

# Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania

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## MINUTES July 16, 2024 6:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: President Washington called the July 16, 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, Felicia Dennis, Betsy Buckingham, Vice President, and Edquina Washington, President, with President Washington presiding.

Members of the Administration included: Kim Robertson, Business Administrator; India Banks, Interim Director of Public Works; Dave Rudolph, Interim Director of Public Works; Deputy Fire Chief Adam Smith; Keith Gerber, Highway Superintendent; and Gedd Schweikert, Assistant Solicitor.

I. Public Comment called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Don Hake, resident, read a resolution from the September 17, 2019 Council meeting, where Council said they would join other communities in the effort for clean, renewable energy sources. He said five years later, there is no plan. He asked that the mayor move forward with a clean, renewable energy plan.

Darryl Heverling, York, PA, said there was an attempted homicide against him that included a State Representative and District Judge. He said he was beaten, taken to prison and he had no medical help. He said he was told he was harassing patients at the hospital, but he said he wasn't. He then spoke about a drug that takes away your memory.

Monic Kruger, York City Bureau of Health, said the York City School District and the City of York have combined together for a back-to-school resource fair and health fair on August 10<sup>th</sup>. This includes the backpack giveaway. More information can be found on the York City School District website.

There being no further public comment, the public comment session adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:14 p.m.

III. Roll Call

- IV. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- V. Moment of Silence was observed.
- VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [June 4, 2024](#). Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes and unanimously approved them as written.
- VII. Presentations, Awards and Announcements
  - ▶ Sarah O'Brien, Director, Downtown Inc - Did a presentation on Placer AI technology. Click [here](#) to view presentation.
- VIII. Meeting(s) Scheduled:
  - ▶ **Legislative Meeting:** The next legislative meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on August 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - ▶ **Council Committee Meeting:** Scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 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.)

**Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions:**

1. Final Passage of Bill No. 21, Ordinance No. 22 - A Bill Amending the FY2024 budget. ([View](#)) (To appropriate additional revenue and expenditures for: **(1)** an end-of-year additional payment incentive from Family Health Council of Central PA (FHCCP), in the amount of \$6,000.00; **(2)** Family Health Council of Central PA (FHCCP) for the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP), in the amount of \$30,500.00; **(3)** Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement, in the amount of \$908,316.28; **(4)** Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) for Infectious Diseases grant, in the amount of \$3,705,687.49; **(5)** Act 12 and Act 315 funding reflecting changes due to rollover amounts from the FY2023 budget, in the amount of \$13,137.28; **(6)** Appropriate additional revenue and expenditures for the Weyer Trust Contribution reflecting changes due to rollover amounts from the FY2023 budget and additional revenue for 2024, in the total amount of \$93,670.06.)  
 Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
 Originator: Economic & Community Development (Health)

Final Passage of Bill No. 21, Ordinance No. 22, Session 2024, A Bill amending the FY2024 budget to appropriate additional revenue and expenditures for: **(1)** an end-of-year additional payment incentive from Family Health Council of Central PA (FHCCP), in the amount of \$6,000.00; **(2)** Family Health Council of Central PA (FHCCP) for the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP), in the amount of \$30,500.00; **(3)** Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement, in the amount of \$908,316.28; **(4)** Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) for Infectious Diseases grant, in the amount of \$3,705,687.49; **(5)** Act 12 and Act 315 funding reflecting changes due to rollover amounts from the FY2023 budget, in the amount of \$13,137.28; **(6)** Appropriate additional revenue and expenditures for the Weyer Trust Contribution reflecting changes due to rollover amounts from the FY2023 budget and additional revenue for 2024, in the total amount of \$93,670.06, which was introduced by Washington at the June 4, 2024 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. There being no discussion, on motion of Washington, seconded by Johnescu, Bill No. 21, Ordinance No. 22, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

2. Final Passage of Bill No. 22, Ordinance No. 23 - A Bill Amending the FY2024 City Budget. ([View](#)) (For Group Violence Initiative (GVI) activities funded by a Grassroot Growth initiative (GGI) Results-based Accountability (RBA) Grant from York College of Pennsylvania in Fund 26 Special Projects account, in the total amount of \$10,000.00) Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Police

