

## Minutes

LB 357: York Community Infrastructure and Recreation Committee  
June 29<sup>th</sup> 2021

Present: Councilmembers: Shelia Hubbard, Christi Lones, Mathew Wagner. (One city position vacant). School board members: Amie Kopcho, Barb Skaden. Non-voting members present: Dr. Sue Crawford, York City Administrator and Dr. Mitch Bartholomew, Superintendent of York Public Schools. Absent: None.

The meeting was posted in city hall and published in the York News Times.

The Open Meeting Act announcement was on the agenda and announced at the beginning of the meeting.

The meeting began with a discussion of the history of the interlocal agreement. The commitment of the York Public Schools to the passage of the ballot initiative and the expectations discussed about the partnership during the campaign for the ballot measure were discussed. Two documents referenced during that discussion are attached to these minutes (a fact sheet and a news editorial). Members discussed the community benefit of the city and school projects funded thus far.

Members discussed the importance of returning to regularly scheduled meetings. A decision was made to hold meetings on the third Tuesday of March, June, September and December at 7:00 in council chambers.

The next meeting will be September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00. Key objectives for that meeting include reviewing the interlocal agreement and open meetings act rules and discussing plans for appropriate scheduling of conversations across the four quarterly meetings.

Some conversation was had about the agenda item of a certain percentage for YPS projects each year. This idea was rejected by city and school members in favor of flexibility for discussions moving forward.

Allocation proposals by the city of York and York public schools were discussed. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lones to approve the allocations outlined in the proposals provided in the handout (see attached). Amie Kopcho seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All members in attendance voted yes.

**LB 357 Meeting Agenda**

June 29<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM

York City Council Chambers

1. Open Meetings Act
2. History of the interlocal agreement
3. Schedule for quarterly meetings to review funds and goals
4. YPS Funds - can we agree on a certain percentage per year?
5. Allocations for the next budget year

**City of York**  
**LB 357 Funds Summary**

	30-Apr-21	31-May-21
<b>LB 357 Funds Allocation</b>		
Cash Balance	\$13,719,462.55	\$13,841,315.61
Less: Quiet Zone	(\$1,503,528.97)	(\$1,503,528.97)
School-Owned Properties	(\$673,520.34)	(\$673,520.34)
Ball Field	(\$9,479,276.31)	(\$9,479,276.31)
City-Owned Properties	(\$688,968.34)	(\$732,301.68)
 Total Cash Available	 \$1,374,168.59	 \$1,452,688.31
 Less Restricted Funds		
Debt Service	(\$42,795.42)	(\$85,590.84)
Debt Service Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00
 Total Unallocated LB 357 Funds	 \$1,331,373.17	 \$1,367,097.47

City of York

LB357 Projections	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Fiscal Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31
Beginning Cash Balance	1,425,909	1,298,399	1,425,681	1,602,804	1,796,462	2,002,635	2,217,250	2,446,479	2,686,725	2,939,313
2 Bonds Prin & Int due 10/1 each year	(256,773)	(866,168)	(874,053)	(871,713)	(873,985)	(880,843)	(882,273)	(888,076)	(893,220)	(902,821)
Sales Tax Revenue (1% increase/yr)	1,127,230	1,138,502	1,149,887	1,161,386	1,173,000	1,184,730	1,196,577	1,208,543	1,220,629	1,232,835
2 Bonds Interest due 4/1 each year	(101,168)	(143,053)	(96,713)	(94,015)	(90,843)	(87,273)	(83,076)	(78,220)	(72,821)	(66,701)
Fiscal Fees (April & Oct)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Splash pad basics	(20,000)									
Ballpark playground surface	(65,000)									
Family Aquatic Center	(149,800)									
Minicks Park Restroom	(50,000)									
Tot playground	(25,000)									
Library HVAC	(200,000)									
Transfer to Streets for projects	(300,000)									
School Owned project	(85,000)									
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Ending Cash Balance	1,298,399	1,425,681	1,602,804	1,796,462	2,002,635	2,217,250	2,446,479	2,686,725	2,939,313	3,200,625
Annual increase/(decrease)		127,282	177,122	193,659	206,173	214,615	229,229	240,247	252,587	261,312

Thanks Sue. When I met with the committee we selected two projects. First, replacing the old lights in the middle gym and the usual concrete work. Estimates are \$60,000 for YMS and \$25,000 to \$30,000 concrete work. Thanks.

