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CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Buckingham called the May 7, 2024, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 101 S. George St., York, PA, with the following members present: Elizabeth Bupp, Teresa Johnescu, Felicia Dennis, and Betsy Buckingham, Vice President, with Vice President Buckingham presiding.

Members of the Administration included: Kim Robertson, Business Administrator; Blanda Nace, Chief Development Officer; Monica Kruger, Director of Health; and Brett Flower, Assistant Solicitor.

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

I. Public Comment:

Franklin Williams, resident, applauded public works for resurfacing the street from King St. to Market St. and Market St. to Philadelphia St. He said they also did his alley last summer. He discussed the Memorial Park yard waste facility and how the weather affects the days they are open, and he just never knows when they'll be open. He said there must be a better way to operate the days when the facility is open to the public.

Marie Rohleder, resident, said something needs to be done about the light on the corner of Albemarle and Philadelphia Streets. She said if she tries to cross the street, she has to get off the curb immediately after it turns green, and she doesn't always get across the street before it changes back. She said this is also a school crossing for Tidings of Peace Christian School and she's concerned for the children's as well as all pedestrians' safety. She also said residents' cars who park on the street have been hit by passing motorists.

There being no further comment, the public comment session was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:10 p.m.

III. Roll Call

IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

V. Moment of Silence was observed.

- VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [April 16, 2024](#) (legislative); [April 24, 2024](#) (committee). Council dispensed with the reading of the Minutes and unanimously approved them as written.
- VII. Presentations, Awards and Announcements: None
- VIII. Meeting(s) Scheduled:
 - ▶ **Legislative Meeting:** The next legislative meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on May 15th.
 - ▶ **Council Committee Meeting:** Scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on May 22nd.
- IX. Status of Prior Committee Referrals: Refer to the [April 24, 2024](#) committee meeting minutes.
- 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:

- 1. Final Passage of Bill No. 12, Ordinance No. 13 - A Bill
 Approving the inclusion of the 2023 ordinances as part of the Codified Ordinances. ([View](#))
 Introduced by: Elizabeth Bupp
 Originator: Council

Final Passage of Bill No. 12, Ordinance No. 13, Session 2024, A Bill approving the inclusion of the 2023 ordinances as part of the Codified Ordinances, which was introduced by Bupp at the April 16 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Bupp, seconded by Johnescu, Bill No. 12, Ordinance No. 13, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham - 4; Nays - 0.

- 2. Final Passage of Bill No. 13, Ordinance No. 14 - A Bill
 Amending the 2024 Budget. ([View](#)) (By appropriating expenditures from the American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" funds for Crispus Attucks to support their Career Focus Institute in the amount of \$100,000.00)
 Introduced by: Edquina Washington
 Originator: Business Administration

Final Passage of Bill No. 13, Ordinance No. 14, Session 2024, A Bill amending the 2024 Budget by appropriating expenditures from the American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" funds for Crispus Attucks to support their Career Focus Institute in the amount of \$100,000.00, which was introduced by Washington at the April 16 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Dennis, seconded by Johnescu, Bill No. 13, Ordinance No. 12, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham - 4; Nays - 0.

Introduction Passage of Bills

- 3. Introduction of Bill No. 14 - A Bill
 Establishing Article 702 "Unlawful Manufacture of Firearms" of the Codified Ordinances. ([View](#))
 Introduced by: Felicia Dennis (for Edquina Washington)
 Originator: Council (Washington)

Introduction of Bill No. 14, Session 2024, A Bill establishing Article 702 "Unlawful Manufacture of Firearms" (Ghost Guns) of the Codified Ordinances, was introduced by Dennis on behalf of President Washington who was absent, read by short title, and deferred until the May 21

meeting of Council.

4. Introduction of Bill No. 15 - A Bill
Amending the FY2024 Budget. ([View](#)) (\$250,000 from ARPA funds for grant development, administration, and management consulting services.)
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: Business Administration

Introduction of Bill No. 15, Session 2024, A Bill amending the FY2024 Budget in the amount of \$250,000 from ARPA funds for grant development, administration, and management consulting services, was introduced by Buckingham, read by short title, and deferred to the May 21 meeting of Council.

5. Introduction of Bill No. 16 - A Bill
Amending the FY2024 Budget. ([View](#)) (\$167,601 from ARPA funds for an upgrade of the camera system at the Police Station - ESI)
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham (for Edquina Washington)
Originator: Police

Introduction of Bill No. 16, Session 2024, A Bill Amending the FY2024 Budget in the amount of \$167,601 from ARPA funds for an upgrade of the camera system through ESI contractors at the Police Station, was introduced by Buckingham for Washington who was absent, read by short title, and deferred to the May 21 meeting of Council.

