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CALL TO ORDER: President Edquina Washington called the May 5, 2026, public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 101 S. George St., York, PA, with the following members present: Ryan Supler, Elizabeth Bupp, Teresa Johnescu, Betsy Buckingham, Vice President, and Edquina Washington, President, with President Washington presiding.

Members of the Administration in attendance included: Sandie Walker, Mayor; Tammy Harvey-Bethea, Interim Director of Economic & Community Development; Adam Smith, Fire Chief; Nancy Griffin, City Planner; Keith Gerber, Highway Superintendent; and Brett Flower, Assistant Solicitor.

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

I. Public Comment:

Steven Bentz (York County) thanked Council for not signing an agreement with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). He reported that West York Police have been active in immigration enforcement, allegedly looking for minor infractions, such as parking permit violations, bald tires, or expired registrations, to justify interactions and facilitate arrests by ICE.

David Newby (York City) inquired about professional services contracts authorized by the Mayor, requesting full written reports on consultant findings and recommendations. He asked for transparency regarding the total costs, the necessity of these roles, and any potential conflicts of interest or personal relationships between consultants and government officials. He further suggested the formation or redirection of a committee to create events and festivals to increase foot traffic downtown, noting he would be willing to serve on such a committee to bring positive attention to the city. He stressed that such an initiative was necessary because the city desperately needs some kind of positive new attention brought to the city besides news reports of another kid getting shot.

Todd Clay (York City) raised concerns regarding a big black fence installed behind Logos, which he claimed fences in an entire block and obstructs the public view and traffic sightlines at West Princess Street. He questioned who approved the fence and why it was permitted. Regarding the Madison Avenue project, Mr. Clay provided photos of the curb and retaining wall, arguing that street trees could easily be installed despite the Planning Commission granting a variance to allow their omission.

Finally, he commented that the rubber and chain swings at city parks are incredibly bad and uncomfortable for children and adults.

Michael Walker (York City) responded to previous comments regarding York's reputation urging the community and Council to be very cognizant of the lens that we are looking and talking about York in and with. He argued that if one looks at articles and sources that center on York's strengths, the perspective is different, and the community should be aware of why certain negative narratives are prioritized over positive ones.

There being no further discussion, the public comment period 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.

President Washington read a statement emphasizing Council's responsibility to serve with professionalism, integrity, and respect for all stakeholders regardless of personal backgrounds or beliefs. She stated that the chamber is a place for thoughtful dialogue and leadership, not personal showmanship or emotional reactions, and urged members to uphold the city charter through respectful disagreement.

- VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [April 21, 2026](#) (legislative); [April 29, 2026](#) (committee). A motion was made by Washington, seconded by Johnescu, to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- VII. Presentations, Awards and Announcements

► Proclamation – Proclaiming May 2026 as National Community Action Month ([View](#))

President Washington read the proclamation into the record. **Robin Rohrbaugh**, President/CEO of Community Progress Council (CPC) and her team were present. Ms. Rohrbaugh explained that CPC empowers individuals toward self-sufficiency through integrated services like Head Start and housing counseling. Last year, CPC served over 15,500 people, with two-thirds residing in York City. She thanked Council for their \$500,000 allocation to support the integration of their services at a single site.

► Proclamation – Proclaiming May 2026 National Bike Safety Month ([View](#))

President Washington read the proclamation recognizing York as a bronze-certified bicycle-friendly community. **Natalie Williams** (Healthy York Coalition) and **Adriana Hursh** were present. Ms. Hursh stated that building streets for vulnerable users makes them safer for everyone and noted that slower traffic leads to higher spending in downtown areas, providing a strong return on investment for bike lanes and curb cuts.

- VIII. Meeting(s) Scheduled:

► **Legislative Meeting:** The next legislative meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on May 13th.

► **Council Committee Meeting:** Scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on May 20th.