Final Passage of Bill No. 22, Ordinance No. 23, Session 2024, A Bill amending the FY2024 City Budget for Group Violence Initiative (GVI) activities funded by a Grassroot Growth initiative (GGI) Results-based Accountability (RBA) Grant from York College of Pennsylvania in Fund 26 Special Projects account, in the total amount of \$10,000.00, which was introduced by Washington at the June 4, 2024 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. There being no discussion, on motion of Washington, seconded Dennis, Bill No. 22, Ordinance No. 23, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

### Introduction Passage of Bills

3. Introduction of Bill No. 23 - A Bill Amending Article 1763 "Property Maintenance Code." ([View](#)) (To include furniture not specifically and professionally manufactured for outdoor use as the type and category prohibited from the front yards of exterior property areas in the city.) Introduced by: Elizabeth Bupp  
Originator: Mayor

Introduction of Bill No. 23, Session 2024, A Bill Amending Article 1763 "Property Maintenance Code" to include furniture not specifically and professionally manufactured for outdoor use as the type and category prohibited from the front yards of exterior property areas in the city, was introduced by Bupp, read by short title, and deferred to the August 20, 2024 meeting of Council.

4. Introduction of Bill No. 24 - A Bill Amending the FY2024 Budget. ([View](#)) (\$11,662.20 for CDBG grant funding reflecting changes due to unexpected funding from 2017.) Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS)

Introduction of Bill No. 24, Session 2024, A Bill amending the FY2024 Budget in the amount of \$11,662.20 for CDBG grant funding reflecting changes due to unexpected funding from 2017, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the August 20, 2024 meeting of Council.

5. Introduction of Bill No. 25 - A Bill Amending the FY2024 Budget. ([View](#)) (\$9,000.00 for the Summer Parks Program) Introduced by: Felicia Dennis  
Originator: Public Works

Introduction of Bill No. 25, Session 2025, A Bill FY2024 Budget in the amount of \$9,000.00 for the Summer Parks Program, was introduced by Dennis, read by short title, and deferred to the August 20, 2024 meeting of Council.

6. Introduction of Bill No. 26 - A Bill  
Amending the FY2024 Budget. ([View](#)) (\$5,000.00 for implementation of the stormwater asset management system)  
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis  
Originator: Public Works

Introduction of Bill No. 26, Session 2024, A Bill amending the FY2024 Budget in the amount of \$5,000.00 for implementation of the stormwater asset management system, was introduced by Dennis, read by short title, and deferred to the August 20, 2024 meeting of Council.

## New Business

7. Resolution No. 60 - A Resolution  
Approving a waiver for a preliminary/final subdivision plan. ([View](#)) (Submitted by Dentsply Co. of New York/Jeffrey A. Stough-Warehaus for 614 W. Church Ave. to create additional parking for future use of the property.)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Planning)

Resolution No. 60, Session 2024, A Resolution Approving a waiver for a preliminary/final subdivision plan as submitted by Dentsply Co. of New York/Jeffrey A. Stough-Warehaus for 614 W. Church Ave. to create additional parking for future use of the property, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Dennis, Resolution No. 60 came up for discussion.

Councilwoman Johnescu asked for an overview of the project.

Jeff Stough, Warehaus, explained that the property has two addresses. This is a 3.2-acre parcel west of the Dentsply building. He said they're just talking about the little parking lot next to the park. He said we don't plan on subdividing any land or putting up any new buildings. This is just for additional parking and that they will submit a stormwater plan and will meet the requirements of the subdivision/land development ordinances.

Councilwoman Johnescu asked if motor vehicle services is another term for parking. Mr. Stough said, yes.

Councilwoman Bupp said she looked up the zoning ordinance relating to dimensions and the table in Article 1303.14 of the codified ordinances talks about keeping 20% of the property pervious so she said she assumes they'll adhere to that.

Mr. Stough said yes. The property goes down to the creek.

Don Hake, resident, said he would like that it's required that it be LEED certified and renewable energy introduced into this, which would be a great start for us.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 60 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

8. Resolution No. 61 - A Resolution  
Approving a preliminary/final subdivision plan. ([View](#)) (Submitted by the RDA/Vaughn Rimel for 278, 280 and 282 Cottage Hill Rd. to divide 3 parcels into 4 for future development of the property.)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development (Planning)

Resolution No. 61, Session 2024, A Resolution approving a preliminary/final subdivision plan submitted by the RDA/Vaughn Rimel for 278, 280 and 282 Cottage Hill Rd. to divide 3 parcels into 4 for future development of the property, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Buckingham, Resolution No. 61 came up for discussion.

