

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPALITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2017

The Council Meeting of the Municipality of Norristown 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
Valerie Scott Cooper
Hakim Jones
Heather Lewis
Suanne Gardiner
Derrick Perry
Sonya Sanders

Also in attendance:

Crandall Jones, Municipal Administrator
Sean Kilkenny, Municipal Solicitor
Chief Mark Talbot, Norristown Chief of Police
Jayne Musonye, Director of Planning and Development
Chenora Burkett, Director of Finance
Thomas Odenigbo, Director of Public Works
Michael Simonson, Code Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Workshop Minutes from 01-17-2017

All in favor. Motion carries.

There was a motion by Olivia Brady with a second by Heather Lewis to Motion to approve the Minutes from the Workshop Meeting held on January 17, 2017.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Gardiner, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Sanders, Scott-Cooper

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUCEMENT

Council President Sanders announced that Council met in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss litigation matters.

PRESENTATIONS:

Proclamation to Honor the 75th Anniversary of Lou's Sandwich Shop

To publicly honor Lou's Sandwich Shop on their 75th Anniversary and declaring February 7 as Lou's Sandwich Shop Day in the Municipality of Norristown.

Council President presented two representatives of Lou's Sandwich Shop with a municipal proclamation proclaiming **February 7th as "Lou's Sandwich Shop Day"** in the Municipality of Norristown.

Proclamation to Honor and Remember Sanford Harling

To publicly honor and remember Sanford Harling III as Norristown's own "Little Hero" and proclaim February 7 as a day of remembrance of Sanford Harling III.

Council President Sanders presented a municipal proclamation to members of Sanford Harling III's family proclaiming **February 7th as a day of remembrance of Sanford Harling III** and honoring him as Norristown's own "Little Hero."

Presentation of Valley Forge Tourism and Convention Board

Dan Weckerly, Communications Manager for the Valley Forge Tourism & Convention Board, will be presenting an update on the state of tourism in Montgomery County, Pa.

ANNOUCEMENTS:

WORK CAMP PROGRAM

Seventy-five local residents will benefit from free home repairs. If interested, contact Code Enforcement at 610-270-0441. Deadline is February 24th.

GAME/MOVIE NIGHT

Location: First Presbyterian Church on Airy and DeKalb. Free popcorn and pizza. Ages 5-13.
Movie: "The Secret Life of Pets."

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jesus Purnell, 740 Sandy Street - Mr. Purnell is a member of Local 135. He commented that the sign for the construction site at 770 Sandy Street is not prominently displayed and he feels the conditions are not good for the workers.

D.J. Pierre, 252 Minor Street - She complained about loose Pit Bulls in her neighborhood.

Daniel Wissert, 915 West Airy Street - He suggested that the Home Rule Charter be updated.

Ann Harrington, 915 West Airy Street - She suggested taking another look at the Home Rule Charter.

COMMUNICATION:

There were no Communication items.

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

Municipal Council

Board and Commission Appointments

Council will be appointments and re-appointments to the following citizen advisory boards, committees, and commissions: Zoning Hearing Board, Blighted Property Removal Committee, Civil Service Commission, Special & Cultural Events Committee, and the Norristown Municipal Waste Authority

Motion carries unanimously.

Zoning Hearing Board

Andre Hayes (Reappointed) - Term expiring Dec. 31, 2021

Darcehlla Pierce - Term expiring Dec. 31, 2020

Blighted Property Removal Committee

Councilwoman Valerie Scott-Cooper - Term expiring Dec. 31, 2021

Civil Service Commission

William Stoudemire (Reappointed) - Term expiring Dec, 31, 2021

Special & Cultural Events Committee

Carl Moman Jr. - Term expiring Dec. 31, 2018

Municipal Waste Authority Board

Catherine Lawrence - Term expiring Dec. 31, 2021

There was a motion by Olivia Brady with a second by Derrick Perry to Appointments to Citizen Boards and Commissions:. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Gardiner, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Sanders, Scott-Cooper

MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR:

Ratification of PILOT Agreement

Motion to ratify the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement regarding 770 Sandy Street, involving the Norristown Area School District, Montgomery County, and CSW Luxor Annex.