IX. Reports of the Youth Council Committee: None

X. Legislative Agenda: (Order of Business – Action on Subdivision/Land Development & HARB Resolutions; Final Passage of Bills/Resolutions; New Business)

Special Agenda

1. Resolution No. 35 - A Resolution Appointing new members to the York City Youth Council Committee. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 35, Session 2026, A Resolution appointing Denham Greenslade, Nia Stevens, and Jada González to the Youth Council Committee for the 2026-2027 program year, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Buckingham, Resolution No. 35 came up for discussion.

President Washington noted that while the idea was sparked years ago, formal work began in March 2025 to give the future of York a seat at the table. The development of the committee involved extensive research and collaboration with other municipalities, government agencies, school leaders, the City Clerk, and the Solicitor. She thanked Councilwoman Johnescu and Clerk Thompson for their work on the initiative. The inaugural appointees are Denim Greenslade, Nia Stevens, and Jada Gonzalez. Their official terms begin September 1, 2026, but they were welcomed early to accommodate summer recess.

Councilwoman Bupp questioned how candidacy compliance was being addressed regarding the ordinance as one member does not reside in the city.

Motion to waive: Councilman Supler moved to waive a portion of Article 198.02(a) of the codified ordinances that is only related to residency while maintaining adherence to grades 10-12 because one of the highly qualified applicants, while attending a city school and being deeply committed to the community, was not a resident of the city. The motion was seconded by Johnescu and came up for discussion.

Mayor Walker said she appreciates this initiative and hopes this will inspire more future leaders.

Vote on motion to waive. With the motion to waive residency moved and seconded, the waiver passed by the following vote: Yeas – Supler, Bupp, Johnescu, Buckingham, Washington – 5; Nays – 0.

Public Comment

Tynisha Wilkes congratulated the youth for their courage and passion in stepping into a role that shapes policy at such a young age.

Manuel Gomez called the initiative one of the best things he had seen the Council do and welcomed the special cohort.

Jameel Alexander said he serves many roles and stated this is a beautiful experience and the community has your back. He applauded President Washington for "thugging it out" (persisting) with the idea from its early stages to its formalization.

Sheena Fountain shared a personal perspective on how being seen and heard is vital for the mental health of young people who often feel invisible.

Vote on Resolution No. 35: There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 35 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Supler, Bupp, Johnescu, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

Oath of Office: City Clerk Thompson administered the oath of office to the three members.

Recess/Reconvene: The meeting recessed at 6:51 p.m. for a photo session and reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

Subdivision/Land Development/HARB:

2. Resolution No. 36 - A Resolution Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 36, Session 2026, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing certificates of appropriateness for work to be covered in the following applications: 1 W. Market St., 311 S. George St., and 1 S. George St. The Resolution was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Johnescu, Resolution No. 36 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Supler, Bupp, Johnescu, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

Final Passage of Bills/Resolutions

3. Final Passage of Bill No. 6, Ordinance No. 6 - A Bill Amending Articles 167, 169 and 171 of the Codified Ordinances. ([View](#)) (O&E Retirement System, Police Pension Fund, and Firefighter's Pension Fund Board to permit the appointment of alternate members of the respective pension fund organizations.)
Introduced by: Elizabeth Bupp
Originator: Business Administration

Final Passage of Bill No. 6, Ordinance No. 6, Session 2026, A Bill amending Articles 167, 169 and 171 of the Codified Ordinances (O&E Retirement System, Police Pension Fund, and Firefighter's Pension Fund Board) to permit the appointment of alternate members of the respective pension fund organizations, which was introduced by Bupp at the April 21 meeting and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Bupp, seconded by Washington, Bill No. 6, Ordinance No. 6, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Supler, Bupp, Johnescu, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

4. Final Passage of Bill No. 7 (PULLED) - A Bill Establishing Article 324 "Licensing of Smoke and Vape Shops" of the Codified Ordinances. ([View](#)) (To safeguard the public health within the City of York by adopting standards for the licensure and operation of smoke and vape shops in the City.)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Council (Washington) / Solicitor's Office

Item Pulled: Agenda item #7 was pulled at the request of the Administration.

