptops & school supplies for HACC students)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Police

Introduction of Bill No. 54, Session 2023, A Bill amending the FY2023 budget in the amount of \$289,500.00 for a pass through grant from the County of York for an award from PCCD for a Juvenile Engagement Officer, laptops and school supplies for Harrisburg Area Community College students, was introduced by Washington, read by short title and deferred to the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of Council.

## New Business – Items for Consideration of Consent Agenda

**Motion to consider consent agenda.** A motion was made by Buckingham, seconded by Washington, to consider agenda items 4-9 as a consent agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas – Buckingham, Washington, Walker – 3; Nays – 0.

President Walker asked if there are any items Council wishes to pull. Council requested no items be pulled.

President Walker asked if there was any public or administration comment. There was none.

**Motion to approve consent agenda.** A motion was made by Buckingham, seconded by Washington to approve agenda items 4-9. The motion to approved passed by the following vote: Yeas – Buckingham, Washington, Walker – 3; Nays – 0.

4. Resolution No. 105 - A Resolution Accepting an offer to purchase from PennDot. ([View](#)) (To purchase a portion of land for repair and replacement of a culvert)  
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis  
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 105, Session 2023, A Resolution accepting an offer from PennDot to purchase a portion of land for repair and replacement of a culvert, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

5. Resolution No. 106 - A Resolution Authorizing the sale of 15 surplus vehicles. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis  
Originator: Public Works/Highway

Resolution No. 106, Session 2023, A Resolution authorizing the sale of 15 surplus vehicles, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

6. Resolution No. 107 - A Resolution Approving the FY2024 Annual Action Plan. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development/BHS

Resolution No. 107, Session 2023, A Resolution approving the FY2024 Annual Action Plan, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

7. Resolution No. 108 - A Resolution Authorizing the execution of documents for a grant received from DHS & FEMA. ([View](#)) (\$260,704.54 with a 10% match for a sprinkler system/fire alarms for all fire stations)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Fire/Rescue

Resolution No. 108, Session 2023, A Resolution authorizing the execution of documents for a grant received from the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA in the amount of \$260,704.54 with a 10% match requirement from the city for the purchase of a sprinkler system and fire alarms for all fire stations, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

8. Resolution No. 109 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with the County of York. () (10 yr. lease agreement for office space in the former Santander Bank for two District Justices' offices)  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 109, Session 2023, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with the County of York for a 10-year lease agreement for office space in the former Santander Bank located in City Hall, 101 S. George St., York, PA, for two District Justices' offices, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

9. Resolution No. 110 - A Resolution Approving various insurance services. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 110, Session 2023, A Resolution authorizing the following: 1) Renewal Contract for services as proposed by Capital Blue Cross for Administrative Services Only (ASO) fees and Stop Loss and Pharmacy Benefit Management reporting data file fees for the years 2023 - 2025, 2) Amended Contract for services as proposed by True Rx for Pharmacy Benefit Management for the years 2023 - 2025, and 3) Contract for services as proposed by EPLS LLC for Prescription Consulting the year 2024, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

XI. Requests for Future Meetings: None

XII. Council Comment

President Walker said she is pleased with the budget process this year and she thanked the Administration for having successful public hearings.

Administrator Robertson said they worked to make the process better, so she's pleased that their efforts were worth it.

Administrator Robertson and members of Council congratulated our newly elected officials.

XIII. Administration Comment: None

XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of City Council is scheduled for November 21, 2023 at 6PM in City Council Chambers. There being no further business the November 8, 2023 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:11PM.

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

  
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