Tom Englerth, Site Design Concepts, said on the blue side of the plan is the existing conditions. The RDA owns these properties. The one parcel had property that was demolished. We are proposing a 4-lot subdivision. There will be 2 lots facing Cottage Hill Rd. and 2 on the rear on Union. The setbacks will be on the external of those duplexes on these lots. This is a unique project in that the developer has signed an agreement with the RDA for building these duplexes in a small footprint and will be attainable for residents that want to buy them. The intention is not to rent.

Councilwoman Johnescu said the subdivision is just up for approval tonight. Mr. Englerth said this is just for the subdivision.

Councilwoman Bupp said if we approval this, does the approval stay with the land or the developer. Council responded it's just the land.

Marily Hake, resident, said they will be about 600 sq. ft. and she's a proponent of small homes, but she didn't think homes could be built under 700 sq. ft. She said the law should be changed to allow this square footage to be smaller.

Mr. Englerth said he misspoke and that whatever minimum is allowed, that's what they'll be building unless they want to go smaller and if so, they will ask for a variance.

Don Hake, resident, also asked for renewable energy for this project.

Councilwoman Bupp thanked the York County Planning Commission for their review comments. She said that Article 1303.10 of the zoning ordinance has the dimensional requirements.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 61 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

9. Resolution No. 62 - A Resolution Approving appointments made by the mayor. ([View](#)) (Appointment of D. Moore, II, to Planning; and reappointment of J. Santiago & M. Black to the RDA)  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 62, Session 2024, A Resolution consenting to the following as recommended by the mayor: 1. Appointment of Dana Moore, II, as a member of the York City Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Jada Richardson, which term shall expire January 1, 2026; 2. Reappointment of Joyce Santiago as a member of the York City Redevelopment Authority, which term shall expire April 28, 2029; and 3. Reappointment of Michael Black as a member of the York City Redevelopment Authority, which term shall expire April 28, 2029, was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 62 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

As Mr. Moore was in attendance, the City Clerk administered him the oath of office.

President Washington said we have several board, authorities, and commissions and we are always looking for those willing to serve. You can contact the City Clerk or the Mayor's office for

information on vacancies.

10. Resolution No. 63 - A Resolution Authorizing the purchase of a new Tarco Windy 400 Leaf Vacuum Trailer. ([View](#)) (From A&H Equipment - \$93,196.00)  
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis  
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 63, Session 2024, A Resolution authorizing the purchase of a new Tarco Windy 400 Leaf Vacuum Trailer from A&H Equipment in the amount of \$93,196.00, was introduced by Dennis, read at length, and on motion of Dennis, seconded by Johnescu, Resolution No. 63 came up for discussion.

Keith Gerber, Highway Superintendent, said they are asking to purchase a new leaf vac. We are at the end of life of two of them which are from the early 2000's. We would like this one to stay up with the leaves this coming fall.

Councilwoman Bupp asked how this purchase is funded and why the five-year lease and how much extra to finance it.

Administrator Robertson said this is being funded through liquid fuels funding from the state. We get \$1.1 million which must be split across various expenses that we are allowed to use these funds for such as snow removal, which is our biggest expense, repairs to storm sewer drains, street resurfacing, traffic signals, street cleaning and signage. Every year, we are told how much we'll get, and we allocate those funds out. We will be at \$12,281.50 in interest over the five years and then a \$1 lease buy-out.

Vice President Buckingham said so the lease will be paid with the liquid fuel funds and the interest will be absolved in that as well. Administrator Robertson said yes.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 63 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 4; Nays - Bupp - 1.

11. Resolution No. 64 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with Stewart & Tate, Inc. for the 2024 Street Improvement Project. ([View](#)) (Stewart & Tate, Inc. - \$758,637.50)  
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis  
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 64, Session 2024, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Stewart & Tate, Inc. for the 2024 Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$758,637.50, was introduced by Dennis, read at length, and on motion of Dennis, seconded by Buckingham, Resolution No. 64 came up for discussion.

Keith Gerber, Highway Superintendent, said this is their annual paving project. This year we are asking for this amount to pave 11 separate projects for various neighborhoods throughout the city. Some of the money goes toward improving the ADA ramps. This is part of our 5-year plan. We planned for 13 projects but had to cut two because of funding restrictions.