5. Final Passage of Bill No. 8 (PULLED) - A Bill Amending Part Thirteen (Planning and Zoning Code). ([View](#)) (**Article 1302** - Definitions - to provide for definitions related to Vape and Smoke Shops; **Article 1303** to provide for Vape and Smoke Shops as a permissible use in the EC district; and **Article 1304** - Use Definitions, General Provisions, Accessory Uses, Conditional Uses, and Special Exception Use Requirements - to include regulations governing a Vape and Smoke Shop use within the City.)

Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Council (Washington) / Solicitor's Office

Item Pulled: Agenda item #8 was pulled at the request of the Administration.

New Business - Introduction of Bills

6. Introduction of Bill No. 9 - A Bill
Amending the FY2026 Budget. ([View](#)) (\$73,250.00 - for purchase of vehicles)
Introduced by: Ryan Supler
Originator: Fire/Rescue

Introduction of Bill No. 9, Session 2026, A Bill Amending the FY2026 Budget in the amount of \$73,250.00 for the purchase of vehicles, was introduced by Supler, read by short title, deferred to the 5/20/26 meeting.

7. Introduction of Bill No. 10 - A Bill
Approving inclusion of the 2025 ordinances into the codified ordinance book. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: Council

Introduction of Bill No. 10, Session 2026, A Bill approving inclusion of the 2025 ordinances in to the codified ordinance book, was introduced by Buckingham, read by short title, and deferred to the 5/20/26 meeting.

New Business

8. Resolution No. 37 - A Resolution
Appointing Leigh Smith as an alternate member of the Consolidated Board of Appeals. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Teresa Johnescu
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 37, Session 2026, A Resolution appointing Leigh Smith as an alternate member of the Consolidated Board of Appeals to serve until first Monday of October 2027, was introduced by Johnescu, read at length, and on motion of Johnescu, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 37 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Supler, Bupp, Johnescu, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

Oath of Office: City Clerk Thompson administered the oath of office to Ms. Smith.

9. Resolution No. 38 - A Resolution
Authorizing the purchase of a vehicle. ([View](#)) (2026 International Dump Truck w/associated upfit through COSTARS - \$235,284.00)
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: Public Works (Highway)

Motion to read by short title. A motion was made by Buckingham, seconded by Washington, to read Resolution No. 38 by short title only. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 38, Session 2026, A Resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2026 International Dump Truck with associated upfit through COSTARS for \$235,284.00, as introduced by Buckingham, read by short title, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 38 came up for discussion.

Keith Gerber (Highway Superintendent) stated the \$235,284.00 purchase replaces a 1994 vehicle that is no longer cost-effective to maintain.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 38 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Supler, Bupp, Johnescu, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

10. Resolution No. 39 - A Resolution Awarding a contract to Stewart & Tate Construction. ([View](#)) (For 2026 Street Improvements - \$461,961.80)
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 39, Session 2026, A Resolution awarding a contract to Stewart & Tate Construction in the amount of \$461,961.80 for the 2026 Street Improvements Project, was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Johnescu, Resolution No. 39 came up for discussion.

Vice President Buckingham noted that the \$461,961.80 bid came in substantially lower than anticipated.

Superintendent Gerber added the bid was approximately \$200,000 less than expected, allowing for a summer completion date.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 39 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Supler, Bupp, Johnescu, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

11. Resolution No. 40 - A Resolution Awarding a contract to Willow Playworks. ([View](#)) (For installation of new playground at Albemarle Park through COSTARS - \$136,336.00)
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: Public Works (Parks/Recreation)

Motion to read by short title. A motion was made by Buckingham, seconded by Johnescu, to read Resolution No. 40 by short title only. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 40, Session 2026, A Resolution awarding a contract to Willow Playworks in the amount of \$136,336.00 for installation of a new playground at Albemarle Park, was introduced by Buckingham, read by short title, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Johnescu, Resolution No. 40 came up for discussion.