6. Introduction of Bill No. 17 - A Bill
Amending the FY2024 Budget. ([View](#)) (\$425,362 from ARPA funds for Friends & Neighbors' Beacon Day Shelter & Resource Center)
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham (for Edquina Washington)

Introduction of Bill No. 17, Session 2024, A Bill amending the FY2024 Budget in the amount of \$425,362 from ARPA funds for Friends & Neighbors' Beacon Day Shelter & Resource Center, was Introduced by Buckingham for Washington who was absent, read by short title, and deferred to the May 21 meeting of Council.

7. Introduction of Bill No. 18 - A Bill
Amending the FY2024 Budget. ([View](#)) (\$500,000 from ARPA funds for Community Progress Council's Integrated Services Building)
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham (for Edquina Washington)

Introduction of Bill No. 18, Session 2024, A Bill amending the FY2024 Budget in the amount of \$500,000 from ARPA funds for Community Progress Council's Integrated Services Building, was introduced by Buckingham for Washington who was absent, read by short title, and deferred to the May 21 meeting of Council.

8. Introduction of Bill No. 19 - A Bill
Amending the FY2024 Budget. ([View](#)) (\$125,000 for a physician medical director)
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham (for Edquina Washington)
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Introduction of Bill No. 19, Session 2024, A Bill amending the FY2024 Budget in the amount of \$125,000 for a physician medical director, was introduced by Buckingham for Washington who was absent, read by short title, and deferred to the May 21 meeting of Council.

New Business

9. Resolution No. 37 - A Resolution
Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 37, Session 2024, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing certificates of appropriateness for work to be done in the following applications: 1) Application filed for work to be done at 109 E. Market St.; 2) Application filed for work to be done at 322 E. King St.; and 3) Application filed for work to be done at 200 W. Market St., was introduced by Dennis, read at length, and on motion of Dennis, seconded by Johnescu, Resolution No. 37 came up for discussion.

Councilwoman Bupp said one property HARB is giving them approval, but it also deals with multi-conversion which hasn't been given zoning approval yet. Assistant Solicitor Flower said zoning approval is separate from what HARB does, and that Council is only voting on HARB's recommendations, which is not the zoning aspect of the project.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 37 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham - 4; Nays - 0.

10. Resolution No. 38 - A Resolution
Appointing/Reappointing members to various boards. ([View](#)) (J Crosby & K. Menzer to Housing Authority Board; P. Briddell to General Authority; Jason Phillips to HRC)
Introduced by: Teresa Johnescu
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 38, Session 2024, A Resolution reappointing James Crosby and Kendall Menzer to the Housing Authority Board which terms shall expire April 1, 2029, reappointing Phil Briddell to the General Authority which term shall expire January 1, 2029, and appointing Jason Phillips to the Human Relations Commission to fill the unexpired term of Jada Richardson which term shall expire July 16, 2024, was introduced by Johnescu, read at length, and on motion of Johnescu, seconded by Buckingham, Resolution No. 38 PASSED by the following vote: Yea - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham - 4; Nays - 0.

11. Resolution No. Referred back to committee - A Resolution
Authorizing advertisement of a public hearing. ([View](#)) (For amendments to Part 13 of the Codified Ordinances to establish a Residential Redevelopment Overlay)
Introduced by: Elizabeth Bupp
Originator: Economic Development

Vice President Buckingham made a motion to refer agenda item #11 back to committee for further discussion. The motion was seconded by Johnescu and passed by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham - 4; Nays - 0.

New Business – Items for Consideration of Consent Agenda

Motion to consider consent agenda. A motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Buckingham, to consider agenda items 12-19 as a consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Buckingham asked if Council requests to pull any items from the consent agenda. Councilwoman Bupp asked to pull agenda items 16 & 17 be pulled from the consent agenda.

Vice Buckingham asked if there is discussion on consent agenda items 12-15, and 18-19. No comment from

Council, Administration, or the public.

Vote on Consent Agenda Items: A motion to approve consent agenda items 12-15 and 18-19 was made by Bupp, seconded by Dennis, and PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham - 4; Nays - 0.