Councilwoman Bupp said the lower bid was picked for these projects and she appreciates that this procedure was followed.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 64 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

12. Resolution No. 65 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement for Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons and signal upgrades. ([View](#)) (ARLE grant - C.M. High, Inc. - \$311,000.00)  
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis  
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 65, Session 2024, A Resolution authorizing an agreement for Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons and signal upgrades through an ARLE grant to be installed C.M. High, Inc. in the amount of \$311,000.00, was introduced by Dennis, read at length, and motion of Dennis, seconded by Johnescu, Resolution No. 65 came up for discussion.

Dave Rudolph, Interim Public Works Director, said this is paid through an ARLE grant that we get through Philadelphia's revenue from their red-light enforcement program. This includes flashing lights at the crosswalks, new stripping, and narrow lanes. The biggest project will be Philadelphia St. and Roosevelt Ave. to make one direction of travel moving at one time, along with ADA corners and installation of bollards.

Councilwoman Buckingham said the issue with this that people who are in the turning lane on Penn St. end up going straight, which is a big problem.

Director Rudolph said northbound and westbound traffic will move on its own then southbound then eastbound traffic will move.

Don Hake, resident, asked if this has been found to be a high accident area. Director Rudolph said yes.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 65 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

13. Resolution No. PULLED - A Resolution Authorizing the purchase of a Ventrac Tractor 4520N Kubota. ([View](#)) (From PowerPro Equipment - \$16,982.83)  
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis  
Originator: Public Works

14. Resolution No. 66 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with the York County Department of Emergency Services. ([View](#)) (For purchase of 160 portable radios - \$396,823.75)  
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis  
Originator: Public Works

Resolution No. 66, Session 2024, A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with the York County Department of Emergency Services for purchase of 160 portable radios in the amount of \$396,823.75, was introduced by Dennis, read at length, and on motion of Dennis, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 66 came up for discussion.

Business Administrator Robertson said this is for the police, fire, and parking enforcement all of which is tied back to the county 911 system. We must use the radios that the County sets up their system for. The current radios are not being manufactured anymore, so we need all new radios. Staff reached at to emergency services and since we can buy in bulk, we save costs.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 66 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

15. Resolution No. 67 - A Resolution  
Appointing probationary firefighters. ([View](#))  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Fire/Rescue

Resolution No. 67, Session 2024, A Resolution appointing Hunter Lewis as a probationary firefighter was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Bupp, Resolution No. 67 came up for discussion.

Administrator Robertson said we were approved for six vacancies but were only able to hire five because the eligibility list expired. So, this is the one we didn't get to fill before.

Councilwoman Bupp asked how many firefighters we have. Administrator Robertson said we are up to 70 because we have four positions that are paid via grant, which has increased our total to 70. Councilwoman Bupp asked if there are other fire department staff. Administrator Robertson said besides all the rank personnel and the chiefs, there is one administrative assistant and two part-time emergency coordinators.

Deputy Fire Chief Adam Smith outlined the positions in the Department of Fire/Rescue Services.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 67 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

16. Resolution No. 68 - A Resolution  
Authorizing an agreement with the York City School District. ([View](#)) (For 2024 school crossing guards)  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 68, Session 2024, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with the York City School District for 2024 school crossing guards, was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 68 came up for discussion.

Administrator Robertson said at the last meeting the school district and ACMS was combined into one resolution that included this agreement where the school district will reimburse us for 50% of school crossing guard services, and a separate agreement with the actual vendor, ACMS. However, she said, the Resolution didn't pass at that time. She said they split the resolution this time and after speaking with the solicitor's office, Councilwoman Dennis will not have to abstain because there is no conflict. She said the school district has passed this agreement already.

Councilwoman Bupp said she appreciates the extra work and emails relating to this.

Councilwoman Dennis read a statement apologizing for abstaining when this came up for a vote on June 4 because she didn't know she was able to vote because she is employed by the school district. So, she said out of an abundance of caution, she abstained. She stated that she understands the desire to discuss this contract further but until there is a solution, we cannot put our kids in danger because they need a safe passageway to and from school.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 69 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.



17. Resolution No. 69 - A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with All City Management. ([View](#)) (For 2024 school crossing guard services)  
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham  
Originator: Business Administration

Resolution No. 69, Session 2024, A Resolution authorizing an agreement with All City Management Services (ACMS) for 2024 school crossing guards, was introduced by Buckingham, read at length, and on motion of Buckingham, seconded by Washington, Resolution No. 69 came up for discussion.

