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CALL TO ORDER: President Washington called the August 20, 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 Edquina Washington, President, with President Washington presiding. Betsy Buckingham, Vice President, telephoned into the meeting.

Members of the Administration included: Kim Robertson, Business Administrator; India Banks, Interim Director of Public Works; Dave Rudolph, Interim Director of Public Works; Tom Landis, Lettice Brown, MS4 Coordinator; Joe Jefcoat, Treasurer; and Brett Flower, Assistant Solicitor.

I. Public Comment:

Marilyn Hake, resident, said she lives in the city and walks a lot and that she loves walking but it's getting worse every day with the eBikes and eScooters on the sidewalks. She said when she pulled out of the King St. garage someone flew down the sidewalk with an eBike and she almost hit him. She said the eBikes and eScooters are going faster than cars. She said someone is going to get hurt and something needs to be done.

Ashley Hill, resident, requested that police be held accountable for their insensitivities and asked that City Council investigate the misgivings of police officers.

There being no further comment, the public comment session adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

- II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order: President Washington called the legislative meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- V. Moment of Silence was observed.
- VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [July 16, 2024 \(View\)](#). Council unanimously approved the July 16, 2024 minutes 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, September 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on August 28.

► **Council Committee Meeting:** Scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on September 18th.

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:

1. Final Passage of Bill No. 23 (FAILED) - A Bill Amending Article 1763 "Property Maintenance Code." ([View](#)) (To include furniture not specifically and professionally manufactured for outdoor use as the type and category prohibited from the front yards of exterior property areas in the city.)
Introduced by: Elizabeth Bupp
Originator: Mayor

Final Passage of Bill No. 23, Session 2024, A Bill On motion of Bupp, seconded by Washington, Bill No. 23 amending Article 1763 "Property Maintenance Code" to include furniture not specifically and professionally manufactured for outdoor use as the type and category prohibited from the front yards of exterior property areas in the city, which was introduced by Bupp at the July 16 meeting and read by short title, came up for discussion. On motion of Bupp, seconded by Dennis, Bill No. 23 came up for discussion.

Councilwoman Bupp briefly outlined the intent of the bill.

Manuel Gomez, resident, said the compelling argument for this ordinance is that safety is omitted. He said there is no mention of combustibility or flammability of furniture anywhere in this ordinance. Additionally, he said someone may craft or construct their own furniture and he questioned if this too will be banned. He said this sounds like we're turning the city into an HOA. He said this legislation is only for vanity and aesthetic reasons.

Councilwoman Bupp said she is the chair of the Rules and Administrative Code committee and as such, it is her responsibility to introduce this legislation. She too questioned the omission of safety concerns.

President Washington read the definition of furniture (Section 302.13) for clarification.

Mr. Gomez said the ordinance is ambiguous and questioned how an inspector is supposed to determine what's professionally made. He said the ordinance should be more specific.

Councilwoman Bupp said the question is how we can make it more specific.

There being no further discussion, Bill No. 23 FAILED by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham - 2; Nays - Bupp, Johnescu, Washington - 3.

2. Final Passage of Bill No. 24, Ordinance No. 24 - A Bill Amending the FY2024 Budget. ([View](#)) (\$11,662.20 for CDBG grant funding reflecting changes due to unexpected funding from 2017.)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS)

Final Passage of Bill No. 24, Ordinance No. 24, Session 2024, A Bill mending the FY2024 Budget in the amount of \$11,662.20 for CDBG grant funding reflecting changes due to unexpected funding from 2017, which was introduced by Washington at the July 16 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Washington, seconded by Dennis, Bill No. 24 came up for discussion.

Administrator Robertson said this is a maintenance item to make sure we update our budget. Housing, CDBG and HOME funds are complicated because we have to identify the year the award was given. There is some delay in knowing what our award is and then actually getting the money and then auditing to see what money is actually left.

There being no further discussion, Bill No. 24, Ordinance No. 24 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

3. Final Passage of Bill No. 25, Ordinance No. 25 - A Bill Amending the FY2024 Budget. ([View](#)) (\$9,000.00 for the Summer Parks Program)
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis
Originator: Public Works (Parks/Recreation)

Final Passage of Bill No. 25, Ordinance No. 25, Session 2024, A Bill amending the FY2024 Budget in the amount of \$9,000.00 for the Summer Parks Program, which was introduced by Dennis at the July 16 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On of Dennis, seconded by Johnescu, Bill No. 25 came up for discussion.