12. Resolution No. 39 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with Transportation Resource Group. ([View](#)) (For engineering services billing rates)
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 39, Session 2024, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Transportation Resource Group (TRG) approving engineering services rates was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

13. Resolution No. 40 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with C.S. Davidson. ([View](#)) (For engineering services billing rates)
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 40, Session 2024, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with C.S. Davidson approving engineering services billing rates was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

14. Resolution No. 41 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with Musco Sports Lighting, LLC. ([View](#)) (For installation of sports lighting at Field #4 at Memorial Park Softball Complex)
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 41, Session 2024, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Musco Sports Lighting, LLC, for installation of sports lighting at Field #4 at Memorial Park Softball Stadium for the amount of \$134,831.00, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

15. Resolution No. 42 - A Resolution Authorizing a budget transfer. ([View](#)) (\$148,681.09 in ARPA funds for the Non-Profit Recovery Program)
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis (for Edquina Washington)
Originator: Economic & Community Development

Resolution No. 42, Session 2024, A Resolution authorizing a budget transfer in ARPA funds in the amount of \$148,681.09 from the Delinquent Property Tax Program to the Non-Profit Recovery Program, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

16. Resolution No. 43 - A Resolution Authorizing a grant application through the COPS Hiring Program ([View](#)) (\$1 million with a 25% match of \$250,000)
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis (for Edquina Washington)
Originator: Police

Resolution No. 43, Session 2024, A Resolution authorizing a grant application through the COPS Hiring Program for \$1 million with a 25% match of \$250,000 to hire eight (8) new police officers for a three year period, was introduced by Dennis, read at length, and on motion of Dennis, seconded by Johnescu, Resolution No. 43 came up for discussion.

Councilwoman Bupp said she did the math, and this comes to about \$42,000 for a yearly salary for each officer and that she knew that wouldn't cover their total salary. She said she then read the COPS grant requirements and this grant will cover up to 75% of an officer's salary. So, we'll have to make up the gap in their salaries from the budget or somewhere else because there is a maximum this grant allows which is \$125,000 over 3 years per officer which equates to a \$42,000 per year salary.

Business Administrator Robertson said at this point, we are just trying to get the money. If awarded, we'll need to come back to Council so there are plenty of steps involved before we hire these officers.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 43 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham - 4; Nays - 0.

17. Resolution No. 44 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with General Recreation, Inc. ([View](#)) (For installation of a Pocket Park/Outdoor waiting area in front of the police station - \$71,150.25) Introduced by: Felicia Dennis (for Edquina Washington)

Resolution No. 44, Session 2024, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with General Recreation, Inc. in the amount of \$71,150.25 for installation of a Pocket Park/Outdoor waiting area in front of the police station was introduced by Dennis on behalf of Washington who was absent, read at length, and on motion of Dennis, seconded by Buckingham, Resolution No. 44 came up for discussion.

Councilwoman Bupp said this money is for materials, equipment, and supplies but when she reads the purchase order, the pricing doesn't include certain installations, concrete borders, security, etc. and other costs she's not familiar with. She asked if there is a total cost for this pocket park. She said she thought the construction that is happening in front of the police department was for the pocket park but was told it was for a memorial. So, she questioned where it would be located.

Business Administrator Robertson said the pocket park will be located on the other side of where the memorial is now. She said it's all bushes up against the building now and that will be removed to make way for the pocket park. The additional costs will be covered by us internally as a public works department is familiar with these kinds of parks, so they'll be able to cover the manpower.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 44 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham - 4; Nays - 0.

18. Resolution No. 45 - A Resolution Authorizing a lease agreement with Santander Bank, N.A. ([View](#)) (For the ATM located at 101 S. George St.) Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 45, Session 2024, A Resolution authorizing a lease agreement with Santander Bank, N.A., for the ATM located at 101 S. George St., was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

19. Resolution No. 46 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with PMA Companies. ([View](#)) (For workers' compensation insurance) Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 46, Session 2024, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with PMA Companies for workers' compensation insurance for the period of May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

XI. Requests for Future Meetings: None

XII. Council Comment

Councilwoman Bupp thanked the team that ran Give Local York. She said a record \$5+ million dollars was raised. For more on Give Local York, visit: <https://www.gly365.org/>.

Councilwoman Dennis applauded Vice President Buckingham for filling in for President Washington and said she did a great job.

XIII. Administration Comment

Business Administrator Rudolph said Electrical Supervisor Dave Rudolph is going to look into the light situation brought up by Ms. Rohleder during public comment.

XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of City Council is scheduled for May 21, 2024 at 6PM in City Council Chambers. There being no further business, the May 7, 2024 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

XV. Resumption of Public Comment Period (at the discretion of the presiding officer)

Mina Edmonson, Human Relations Commission, thanked Council for the appointment of Jason Phillips to the HRC. She said she is a commissioner on the HRC, and she appreciates the approval.

There being no further public comment, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



Dianna L. Thompson, City Clerk



Betsy Buckingham, Vice President of Council