Vice President Buckingham explained that Resolution No. 40 and Resolution No. 41 are functionally linked. While Resolution No. 41 covers the purchase of the physical playground equipment from General Recreation, Willow Playworks is responsible for the site preparation and the specialized safety surfacing, as well as assisting with the actual installation of that equipment.

Councilwoman Bupp spoke in support of improving city parks and playgrounds but raised a question regarding the financial strategy for the project. She inquired whether the city could utilize American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for this contract instead of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Her reasoning was two-fold: to preserve CDBG funds for other potential city needs and to ensure ARPA funds are fully expended before their impending expiration. She requested that the administration investigate the feasibility of this funding shift before the final invoices for the project are paid. **Superintendent Gerber** was asked for input but stated he was not familiar enough with this specific project to comment on the funding mechanics.

Public Comment

Lester Abbott said he lives three blocks from Albemarle Park and spoke in favor of the upgrades. He characterized the park as a stabilizing force and a vital asset to the East Side neighborhood, noting that children in the area enjoy the facility and the upgrades would be a long-term benefit to the community.

Manuel Gomez responded to Bupp's inquiry about ARPA funds and stated that the obligation scopes for ARPA funding were closed in 2024. He contended that because those funds are already committed to other projects, it is virtually impossible to redirect them for playground funding at this stage. He concluded that using the currently allocated funds for the park was as good a use as any other.

Vote: There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 40 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Supler, Bupp, Johnescu, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

12. Resolution No. 41 - A Resolution Awarding a contract to General Recreation, Inc. ([View](#)) (For purchase of playground equipment for Albemarle Park through COSTARS - \$80,295.00)
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: Public Works (Parks/Recreation)

Motion to read by short title. A motion was made by Buckingham, seconded by Johnescu, to read Resolution No. 41 by short title only. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 41, A Resolution awarding a contract to General Recreation, Inc. for purchase of playground equipment for Albemarle Park through COSTARS in the amount of \$80,295.00, was introduced by Buckingham, read by short title, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Johnescu, Resolution No. 41 came up for discussion.

Vice President Buckingham previously clarified that Resolution No. 41 and Resolution No. 40 go hand in hand. While Resolution No. 40 focused on site preparation and safety surfacing, Resolution No. 41 specifically covers the physical equipment to be installed at the park.

Councilwoman Bupp raised a question regarding the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. She specifically pointed to a project in the ARPA budget labeled "462 Park Master Plan QCT," suggesting there might be unexpended funds there that could be used for this project.

Buckingham responded that the funds in the "462" project were specifically allocated for the master plans at Farquhar Park and Bantz Park, rather than Albemarle Park.

Public Comment

Todd Clay reiterated concerns he had expressed during general public comment regarding the comfort of playground equipment. Specifically, he argued that rubber and chains swings are very uncomfortable because they pinch in on the user, and he questioned whether children actually enjoy them.

Vote: There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 41 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Supler, Bupp, Johnescu, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

13. Resolution No. 42 - A Resolution Approving the 2026-2029 IBEW Collective Bargaining Agreement. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Elizabeth Bupp
Originator: Business Administration (HR)

Resolution No. 42, Session 2026, A Resolution approving the 2026-2029 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (I.B.E.W.), Local No. 229, collective bargaining agreement (union contract), was introduced by Bupp, read at length, and on motion of Bupp, seconded by Buckingham, Resolution No. 42 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas – Supler, Bupp, Johnnescu, Buckingham, Washington – 5; Nays – 0.

14. Resolution No. 43 - A Resolution Adopting the "York 2044: A Vision for a Sustainable and Complete Community" Comprehensive Plan. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Teresa Johnnescu
Originator: Economic & Community Development

Motion to read by short title. A motion was made by Washington, seconded by Supler, to read Resolution No. 43 by short title only. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 43, Session 2026, A Resolution adopting the York 2044: A Vision for a Sustainable and Complete Community" Comprehensive Plan, was introduced by Johnnescu, read by short title, and on motion of Johnnescu, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 43 came up for discussion.