All in favor. Motion carries.

There was a motion by Valerie Scott-Cooper with a second by Olivia Brady to Motion to ratify the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement regarding 770 Sandy Street, involving the Norristown Area School District, Montgomery County and CSW Luxor Annex.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Gardiner, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Sanders, Scott-Cooper

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Resolution No. 17-108: Disabled Parking

Motion to approve or deny Resolution No. 17-108 regarding requests for disabled parking spaces at 1021 Cherry Street, 237 E Marshall Street, and 218 Buttonwood Street

Police Chief Talbot provided details and noted that the conditions that impact mobility warrant these parking requests.

Motion carries unanimously.

There was a motion by Olivia Brady with a second by Heather Lewis to Motion to approve Resolution 17-108: Disabled Parking.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Gardiner, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Sanders, Scott-Cooper

Swearing In of Entry Level Police Officers

Adoption of resolutions to appoint Samantha O'Neill, Paul Gaunya, and Stephanie Flynn as Entry Level Police Officers and admistering of the Oath of Office.

The swearing-in ceremony was conducted by Council President Sanders and Police Chief Talbot.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

HARB Certificates of Appropriateness - December 2016

For Council to Approve or Disapprove the Certificate of Appropriateness for the properties that applied for review by the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB):

- 16-12-01 669 Kohn St
- 16-12-02 531 Hamilton St
- 16-12-03 223 Buttonwood St
- 16-12-04 400 West Airy St
- 16-12-06 406 West Airy St
- 16-12-07 659 Kohn St

All in favor. Motion carries.

There was a motion by Olivia Brady with a second by Suanne Gardiner to Motion to approve or disapprove the HARB Certificates of Appropriateness - December 2016 and the HARB Certificates of Appropriateness - January 2017.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Gardiner, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Sanders, Scott-Cooper

HARB Certificates of Appropriateness - January 2017

For Council to Approve or Disapprove the Certificate of Appropriateness for the properties that applied for review by the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB):

- 1040 West Airy St - A-17-01-02
- 918 West Airy St - A-17-01-03
- 547 Barbadoes St - A-17-01-04

A motion was made previous to this agenda item for Code Enforcement which includes the Certificates of Appropriateness for both December 2016 and January 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Olivia Brady with a second by Suanne Gardiner to Motion to approve or disapprove the Certificates of Appropriateness for the properties that applied for review by the HARB. (This motion was made part of the previous motion for the HARB Certificates for December 2016.). A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Gardiner, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Sanders, Scott-Cooper

PLANNING AND MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT:

Resolution 17-112 of 2017 - Application Fee for Zoning Amendment Applications

Establishing an application fee for applications for a change or amendment to Zoning Chapter 320 of the CODE of the Municipality of Norristown and/or Zoning Map

Director Musonye provided an explanation.

Motion carries unanimously.

There was a motion by Olivia Brady with a second by Valerie Scott-Cooper to Motion to approve Resolution 17-112 of 2017 establishing an application fee for Zoning Amendment applications.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Gardiner, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Sanders, Scott-Cooper

Motion to open the agenda for an additional item.

There was a motion on the floor to open the agenda by Councilwoman Brady with a second by Councilman Perry. All in favor. Motion carries.

There was a motion by Olivia Brady with a second by Derrick Perry to Motion to open the agenda.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Gardiner, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Sanders, Scott-Cooper

Assessment Appeal for 701 Dekalb Street.

Solicitor Kilkenny provided details about the Assessment Appeal, filed by the Norristown Area School District, indicating that the Assessment value increased by \$300,000.

ADJOURNMENT:

All in favor. Motion carries.

There was a motion by Heather Lewis with a second by Derrick Perry to Motion to adjourn the February 7, 2017 Council Meeting.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Gardiner, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Sanders, Scott-Cooper

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann M. Santangelo