Administrator Robertson said this is for the summer parks program. We were getting sponsorship money from Highmark, and we needed to add it to the budget so we can spend it.

There being no further discussion, Bill No. 25, Ordinance No. 25, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

4. Final Passage of Bill No. 26, Ordinance No. 26 - A Bill Amending the FY2024 Budget. ([View](#)) (\$5,000.00 for implementation of the stormwater asset management system)
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis
Originator: Public Works

Final Passage of Bill No. 26, Ordinance No. 26, Session 2024, A Bill amending the FY2024 Budget in the amount of \$5,000.00 for implementation of the stormwater asset management system, which was introduced by Dennis at the July 16 meeting of Council, and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Dennis, seconded by Washington, Bill No. 26 came up for discussion.

Lettice Brown, MS4 Coordinator, said she sought out this grant from the Susquehanna River Basin to offset costs to get our stormwater up to par. She said they also acquired a handheld GPS device to help update their maps.

There being no further discussion, Bill No. 26, Ordinance No. 26, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

Introduction Passage of Bills

5. Introduction of Bill No. 27 - A Bill
Amending the FY2024 Budget. ([View](#)) (For the Parks & Recreation Bureau by appropriating additional revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$8,266.00 for a grant received from the York County Community Foundation)
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis
Originator: Public Works (Parks/Recreation)

Introduction of Bill No. 27, Session 2024, A Bill amending the FY2024 Budget for the Parks & Recreation Bureau by appropriating additional revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$8,266.00 for a grant received from the York County Community Foundation, was introduced by Dennis, read by short title, and deferred to the September 3 meeting of Council.

6. Introduction of Bill No. 28 - A Bill
Amending the FY2024 City Budget. ([View](#)) (For the Public Works Department to account for revenue and expenses relating to real estate taxes associated with the property at 1601 Toronita Street in the amount of \$37,433.57)
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis
Originator: Public Works

Introduction of Bill No. 28, Session 2024, A Bill amending the FY2024 City Budget for the Public Works Department to account for revenue and expenses relating to real estate taxes associated with the property at 1601 Toronita Street in the amount of \$37,433.57, was introduced by Dennis, read by short title, and deferred to the September 3 meeting of Council.

7. Introduction of Bill No. 29 - A Bill
Amending the fiscal year 2024 City Budget. ([View](#)) (For the Police Department by appropriating money not otherwise appropriated for Fund 50 for vehicles ordered in 2023 but delivered in 2024, in the amount of \$78,290.58)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Police

Introduction of Bill No. 29, Session 2024, A Bill amending the fiscal year 2024 City Budget for the Police Department by appropriating money not otherwise appropriated for Fund 50 for vehicles ordered in 2023 but delivered in 2024, in the amount of \$78,290.58, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the September 3 meeting of Council.

8. Introduction of Bill No. 30 - A Bill
Amending the FY2024 City Budget. ([View](#)) (For the Bureau of Health Bureau as follows: **(1)** To appropriate additional revenue and expenditures for Family Health Council of Central PA (FHCCP) for the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP), in the amount of \$31,000.00; **(2)** To appropriate additional revenue and expenditures for the Immunization Grant reflecting changes due to rollover amounts, in the total amount of \$43,870.86)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Introduction of Bill No. 30, Session 2024, A Bill amending the FY2024 City Budget for the Bureau of Health Bureau as follows: **(1)** To appropriate additional revenue and expenditures for Family Health Council of Central PA (FHCCP) for the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP), in the amount of \$31,000.00; **(2)** To appropriate additional revenue and expenditures for the Immunization Grant reflecting changes due to rollover amounts, in the total amount of \$43,870.86, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the September 3 meeting of Council.

New Business

9. Resolution No. 71 - A Resolution Approving a waiver for M&G Realty and CHR Corp/Rutters Store #25. ([View](#)) (Waiver for preliminary/final subdivision plans for 1520 PA Ave.)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Planning)

Resolution No. 71, Session 2024, A Resolution approving a waiver for M&G Realty and CHR Corp/Rutters Store #25 for preliminary/final subdivision plans for 1520 Pennsylvania Ave., was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Dennis, Resolution No. 71 came up for discussion.

