

INTRODUCED BY: Edquina Washington

DATE: T/B/D

A Resolution

Supporting the Advancement of the YorkSafeNet Public Security Camera System and Authorizing Access to City Infrastructure.

WHEREAS, the mission of the York City Police Department (YCPD) is to serve all people within our jurisdiction with respect, fairness, and compassion, focusing on crime prevention, protection of life and property, preservation of peace, order, and safety, enforcement of laws and ordinances, and the safeguarding of constitutional guarantees; and

WHEREAS, the YCPD recognizes the value of public security camera systems for both their investigatory capabilities and their impact on crime prevention; and

WHEREAS, gun violence in the City of York is a threat to its residents, particularly the lives of our young people, as well as a substantial obstacle to the City's community and economic development efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City of York is aware of an effort by third-parties unaffiliated with the City, specifically LogosWorks Partners, a nonprofit entity, to create a public safety network known as YorkSafeNet, which would potentially utilize cameras in an effort to deter crime and to assist with prosecution of crimes; and

WHEREAS, the YorkSafeNet Feasibility Study Final Report, dated August 9, 2021, was commissioned by Better York, a nonprofit civic organization, and prepared by Parker International Security Firm (PISF), to introduce a proposed public security camera system for York, Pennsylvania, with a particular focus on downtown York; and

WHEREAS, the Feasibility Study identified the potential need for city-owned poles and rights-of-way to install public safety security cameras, with a draft map proposing 55 total locations throughout York City, and indicated that full participation from MetEd for pole and power infrastructure is technically feasible; and

WHEREAS, community outreach conducted as part of the Feasibility Study, including 220 completed surveys, revealed strong public support for a camera system in York City, with 68% indicating "Absolutely Yes" and 15% indicating "Probably Yes"; and

WHEREAS, prior to final approval for use of City infrastructure, City Council previously requested (View: [Res 25-23](#) - [Legislative Minutes](#) - [Committee Minutes](#)) that the third parties collaborate directly with City Council to develop: a) an independent governance structure to oversee the network; b) an operating plan to include public policies and necessary legislation to guarantee constitutional safeguards and best practices; c) a detailed map of the location of cameras and City infrastructure necessary for the project; and d) the completion of a capital feasibility study to ensure the fiscal sustainability of the project; and

WHEREAS, LogosWorks Partners has made substantial progress on each of these areas (Governance Structure, Operating Plan/Policies, and a Detailed Map) and plans to structure their presentation to Council around a general update addressing these points, with the goal of securing approval to utilize the needed city infrastructure, as funders are seeking assurance on this front; and

WHEREAS, the Feasibility Study also outlined "Recommended Next Steps" for the initiative, which include thorough research for infrastructure, public policy, and legislation, such as architectural engineering design of the network, a proposed governance structure to oversee the initiative, and a capital campaign feasibility study based on the system's cost;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania, that:

1. LogosWorks Partners, working on behalf of the board of directors of York SafeNet, the newly formed 501(c)3, is hereby authorized and requested to lead the YorkSafeNet initiative in advancing to the "Recommended Next Steps" as outlined within the YorkSafeNet feasibility study final report (dated August 9, 2021) and as detailed within the September 15, 2025 report submitted with this resolution.
2. The City of York hereby expresses its intent to make city infrastructure, specifically city-owned poles and rights-of-way, available for the placement and operation of public safety security cameras for the YorkSafeNet system, provided the system is developed consistent with the recommendations of the YorkSafeNet feasibility study and in accordance with the previously requested governance structure, operating plan/policies, and detailed map.
3. This authorization is contingent upon continued collaborative engagement with the City Council regarding updates and further developments, including the presentation and final approval of the proposed Governance Structure, Operating Plan/Policies, and Detailed Map, as identified by LogosWorks Partners as crucial for project advancement and as previously requested by City Council.

PASSED FINALLY:

BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

YEAS: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

NAYS: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

ATTEST:

Edquina Washington, President of Council

Dianna L. Thompson, City Clerk