Councilman Supler identified himself as a former school board member, and provided his review of the plan, urging the public to view it through the lens of a years-long process that included multiple layers of community input. He highlighted several components of the document as follows:

- **Missing Middle Housing:** Addressing concerns about density, Supler clarified that while the plan (page 3-13) encourages "middle housing" development in residential and multi-use districts, it explicitly does not include converting existing single-family dwellings into multi-family units.
- **School District Collaboration:** Supler emphasized his advocacy for greater unity between the city government and the school system. He noted that pages 1-15, 1-18, and 7-22 specifically outline goals for increased communication and strengthened partnerships with the school district.
- **Economic and Environmental Goals:** Other highlighted priorities included pathways to homeownership (page 3-17), the "circular economy" (page 6-6), and increasing the street tree canopy (page 7-15).
- **Flexibility vs. Enforcement:** Supler noted that the plan serves as a guide with flexible standards rather than a strict enforcement tool. He explained that binding regulations would ultimately stem from the zoning and ordinances that are subsequently updated based on this plan.

Public Comment

Todd Clay requested that Council table the resolution to allow for a dedicated public meeting where the community could iron out specific details because he does not believe enough public meetings were held. He criticized the plan as being too open-ended, specifically pointing to the goal of making businesses less regulated without defining what that would entail.

Manuel Gomez said he was confused by the idea that there had not been enough public engagement. He reminded the Council that the plan's delay had previously been a scandal and a source of significant ruckus during the former mayoral administration. Gomez specifically noted that the plan's very first priority is challenging York's reputation. He described the document as a formalized acknowledgement of the city's current portrayal and a necessary step toward changing that narrative.

Mayor Walker thanked Interim Director Tammy Harvey-Bethea for her leadership in bringing the project to completion, as well as Jessica Fieldhouse (CS Davidson) for fine-tuning the final document. She noted that an informational session had been held with the Council to ensure alignment before the final vote.

Councilwoman Bupp suggested that the administration form a dedicated committee to ensure the plan remains a living document and a roadmap that is actively followed rather than filed away. She requested a follow-up report toward the end of the year to track progress on the plan's implementation. **Mayor Walker** responded that the Council is also welcome to form its own committee to take on that initiative.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 43 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Supler, Bupp, Johnescu, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

XI. Requests for Future Meetings: None

XII. Council Comment

Councilman Supler congratulated the York City Police Department for securing four convictions related to the 2022 homicide of Shaheim Carr. He also noted that the department is actively working on a more recent homicide that occurred on May 1st on the 200 block of South Hartley Street. He then went on to highlight the following:

- **Department Recognition:** He highlighted the recent police awards ceremony, specifically naming Officer Joseph Abate III as Officer of the Year. Additionally, he reflected on the 150th annual Fire Department memorial service held the previous Sunday, describing it as a sincere moment of reflection for the city.
- **Legislative Review:** Supler noted that the proposed Bias-Motivated Conduct legislation and updates to the Human Relations Commission (HRC) are still under review.
- **Upcoming Events:** Supler promoted several upcoming community events:
 - Police and Community Progress Council (CPC) Job Fair scheduled for May 6th at 780 E. King Street.
 - "Cops and Bobbers" fishing event at Kiwanis Lake on May 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m..
 - Northeast Neighborhood Association (NENA) Men's Health event on May 16th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Stillmeadow Church.
 - Give Local York: He celebrated the success of the "Give Local York" event, which raised \$6.1 million for local non-profits. He noted that the York County Food Bank received the highest total donation amount. Supler also disclosed that his employer, LifePath Christian Ministries, was the organization with the highest number of individual donors. He expressed hope that these funds could be used to assist the unhoused population at Bantz Park.

