

Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania

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CALL TO ORDER: President Washington called the October 9, 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, Betsy Buckingham, Vice President, and Edquina Washington, President, with President Washington presiding. Councilwoman Felicia Dennis was absent.

Members of the Administration included: Kim Robertson, Business Administrator; India Banks, Interim Director of Public Works; Dave Rudolph, Electrical Bureau Superintendent; Nancy Griffin, Zoning Officer; and Brett Flower, Assistant Solicitor.

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

- I. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
- II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- V. Moment of Silence was observed.
- VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of September 17, 2024 (legislative-[View](#)); September 25, 2024 (committee-[View](#)). A motion was made by Washington, seconded by Johnescu, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Buckingham, Washington - 4; Nays - 0.
- VII. Presentations, Awards and Announcements
- VIII. Meeting(s) Scheduled:

► **Legislative Meeting:** The next legislative meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on October 9th.

► **Council Committee Meeting:** Scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on October 16th.

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)

Subdivision/Land Development/HARB:

1. Resolution No. 94 - A Resolution
Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 94, Session 2024, A Resolution approving the recommendations of HARB in issuing a certificate of appropriateness for work to be covered in the application filed for work to be done at 46 W. Princess St., was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Johnescu, Resolution No. 94 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Bupp, Johnescu, Buckingham, Washington – 4; Nays – 0.

Final Passage of Bills/Resolutions

2. Final Passage of Bill No. 33 - A Bill
Amending the FY2024 Budget. ([View](#)) (By appropriating fund balance from Fund 32 “High Risk Loan” to transfer to Fund 10 “General Funds” for expenditures associated with administrative services in the amount of \$51,500.00)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Bureau of Housing Services)

Final Passage of Bill No. 33, Ordinance No. 33, Session 2024, A Bill amending the FY2024 Budget by appropriating fund balance from Fund 32 “High Risk Loan” to transfer to Fund 10 “General Funds” for expenditures associated with administrative services in the amount of \$51,500.00, which was introduced by Washington at the September 17 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Washington, seconded by Buckingham, Bill No. 33, Ordinance No. 33, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Bupp, Johnescu, Buckingham, Washington – 4; Nays – 0.

New Business – Introduction of Bills & Resolutions

3. Introduction of Bill No. 34 - A Bill
Amending the FY2024 Budget. ([View](#)) (By appropriating revenue/expenditures for CDBG grant funding reflecting changes due to unexpended funding from 2017 and 2021 in the amount of \$35,655.94)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Bureau of Housing Services)

Introduction of Bill No. 34, Session 2024, A Bill amending the FY2024 Budget by appropriating revenue/expenditures for CDBG grant funding reflecting changes due to unexpended funding from 2017 and 2021 in the amount of \$35,655.94, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the October 15 meeting of Council.

4. Introduction of Bill No. PULLED - A Bill Amending Article 136 "Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program." ([View](#)) (To change the title to "Small and Local Business Enterprise Programs," and reestablish its purpose; establish a non-discrimination policy, update definitions, create an Equal Business Opportunity Committee and its powers and duties; establish criteria for Small Business Enterprise and Local Business Enterprise; update contracting requirements; establish affirmative procurement initiatives, and certification and bidder registration; and amend penalties.)
Introduced by: Elizabeth Bupp
Originator: Business Administration / Council

PULLED. A motion was made by Washington, seconded by Johnescu, to pull this item from the agenda. The motion to pull PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Buckingham, Washington - 4; Nays - 0.

5. Introduction of Bill No. 35 - A Bill Amending Article 951 "Municipal Solid Waste Management Act." ([View](#)) (To add requirements for proper disposal of approved liquids, clarification on required refuse containers, change the billing frequency for refuse collection service fees from monthly to quarterly, include the obligation that property owners maintain updated contact information, and change the determining criteria for a property to be considered vacant for refuse fee billing.)
Introduced by: Elizabeth Bupp
Originator: Public Works / Business Administration

Introduction of Bill No. 35, Session 2024, A Bill amending Article 951 "Municipal Solid Waste Management Act" to add requirements for proper disposal of approved liquids, clarification on required refuse containers, change the billing frequency for refuse collection service fees from monthly to quarterly, include the obligation that property owners maintain updated contact information, and change the determining criteria for a property to be considered vacant for refuse fee billing, was introduced by Bupp, read by short title, and deferred to the October 15 meeting of Council.