Eric Thomas, Site Development Engineer, Rutters, said they are taking the car wash down and doing a 20 ft expansion. He said there will be no increase in impervious coverage or impact to traffic.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 71 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

10. Resolution No. 72 - A Resolution Approving a waiver for the Redevelopment Authority/Steve Buffington/Joseph Musso. ([View](#)) (Waiver for preliminary/final subdivision plans, monument placement/markers, and waiver of land development/subdivision plans for 630 S. Pine St. & 245 E. Cottage Place)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Planning)

Resolution No. 72, Session 2024, A Resolution approving a waiver for the Redevelopment Authority/Steve Buffington/Joseph Musso for preliminary/final subdivision plans, monument placement/markers, and waiver of land development/subdivision plans for 630 S. Pine St. & 245 E. Cottage Place, was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 72 came up for discussion.

Joe Musso, applicant, said this includes two parcels of land that was owned by the RDA. There is a large 3-bay industrial building that is on another lot, and they'd like to put them on the same plot so they can be developed.

Councilwoman Bupp asked about the monuments and markers.

Musso said new pins are put in at the corner and the perimeter markers are not being changed at all. It's for surveying purposes.

Councilwoman Bupp asked if this is the Steve Buffington that works for the city. Mr. Musso said, no.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 72 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

11. Resolution No. 73 - A Resolution Accepting the recommendations of HARB in denying a certificate of appropriateness. ([View](#)) (244-252 N. George St.)
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 73, Session 2024, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in

denying a certificate of appropriateness for work to be done at 244-252 N. George St., was Introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion made by Washington, seconded Buckingham, Resolution No. 73 came up for discussion.

Councilwoman Johnescu said Mr. Bauer sent Council a thorough explanation of their request and an engineering report and site markups. She said HARB is tasked with reviewing any changes to historic properties in Historic Districts. There is subject matter expertise, and they make recommendations to Council and Council either approves or hears an appeal. She read the comp plan, and it is noted the importance of preserving our historic architecture. She outlined the contents of HARB's agenda relating to this case and said the information was inadequate.

Dennis Kunkle, HARB Chairman, said this is the second time they denied this application because of the old property on the lot. They were going to save it in the past and demolish some of the houses and now they are asking to demolish all the properties.

Councilwoman Johnescu said in February, Council approved a consolidation of parcels to make investment attractive and demolition wasn't on the table then and now they are saying the building is a total loss. She said although she understands unforeseen problems, the issue is to find a timely redevelopment opportunity for the property. If we allow the demolition of all these properties, how many more will we destroy. She said she is not comfortable setting precedent.

Councilwoman Bupp said she received an email from former Council President Henry Nixon in support of overturning HARB's recommendations. She said the owner is promising to save the bay windows and a few other features in those properties if they can demolish the properties.

Dylan Bauer, President, CEO, Royal Square Development, said he sympathizes with Councilwoman Johnescu's concerns. He said these structures are very dilapidated, but he doesn't want to set a precedent. We secured every bit of financing available, and we are still short in fixing them to today's code requirements. He outlined some of their restrictions with redevelopment including utilities. He said we are stuck, and our intent is to make way for a gateway park. We'll continue to pay taxes and maintain it. We are one of the only privately owned parks downtown. We want to prepare this for future development. He said he feels that a larger development is eminent.

Manuel Gomez, resident, said to consider the source as Royal Square has leverage and the historic appeal. He said the minutes are vague and there is no subject matter expertise. He said he doesn't feel this would set a precedent. He said it seems like HARB just said we'll deny it and see what Council does.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 73 FAILED by the following vote: Yeas - Johnescu - 1; Nays - Bupp, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 4. As Council denied the recommendations of HARB, the applicant is authorized to do work in accordance with the application submitted to HARB.

12. Resolution No. 74 _____ - A Resolution Supporting the Pennsylvania Commission and York County Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial "AMERICA250PA." ([View](#))
Introduced by: Teresa Johnescu
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 74, Session 2024, A Resolution supporting the Pennsylvania Commission and York County Commission for the United States Semi-quincentennial "AMERICA250PA, was introduced by Johnescu and came up for discussion.

Motion to read by short title: A motion was made by Johnescu, seconded by Bupp, to read Resolution No. 74 by short title. The motion passed unanimously.

