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MINUTES

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6:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Betsy Buckingham called the October 6, 2026, meeting 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, and Betsy Buckingham, Vice President, with Vice President Buckingham presiding.

Members of the Administration in attendance included: Brett Flower, Assistant Solicitor.

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

I. Public Comment opened at 6:01 p.m.: There was no general public comment. Therefore, public comment was immediately adjourned.

II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:01 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 15, 2026 (legislative); September 23, 2026 (committee). Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes and unanimously approved them as written.

VII. Presentations, Awards and Announcements

►Explore York: Melissa Beaverson, Vice President, Marketing & Communications, to give introduction on Explore York, its mission, goals and local impact.

VIII. Meeting(s) Scheduled:

► Legislative Meeting: The next legislative meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on October 14th.

► Council Committee Meeting: Scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on October 21st.

IX. Reports of the Youth Council Committee:

The Youth Council Committee held its first meeting on September 28, 2026 to begin the 2026–2027 program year. Members participated in a Meet and Greet with Council Members and completed a brief review of roles and responsibilities.

The committee also discussed the summer camera activity, in which youth were given disposable cameras to photograph their community through the lens of assigned topics. This Photovoice project is intended to capture an authentic portrait of York City, prompt discussion on the "state of the City" from their perspective and help the group identify a single issue to focus on this year, along with ways to share their collective portrait with the broader community.

Members shared initial goals for the year, including early ideas for a community service project. The meeting concluded with a review of upcoming Council sessions and expectations for attendance and participation.

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. PULLED - A Resolution
Accepting the recommendations of HARB. (View)
Introduced by: Teresa Johnescu
Originator: HARB

Final Passage of Bills/Resolutions: None

New Business – Introduction of Bills

2. Introduction of Bill No. 24 - A Bill
Amending the FY26 Budget. (View) (By accepting and allocating funds awarded through the FY2025 Department of Justice, Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program in the amount of $62,322.00)
Introduced by: Ryan Supler
Originator: Police

Introduction of Bill No. 24, Session 2026, A Bill amending the FY26 Budget by accepting and allocating funds awarded through the FY2025 Department of Justice, Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program in the amount of $62,322.00, was introduced by Supler, read by short title, and deferred to the October 20th meeting of Council.

3. Introduction of Bill No. 25 - A Bill
Amending Article 171 "Firefighter's Pension Fund" of the Codified Ordinances. (View) (To incorporate the changes agreed upon pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the International Association of the Firefighters, Local 627)
Introduced by: Ryan Supler
Originator: Solicitor (Fire)

Introduction of Bill No. 25, Session 2026, A Bill amending Article 171 "Firefighter's Pension Fund" of the Codified Ordinances to incorporate the changes agreed upon pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the International Association of the Firefighters, Local 627, was introduced by Supler, read by short title, and deferred to the

October 20th meeting of Council.

New Business:

4. Resolution No. 70 - A Resolution Reappointing Deloris Penn to the York Housing Authority Board. (View)
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 70, Session 2026, A Resolution reappointing Deloris Penn to the York City Housing Authority Board to serve until April 1, 2031, was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Johnescu, Resolution No. 70 passed by the following vote: Yeas – Supler, Bupp, Johnescu, Buckingham – 4; Nays – 0.

XI. Requests for Future Meetings

XII. Council Comment

Councilman Supler stressed the importance of civic participation in the local school district budget process, noting that while the City and school district maintain separate governance structures, both entities serve the same taxpayers and must work collaboratively. Councilman Supler also highlighted housing affordability and gap identification, formal timeline for removing unregulated skill games across the city and encouraged attendance at upcoming community events.

Vice President Buckingham congratulated Police Commissioner Michael Muldrow and Captain Matthew Irvin for organizing the Police Department's annual Fall Fest held on Saturday, October 3, which was a huge success with many people in attendance.

Councilwoman Bupp reported that she and Councilman Supler attended the SPCA annual State of Animal Welfare Summit on Friday, October 2. She discussed the SPCA's upcoming capital campaign to expand facility capacity for veterinary care and Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) programs for feral cat management. She encouraged residents to utilize the SPCA's affordable veterinary services.

XIII. Administration Comment: None

XIV. Adjournment: There being no further business, the October 6, 2026 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Dianna L. Thompson, City Clerk

Betsy Buckingham, Vice President of Council