

The City of York Pennsylvania

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 28, 2025

6:00 p.m.

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Note: General Committee is chaired by Council President or designee and includes all Council members.

CALL TO ORDER: President Washington called the May 28, 2025, committee 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, Betsy Buckingham, Vice President, and Edquina Washington, President.

Members of the Administration in attendance included: Dave Rudolph, Electrical Supervisor, Public Works; Kim Robertson, Business Administrator; Monica Kruger, Director of Health; Joe Jefcoat, Treasurer; and Assistant Solicitor Brett Flower.

- I. Call committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- **II.** Committee Issues for June 3, 2025, legislative Agendas as follows:

PUBLIC WORKS (Dennis, Chair; Washington, Johnescu)

1. Resolution approving acceptance of a TIP award in the amount of \$500,000 (York Bike Share Project) (View)

Submitted by: K. Robertson, Business Administrator & Dave Rudolph, Public Works ► Legislative Agenda: June 3, 2025

Dave Rudolph, Electrical Supervisor, said this is for the bike share program and the County of York will serve as the pass through. He stated that this will expand on the current bike share program although they don't have the locations established at this point.

Councilwoman Bupp asked who wrote the grant and when was it submitted.

Supervisor Rudolph said the original grant came through the County Planning Commission, who approached us about participating in the program.

Councilwoman Bupp asked if someone was designated to manage the grant.

Supervisor Rudolph said he believes whoever is the Public Works Director or Interim Director will manage the grant.

Councilwoman Bupp said we have out-of-date bicycle legislation found in Article 533 of the codified ordinances that needs cleaned up.

President Washington asked how long before the project is completed.

Supervisor Rudolph said the projected completion date is August, but he'll have better information after they meet with the county next week.

DECISION: A motion was made by Washington, seconded by Johnescu, to place this item on the 6/3/25 legislative agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Washington, Johnescu, Dennis - 3; Nays - 0.

2. Resolution awarding a contract to Kinsley Construction in the amount of \$546,328.00 (For the 2025 Street Improvements Project (View)

Submitted by: K. Robertson, Business Administrator for Public Works

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Supervisor Rudolph said this is the street paving project we previously bid out and will include 600, 700, 800 Pennsylvania Avenue (Carlisle Avenue to North West Street), North Street (North George Street to North Queen Street), North Queen Street (Perry Place to Chestnut Street), Elm Street (Norway Street to Hill Street), and East Clark Avenue (North Court Avenue to North Queen Street).

Councilwoman Bupp thanked Supervisor Rudolph for keeping this project within the budget. She asked if there is any plan to do anything with bumpy railroad tracks.

Supervisor Rudolph said, no, because we're not allowed to work within 3 ft of each side of the railroad tracks.

DECISION: A motion was made by Washington, seconded by Johnescu, to place this item on the 6/3/25 legislative agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Washington, Johnescu, Dennis - 3; Nays - 0.

3. Resolution increasing refuse collection fees effective July 1, 2025 (View)

Submitted by: K. Robertson, Business Administrator for Public Works

► Legislative Agenda: June 3, 2025

Business Administrator Robertson said we went into the 2025 budget to see what our budget expenses looked like. She said although we budgeted extra funds last year in anticipation of the collection contract, it wasn't enough once we figured in our expenses. So, we need just under \$6.5 million for the year. She said she then used our anticipated revenues and subtracted that and what was determined is that we needed a 34% increase in residential and commercial units and 71% increase for administration fees to maintain a balanced budget. The new fees will be as follows:

Classification	Fee Per Year	Fee Per Quarter
Minimum (per unit)	\$180.00	\$45.00
Residential #1	\$440.00 (Base Rate)	\$110.00
Commercial #2	\$880.00 (Base Rate)	\$220.00
Residential #(X)	(X) x \$440.00 (Base Rate) = Annual Rate	
Commercial #(X)	(X) x \$880.00 (Base Rate) = Annual Rate	

Councilwoman Dennis asked if there can be a decrease at any time.

Administrator Robertson said that could happen. She stated that now that we've brought billing back in-house, and we have cleaned up the properties that need to be billed, we could potentially see a decrease in the future if the numbers support it.