6. Introduction of Bill No. 36 - A Bill Amending Article 952 "Waste Minimization and Recycling." ([View](#)) (To add a minimum weekly collection requirement for those that are not served by the curbside program provided by the City of York)
Introduced by: Elizabeth Bupp
Originator: Public Works / Business Administration

Introduction of Bill No. 36, Session 2024, A Bill amending Article 952 "Waste Minimization and Recycling" to add a minimum weekly collection requirement for those that are not served by the curbside program provided by the City of York, was introduced by Bupp, read by short title, and deferred to the October 15 meeting of Council.

New Business - Items for Consideration of Consent Agenda

Motion to consider consent agenda. President Washington made a motion to consider agenda items for agenda items 7-9 as a consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Buckingham. President Washington asked if Council wished to pull any items from the consent agenda. There were no requests. President Washington made a motion to approve consent agenda items 7-9, which was seconded by Buckingham and came up for discussion.

Councilwoman Johnescu said agenda item #7 regarding the purchase of a bucket truck is replacing a vehicle we've had in operation since 1988, so it's definitely time to replace it.

President Washington asked if there was any comment from the Administration or the public. There was no comment.

Vote to approve consent agenda items. There being no further discussion, agenda items 7-9 were approved by the following vote: Yeas – Bupp, Johnescu, Buckingham, Washington – 4; Nays – 0.

7. Resolution No. 95 _____ - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with Altec. ([View](#)) (For purchase of a new Altec AT40G bucket truck in the amount of \$158,458.00)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Public Works (Highway)

Resolution No. 95, Session 2024, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Altec for the purchase of a new Altec AT40G bucket truck in the amount of \$158,458.00, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

8. Resolution No. 96 _____ - A Resolution Authorizing the York City Planning Commission to forward the Comprehensive Plan 2044. ([View](#)) (To the York County Planning Commission, contiguous municipalities, and the school district)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Planning)

Resolution No. 96, Session 2024, A Resolution Authorizing the York City Planning Commission to forward the Comprehensive Plan 2044 to the York County Planning Commission, contiguous municipalities, and the school district, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

9. Resolution No. 97 _____ - A Resolution Granting access easements over City of York Property. ([View](#)) (For ingress and egress to 45-48 E. Gas Ave.)
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: Solicitor’s Office

Resolution No. 97, Session 2024, A Resolution granting access easements for ingress and egress to 45-48 E. Gas Ave. by SREC, LLC, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

Introduction of Resolution(s)

10. Resolution No. 98 (Will be on the 10/15/24 agenda) _____ - A Resolution Increasing the fee for duplicate bills from \$5 to \$10. ([View](#)) (Fee charged to all companies/firms and to individuals without a homestead exclusion who request duplicate bills & for all requests submitted after the face deadline. Property owners seeking duplicate bills of their homesteaded parcel will continue to pay \$5 for a duplicate bill if requested before the face deadline.)
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: Treasurer

Resolution No. 98, Session 2024, A Resolution increasing the fee for duplicate bills from \$5 to \$10 for fees charged to all companies/firms and to individuals without a homestead exclusion who request duplicate bills & for all requests submitted after the face deadline. Property owners seeking duplicate bills of their homesteaded parcel will continue to pay \$5 for a duplicate bill if requested before the face deadline, was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and deferred to the October 15 meeting of Council.

XI. Requests for Future Meetings

XII. Council Comment

Vice President Buckingham said we all need to keep our fellow citizens in our thoughts as they deal with the devastation of Hurricane Helene.

Councilwoman Bupp asked once we have the bucket truck ([Res. #95](#)), can Public Works look cut back the tree at the Turkey Hill at Harrison St. because the tree blocks the streetlight.

Superintendent Rudolph said he will take care of it and stated that the entire intersection is being revamped. He said there are quite a few trees around the city that need trimmed up.


President Washington said the last day to register to vote is October 21. For more information, visit: <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/>.

Councilwoman Bupp said the Comp Plan ([view](#)) is on the city's website and Nancy Griffin, City Planner, is taking comments. Also, the 2025 budget hearings are scheduled for October 16 & 17 in Council Chambers.

XIII. Administration Comment: None

XIV. Adjournment: There being no further business, the October 1, 2024 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

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



Dianna L. Thompson, City Clerk



Edquina Washington, President of Council