Therefore, Resolution No. 74 was read by short title only. There being no discussion, Resolution No. 74 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Buckingham, Washington - 4; Nays - Dennis - 1

13. Resolution No. 75 - A Resolution Approving appointments to the York Business Improvement District Authority (Downtown Inc) ([View](#)) (J. Sabol & J. Phillips)
Introduced by: Elsbeth Bupp
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 75, Session 2024, A Resolution approving the appointments of Jason Sabol and Jason Phillips as members of the York Business Improvement District Authority (Downtown Inc) to serve in said capacity until January 1, 2028, was introduced by Bupp, read at length, and on motion of Bupp, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 75 came up for discussion.

Jason Sabol was in the audience and said he was excited when he was approached by Downtown Inc to serve on the board, and he appreciates the opportunity to serve.

Sarah O'Brien, Director, Downtown Inc. said Jason Phillips couldn't attend and they appreciate Council's consideration of these appointments. She said follow them on social media at Downtown York PA. She explained what Downtown Inc does.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 75 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0. City Clerk Thompson administered Jason Sabol the oath of office.

President Washington thanked our board members for their service and asked that anyone interested in serving on a city board to visit the city's website or contact our city clerk.

14. Resolution No. 76 - A Resolution Authorizing the purchase of one Ventrac Tractor 4520N Kubota with financing through Fulton Bank. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis
Originator: Public Works

Motion of Dennis, seconded by Washington, read at length, and come up for discussion.

Tom Landis, Parks Superintendent, said this is one of the most essential ground tools for those in charge of maintenance of recreational areas. He explained its purpose and uses. He said this will allow us to take care of our 25 parks with one person in a timely and efficient manner. He said he feels this will be a cost savings to the city and will beautify our city.

Councilwoman Bupp asked if it comes with a trailer. Mr. Landis said it can be trailered but this package has a light system that will allows us to use it on the road.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 76 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

15. Resolution No. 77 - A Resolution Authorizing a budget transfer. ([View](#)) (\$68,000 for Fund 21 Liquid Fuels)
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis
Originator: Public Works (Highway)

Resolution No. 77, Session 2024, A Resolution authorizing a budget transfer in the amount of \$68,000.00 for Fund 21 Liquid Fuels, was introduced by Dennis, read at length, and on motion of Dennis, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 77 came up for discussion.

Dave Rudolph, Acting Public Works Director, said this is for transmission work on our Vactor Truck which we use to clean our sewer pipes. We are currently renting one for \$6,500 a week so we only rent it when we need it. With this transfer we'll be able to get our truck back on the road.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 77 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

16. Resolution No. 78 - A Resolution Authorizing a transfer of ARPA funds. ([View](#)) (FY2024 Budget - \$139,571.46 for camera installation at Penn Park from Electronic Systems Installers)
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis
Originator: Public Works (Parks/Recreation)

Resolution No. 78, Session 2024, A Resolution authorizing a transfer of ARPA funds in the FY2024 Budget in the amount of \$139,571.46 for camera installation at Penn Park from Electronic Systems Installers, was introduced by Dennis, read at length, and on motion of Dennis, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 78 came up for discussion.

Director Rudolph said this is to install security cameras in Penn Park for better security of school kids. The system will be in seven locations throughout the city with 360-degree views and will increase student and pedestrian safety.

Manuel Gomez, resident, said we need a global surveillance policy. Your basic camera today is not the same came as five years ago, so we need to do this in a way that the community is partnering with you.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 78 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

17. Resolution No. 79 - A Resolution Authorizing a transfer of ARPA funds. ([View](#)) (FY2024 Budget - \$40,000.00 for two affordable housing studies)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development

Resolution No. 79, Session 2024, A Resolution authorizing a transfer of ARPA funds in the FY2024 budget in the amount of \$40,000.00 for two affordable housing studies, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Buckingham, Resolution No. 79 came up for discussion.

Administrator Robertson said this is two separate requests, one of which being an environmental study for the affordable housing developer program. As part of the requirement for additional funding there is a requirement for an environmental study (\$10,000). For the additional impediments for the affordable fair housing study as recommended by HUD, is \$30,000 for other professional services to get that study done.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 79 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

18. Resolution No. 80 - A Resolution Authorizing various grant award agreements for the Bureau of Health. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Resolution No. 80, Session 2024, A Resolution authorizing an agreements as follows: (1) Family Health Council of Central PA for the Personal Responsibility Education Program for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$61,500.00; (2) County of York for the Healthy Moms – Healthy Babies program for city residents for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025; and PA Department of Health for public health emergency preparedness and response activities in the amount of \$539,295.13 for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Bupp, Resolution No. 80 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington – 5; Nays – 0.