DECISION: A motion was made by Washington, seconded by Johnescu, to place this item on the 6/3/25 legislative agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Washington, Johnescu, Dennis - 3; Nays - 0.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Washington, Chair; Buckingham, Johnescu)

4. A Bill amending the FY2025 budget for MNOA in the amount of \$29,684.50 (To add 2024 unspent ARPA funds to the 2025 budget for the Environmental Study (<u>View</u>)

Submitted by: K. Robertson, Business Administrator for Bureau of Housing Services

► Legislative Agenda: June 3, 2025

Administrator Robertson said we added this project last year, however, the project got off to a slow start. Now that the project is underway, we are starting to get bills and this will allow us to pay those bills.

DECISION: A motion was made by Washington, seconded by Johnescu, to place this item on the 6/3/25 legislative agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Johnescu, Buckingham, Washington - 3; Nays - 0.

5. A Bill amending the FY2025 Budget (\$5,000 for Women's Health Services) (View)

Submitted by: Amanda Ziegler, Bureau of Health

► Legislative Agenda: June 3, 2025

Monica Kruger, Health Director, said we anticipate receiving these additional funds because at the end of the Family Health Council's fiscal year, they reconcile their accounts and any funding unspent is then reallocated. In this instance, she said, we are receiving \$5,000 of unspent funding to support women's health services.

DECISION: A motion was made by Johnescu, seconded by Buckingham, to place this item on the 6/3/25 legislative agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Johnescu, Buckingham, Washington - 3; Nays - 0.

6. A Bill amending the FY2025 Budget (\$10,000 for Healthy Moms/Babies program) ($\underline{\text{View}}$)

Submitted by: Amanda Ziegler, Bureau of Health

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Health Director Kruger said this is a just a transfer of funds into the 2025 budget to allow us to spend funding carried over from 2024.

DECISION: A motion was made by Washington, seconded by Buckingham, to place this item on the 6/3/25 legislative agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Johnescu, Buckingham, Washington - 3; Nays - 0.

7. A Resolution authorizing an agreement with ESRI (\$126,600 for mapping/tracking) (View)

Submitted by: Amanda Ziegler, Bureau of Health

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Health Director Kruger said this is an agreement with ESRI for a GIS system, which is utilized by just about every department of the city. She said it allows us to extrapolate data. She stated that we used this system during the COVID pandemic to record every single case and pull precise data to help better serve our community. She said we budgeted this expense for 3 years and the grant will end June 30, so we want to make sure we got this through and approved.

Councilwoman Bupp asked if this is a cloud based or network system.

Health Director Kruger said it's both; it's an enterprise system. She said it's a complex system that is used all over the country.

DECISION: A motion was made by Washington, seconded by Johnescu, to place this item on the 6/3/25 legislative agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Johnescu, Buckingham, Washington - 3; Nays - 0.

POLICE (Washington, Chair; Buckingham, Dennis)

8. Resolution appointing probationary police officers (View)

Submitted by: Kim Robertson, Business Administrator for Police

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Administrator Robertson said this is the normal process when we have vacancies and these individuals are on the civil service eligibility list, so we are moving forward with the appointment process.

Councilwoman Bupp asked if any of these names have appeared on the list before.

Administrator Robertson said the only way the same name will appear is if some of the individuals were listed as alternates previously. She said there are some familiar names that were city employees.

President Washington said she appreciates seeing the diversity of our police department over the years, especially seeing women being appointed.

DECISION: A motion was made by Buckingham, seconded by Dennis, to place this item on the 6/3/25 legislative agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 3; Nays - 0.

RULES & ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (Bupp, Chair; Washington, Dennis) PULLED

9. Bill amending Article 901 "Street Adoption and Names" to establish criteria and an application process for requesting honorary street names (<u>View</u>)

Submitted by: Councilwoman T. Johnescu

►<u>Legislative Agenda: T/B/D</u>

III. Council Comment

Councilwoman Bupp said Happy Birthday to Ms. Elviree Dawson who turned 103 yr old.

Councilwoman Dennis congratulated all 2025 school graduates.

IV. Administration Comment

- **V.** Next Committee Meeting <u>September 24, 2025</u>, in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon and 9/17/25.
- **VI.** Adjournment: There being no further business, the May 28, 2025, committee meeting of Council adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Dianna L. Thompson, City Clerk

Edquina Washington, President of Council