Councilwoman Johnescu thanked Administrator Robertson for providing information that wasn't provided before. This is something that York City residents want. My questions are a matter of oversight and accountability-something that City residents expect. Although I expect this to pass, it will pass without my support. I am concerned that the city administration is not receiving regular reports from this vendor who is based in California, and the high cost to the taxpayers. Other concerns are that up to 15% of crossing guards didn't show up, we don't have a name for the person who is responsible for hiring, and we don't get performance reports. It's not enough to delegate our children's safety to a phone number. A York City minority firm stepped up to take this contract, which would be better than a California based company.

Vice President Buckingham said there are two local phone numbers of individuals who manage the crossing guards, and one didn't answer because it's not in season, and the other left a message that detailed information. So, there is local engagement with this contract.

Dennis said she understands Johnescu's concerns but our student's safety is important especially when we can easily get a name. At the June 4 meeting, we already discussed that there is a local contact. She said do we hold that up again when we are one month from start of school.

Councilwoman Bupp said reading through the contract the agreement can be terminated with three weeks' notice, so this gives us an opportunity to reach out to them, but she agrees that we can't hold this up now since school will be starting in a few weeks.

President Washington said we are the legislative branch of government, and the executive branch is who takes care of the everyday functions of the city. It is not our job to reprimand them how they should go about doing certain things, especially since they are capable and are doing a wonderful job.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 69 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 4; Nays - Johnescu - 1.

18. Resolution No. 70 - A Resolution Authorizing a budget transfer. ([View](#)) (\$100,000.00 in CDBG funding from RDA Stabilization to Demolition project; \$38,360.00 in HOME funding from General Project to the Queen St. project.)  
Introduced by: Edquina Washington  
Originator: Economic & Community Development (BHS)

Resolution No. 70, Session 2024, A Resolution authorizing a budget transfer in the amount of \$100,000.00 in CDBG funding from RDA Stabilization to Demolition project, and \$38,360.00 in HOME funding from General Project to the Queen St. project, was introduced by Washington, read at length, and on motion of Washington, seconded by Dennis, Resolution No. 70 came up for discussion.

Administrator Robertson said she was working with Tammy Harvey-Bethea from the BHS and how they have to put together a plan every year. Sometimes that plan changes and this is a request to shift from one bucket to another because there is a need for a different type of service that can be provided for this funding.

Councilwoman Bupp asked if a project has been identified for the \$100K demo fund.

Jada Richardson, Deputy Director of the Bureau of Housing Services (BHS), said RDA receives money from us for stabilization. This money goes into the bucket if there is an emergency demolition for blight remediation.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 70 PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Bupp, Johnescu, Dennis, Buckingham, Washington - 5; Nays - 0.

XI. Requests for Future Meetings: None

XII. Council Comment

Councilwoman Bupp discussed an email about a resident complaining about dirt bikes. She asked about the status of the camera system. She said we are aware of this issue and the York Safety Collaboration is working on the camera system although she doesn't know the status at this time. She said you can reach out to LogosWorks for comment. She then discussed feral cats and the trap, neuter, and release program which is a super program, and she is interested in building a simple committee to discuss options. She then spoke about gas meters in that there is a new type of gas meter, and you can request a smaller gas meter and its placement and the color it will be painted. Next, she said food trucks were discussed at the last meeting and she hopes we can get those answers. Lastly, she said a resident has a child that wants to ride her razor scooter to school and maybe we can install a guardrail and other safety measures. If anyone has suggestions and wants consideration for legislative help, contact her.

Councilwoman Dennis asked that we keep those affected by the huge fire this weekend in their thoughts and prayers.

XIII. Administration Comment

Administrator Robertson gave a shout out to our fire department for how well they handled the large fire this weekend. She said she was nervous and could only imagine what our firefighters must go through. She thanked them for stepping up and doing such a great job. The police department also stepped in and used their drone which was purchased through ARPA funds. It was a huge help. She said all those who stepped up to buy food and drinks for the firefighters are greatly appreciated and Fire Chief Sleeper will publicly acknowledge that.

Councilwoman Bupp thanked the outlying fire departments that came to our aid, and she keeps those in her prayers who were struck while in their vehicle by fire trucks responding to their fire.

XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative session of City Council is scheduled for August 20, 2024. There being no further business, the July 16, 2024 meeting of Council adjourned at 7:43 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