Mitch

LB-357 Fact Sheet  
Proposed ½ % Increase to Sales Tax



**What is LB-357 and How Would it Work for York?**

- It provides an opportunity for City governments to form inter-local agreements with other tax supported entities to work on upgrading recreation and infrastructure needs that all communities have and typically can't afford because of normal budget constraints
- If successfully passed during the November election, an extra ½% sales tax would be added to purchases within York
  - Estimated revenue of this extra ½% sales tax is \$1,000,000 annually with an estimated 60% of it from travelers that take advantage of our great interstate offerings
- This additional revenue would then be used by the City of York and York Public Schools to build and maintain two major projects that are required to be completed by July 2016 and that would be bonded for 20 - 25 years.
  - Quiet zone within the entire city
  - Ball field complex
- Smaller projects that would be pursued over the life of this 20-year bond include:
  - Senior Center addition of wellness room and equipment
  - Improving our Trails, Parks, Roads, Tracks, Tennis Courts, Aquatic Center, Community Center, Auditorium and other facilities that improve our quality of life and can help make our town stronger for our current residents and more appealing to those that might be looking to re-locate
  - If needed, finish paying off the balance of the Hub Foster Press Box Project at East Hill Field inside Levitt Stadium
  - Necessary road work
    - Many of these projects will transfer needs from the School and City budget which will alleviate the need for the School and City to rely heavily on property taxes.

**What LB-357 Funds CANNOT be used for**

- This additional revenue can't buy city vehicles or pay salaries and benefits that aren't related to the maintenance of these projects.
- It can't purchase fire trucks and other items not related to recreation and infrastructure.

## Interlocal Agreement--YNT

8/18/14

Mike Lucas <mike.lucas@yorkdukes.org>

to Jean, me, Phil, Matt, Matt, Pat, Pat, Kris, benji.hoegh, Beth,  
Brian, Aaron, Mitch

School Board and Admin Team:

Below is a sneak peek at what Melanie's article will look like in tomorrow's York News-Times....

### Sales tax proposed for school/city projects

· Quiet zone, ball complex, press box would be initial projects

By Melanie Wilkinson

YORK – An innovative concept is being proposed by the administrations of the City of York and the York School District in which an additional half percent sales tax would be used to fund a mix of projects that would benefit both entities.

And the current draft of the proposal starts with three main, initial projects -- the establishment of a railroad quiet zone, the construction of a large, new multi-field baseball/softball complex and financing the remainder of cost associated with the new Hub Foster press box.

York City Administrator Tara Vasicek and York School Administrator Mike Lucas said Monday morning they are very excited about the proposal and hope to have the matter on the ballot for the general election in November.

“We are working on an interlocal agreement, between the city and the school district, regarding an additional half percent sales tax,” Vasicek explained. “It would be recreation/infrastructure based and would go toward projects that benefit both the city and the school. This would alleviate pressure on both budgets and would provide funding for much needed projects that would otherwise take years to accomplish or maybe never take place.”

Vasicek explained that the three large earmarked projects would be the first to take place.

“The law allows for this extra sales tax for 10 years or for the life of bonding for these projects,” Vasicek said. “We are talking about bonding for the big three projects for 15 years or so. Based on what we bring in now (for sales tax revenue), this extra sales tax would bring in approximately \$1 million a year. We would the proceeds to make the bond payments and use surplus money to go toward smaller mutual projects.”

LB 357 calls for project benchmarks. The draft of the interlocal agreement provides those specifics, saying "the design of the multi-field ball complex and quiet zone would begin by April 1, 2015; the design of the projects would be completed by April 1, 2016, understanding the quiet zone completion would be dependent of the railroad's cooperation and extensions could be granted by the committee; and to the best of the committee's ability, the projects would be bid by July 1, 2016; (after which) the projects and bonding would take place."

There are obviously no specific benchmarks regarding the design and construction of the Hub Foster press box, as that project is already under construction – but funds would go toward paying off the remaining debt.

"If this (the additional sales tax measure) passes, that means there will be a ball complex and there will be a quiet zone," Vasicek said. "These projects will happen, they will take place in that timeframe – and won't be pushed on into the future or maybe never happen."

"This would allow for some awesome projects," Lucas said. "These projects would benefit the city and the school district – the potential is incredible."

The city council and the school board meetings both start at 7 p.m., on the before-mentioned dates.