

## NORRISTOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

The Council Meeting of July 2, 2019 was called to order by Council President Sonya Sanders at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers.

There was a **Moment of Silence** followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance**. The following Council members were present:

Olivia Brady	Hakim Jones	Derrick Perry
Rebecca Smith	Heather Lewis	Sonya Sanders

Also present were: Crandall Jones, Municipal Administrator; Chief Mark Talbot, Norristown Police Chief; Patrick Hitchens, Acting Municipal Solicitor; Amrinder Singh, Code Manager.

### **MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES**

There was a **motion by Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilwoman Brady**, to approve the Meeting Minutes from June 18, 2019. **The motion passed unanimously.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Council President Sanders announced that Council did not meet in Executive Session.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **NASD Hero Proclamation**

Council President Sanders read the proclamation making July 2, 2019 “Angel Crawford Day” in honor of the Eisenhower Technology School student who saved his friend, Stephen Mitchell from being hit by a car.

#### **Dragon Boat Presentation**

The Director and Head Coach of the Dragon Boat Club presented to Council information regarding the Dragon Boat Youth Team competing in Thailand representing the USA. Robin also provided information about a “Family Fun Day” on the Riverfront on August 17, 2019.

#### **Norristown Code Enforcement Program Accreditation by AACE**

Amrinder Singh, Code Enforcement Manager, provided a Power Point presentation updating Council about achieving accreditation by the American Association of Code Enforcement with Norristown being the first city in PA and the second in the nation to receive it.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Norristown Summer Concerts continue at the Elmwood Park Bandshell. Free to the public.

Fourth of July Celebration on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be a parade at 9:45 am followed by a block party, a concert and a fireworks show. Visit [norristown.org](http://norristown.org) for information.

Norristown Play Street - Creating a safe environment for children to play in their neighborhoods. Next event is at Poley Park on Friday, June 28 from 12 pm to 4 pm. Sponsored by the Norristown Recreation Department and the Norristown Police Department.

Trails on Tap - June 26 - 30 - Valley Forge, July 3 - 7 and July 10 -14 - Royersford, July 17 - 21 and July 24 - 28 - Norristown, July 31 - August 4. Contact: [trailsontap.com](http://trailsontap.com).

“Ready for 100” - Sponsored by the Sierra Club. Norristown pledges to complete the transition to 100% renewable energy by 2050.

Free Summer Camp on July 8<sup>th</sup> at Christ Church, 1003 West Marshall Street. Call 610-322-1573.

Free Summer Camp at the Carver Center. Call 610-272-7480.

Free Summer Activity Camp at the Central Montgomery Technical High School for grades 6 through 8. Visit [cmths.org](http://cmths.org) or call 610-277-2301. Dates are: July 9-11, July 16-18 and July 23-25 from 8 am to 2:30 pm.

Discussion on diversity in education by the Urban League of Philadelphia and the Norristown Men of Excellence on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 8:00 pm at the Norristown Public Library. Contact [nmoe19401@gmail.com](mailto:nmoe19401@gmail.com).

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Anthony Uhrich, 101 Rosemont Avenue - He thanked the responsible party for the apron repair on Washington Avenue and he informed Council of a gas main cracking at the base on Rosemont Avenue. He also noted that Rosemont Avenue is torn up by either PECO or a sub-contractor. He also noted that the utility line company will be fixing a sidewalk on a resident's property and asked who is responsible. He also stated there are no Handicapped ADA curb cuts on Rosemont and Washington. He said there are fallen branches but remarked there is no timeline according to Code compliance.

Jim Watters, Haws Avenue - Mr. Watters noted that the chain link fence at the Riverfront Park has been pryed open. He said there is erosion and sediment across the road into the ramp. He congratulated Code for their accreditation.

### **COMMUNICATION**

There were no communication items.

### **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

#### **Ordinance 19-07: Authorizing the Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority to purchase various properties on East Main and Dekalb Streets.**

Mr. Jones noted these properties are for future economic development purposes.

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Brady, seconded by Councilwoman Smith**, to approve Ordinance 19-07. **The motion passed unanimously.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There was a **motion to adjourn the Council Meeting by Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilwoman Brady. The motion passed unanimously.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roseann M. Santangelo, Clerk of Council