Councilwoman Bupp said now that we have adopted the 2044 Comprehensive Plan, she emphasized that the plan should serve as a functional roadmap for the city rather than something that is simply filed away. She again suggested the formation of a committee or working group to oversee the next steps of the plan and expressed a desire for a follow-up report at the end of 2026 or early 2027 to assess the city's progress. She stated that she looks forward to discussing implementation strategies with the administration to ensure the plan's goals are actively pursued.

XIII. Administration Comment

Mayor Sandie Walker addressed several city issues including legislative updates, public safety concerns regarding encampments, and the administration's use of professional consultants as follows:

Human Relations Commission (HRC) and Bias Legislation

Mayor Walker clarified her stance on the proposed HRC updates and bias-motivated conduct legislation. She stated that she will not move forward with either piece of legislation until she receives an outright endorsement from the Human Relations Commission. She noted she is currently waiting for a meeting to occur between Councilman Supler and the HRC, or for a formal email from the commission confirming their support.

Encampment Closures and Public Safety

The Mayor discussed the decision to move forward with the "compassionate clear out" of the city's largest encampment at Bantz Park, scheduled for June 2, 2026 (with a rain date of June 3). She emphasized that this was not a sudden decision but one that had been under internal discussion since she took office in January.

- **Public Safety Incidents:** The decision was driven by escalating safety concerns, specifically citing a recent loss of life at the Springettsbury encampment and a separate violent incident where an individual's nose was bitten off.
- **Summer Park Programs:** Mayor Walker revealed that for the first time in over 15 years, the city canceled its summer parks and playgrounds program at Bantz Park because not a single family signed up to participate. The program has been relocated to the Yorktowne area.
- **Developer Funding Clarification:** She addressed rumors linking the closure to a government award, clarifying that the Redevelopment Authority (RDA) and the developer applied for that funding over a year ago and it had no bearing on the safety-based decision to clear the site.

Professional Services and Consultants

Mayor Walker then addressed recent media reports and public questions regarding the city's use of professional services contracts, expressing frustration with narratives suggesting the administration was hiding information. She argued that these consultants were necessary to fix inherited inefficiencies, noting that the city is currently five years behind on audits. She outlined the agreements as follows:

- **Strategic Thoughts:** Engaged for a 90-day cyber security forensic review following cyberattacks on City Hall in 2021 and 2023.
- **Strategic HCM:** Conducting an HR audit to update out-of-date job descriptions and compliance processes to help fill key positions that have remained vacant for years.
- **TixStone Solutions:** Assisting with grants and procurement because the city currently lacks dedicated grant staff and is ineligible for some funds due to the audit delays.
- **York County Economic Alliance (YCEA):** Assisting the RDA with compliance reporting, as the city was found to be nearly \$12 million out of compliance with required reports from previous years.
- **Financial Breakdown:** She provided specific payments to date for several consultants: Matt Gerber (\$18,000 for advisory services), and Strategic HCM (\$2,358.75). She emphasized that YCEA, Eric Menzer, and Kim Bracey have received zero dollars for their support.

Board Appointments and Ethics Training

The Mayor highlighted the **revamped process** for Boards, Authorities, and Commissions, which now includes an updated online application, formal interviews, and onboarding packets. She used the appointment of Leigh Smith as an example, noting that Smith was interviewed and matched to the Consolidated Board of Appeals as an alternate when it was determined she was ineligible for her first choice.

Ethics Training

Mayor Walker then reported that the city held its first professional development ethics training in over eight years on April 30, which was attended by approximately 55 employees and volunteers.

Mother's Day Street Fair

Finally, Mayor Walker confirmed there would be no city-sponsored Mother's Day street fair this year. She cited a lack of planning time and internal support, as well as negative feedback from the previous

year's event. The city decided instead to support the established Mother's Day Outdoor Market, preferring a well-organized existing event over a rushed city-run fair.

XIV. Adjournment: There being no further business, the May 5, 2026 meeting of Council adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



Dianna L. Thompson, City Clerk



Edquina Washington, President of Council