19. Resolution No. 81 - A Resolution Exonerating municipal real estate taxes & penalties for the Children’s Aid Society. ([View](#)) (484-486 W. Market St.)
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: Treasurer (on behalf of Children’s Aid Society)

Resolution No. 81, Session 2024, A Resolution exonerating 2024 municipal real estate taxes, interest and penalties in the amount of \$3,129.11 for the Children’s Aid Society for the property located at 484-486 W. Market St., was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Dennis, Resolution No. 81 came up for discussion.

Assistant Solicitor Flower said these are retroactive taxes and all three tax exoneration requests on tonight’s agenda have been granted tax exempt status. For the Children’s Aid Society, this starts in 2025. They are a purely public charity, and the exemption has to be applied consistently.

Councilwoman Johnescu said we still need a policy to evaluate these. Until we have a policy in place we don’t have a choice. She said this leaves us in a bind and she’s not comfortable voting when we don’t have a policy in place.

Eric Chase, President, CEO, Children’s Aid Society, said they assumed all the assets in January, and they immediately filed the appeal with the County and the County’s exoneration was forwarded to the city.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 81 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Bupp, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington – 4; Nays – Johnescu – 1.

20. Resolution No. 82 - A Resolution Exonerating municipal real estate taxes & penalties for Seyler Associates, LLC (Greenmount Cemetery). ([View](#)) (721 Carlisle Ave.)
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: Treasurer (on behalf of Seyler & Associates)

Resolution No. 82, Session 2024, A Resolution exonerating 2024 municipal real estate taxes, interest and penalties in the amount \$5,517.85 for Seyler Associates, LLC, for the property located at 721 Carlisle Ave. (Greenmount Cemetery), was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Dennis, Resolution No. 82 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Bupp, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington – 4; Nays – Johnescu – 1

21. Resolution No. 83 - A Resolution Exonerating municipal real estate taxes, penalties and interest for Jabez Ministries, Inc. ([View](#)) (40 Jefferson Ave.)
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: Jabez Ministries, Inc.

Resolution No. 83, Session 2024, A Resolution exonerating 2022 municipal real estate taxes, interest and penalties in the amount of \$7,395.57 and 2023 municipal real estate taxes, interest, and penalties in the amount of \$6,812.09 for Jabez Ministries, Inc. for the property located at 40 Jefferson Ave., was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Dennis, Resolution No. 83 came up for discussion.

Treasurer Jefcoat said interest is charged by the county not by the city. He said he doesn't know if we can take away all the interest and exonerate them.

Assistant Solicitor Flower said the underlying debt is forgiven.

City Clerk Thompson said this information was taken from the county's website which lists the amounts separately for county, school and city, so the amounts listed in the resolution are the city's fees.

Adrian Boxley, Founder and Pastor of Jabez Ministries said we were founded in 2016, and we have been a non-stop church entity since 2016. He said outside of church things, they have weekly drug & alcohol meetings, marriage counseling, food banks, feed the homeless events, cloth the homeless events, family cookouts for the homeless, men and women empowerment groups, youth and senior activities, MJ twirlers that practice before parades, and we partner with York City's GVI. In July 2023, we received a note on the door that we had to pay taxes. We had no clue we had to pay taxes. He said he immediately went to the county and school district to request exoneration. He said the county exonerated their taxes, and he was under the assumption that all taxes were exonerated. However, he said, somewhere along the line, no one told us we weren't exempt from York City until two weeks ago while he was teaching bible study, someone showed him a posting that was on the door. He said he's here today to implore Council to consider their commitment to our city. He said as a judge, community leader and pastor, he understands Councilwoman Johnescu's thought process, but they have always been a church and 501(c)3 entity. He said we took care of all the bills until this came up. He wants to continue working for his community.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 83 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 4; Nays - Johnescu - 1

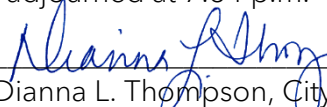
XI. Requests for Future Meetings: None

XII. Council Comment

Vice President Buckingham applauded the work of Councilwoman Johnescu, the City Clerk, and Solicitor Flower, in looking at a way to streamline tax exonerations.

XIII. Administration Comment: None

XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative session of City Council is scheduled for September 3, 2024 at 6PM in City Council Chambers. There being no further business, the August 20, 2024 meeting of Council adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



Dianna L. Thompson, City Clerk



Edquina Washington, President of Council