

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPALITY
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 2017

The Council Workshop Meeting of the Municipality of Norristown was called to order by Council President, Sonya Sanders, at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers.

There was a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Vice-President asked everyone present to stand for a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Council members were present:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There was a motion on the floor with a second. Motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Valerie Scott-Cooper with a second by Hakim Jones to Motion to approve the Minutes from the December 5, 2017 Council Meeting.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

Absent: Lewis, Sanders

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Council Vice-President Perry announced there was no Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no Announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

James Watters, 913 Hamilton Street - Mr. Watters commented on the great job with the "Schuylkill Scrub." He noted that 25,000 pounds of trash were hauled away, including tires, 3,000 bottles, a propane tank and mattresses. He noted there is a You Tube video which covers the span of time from March 2017 to May 2017.

COMMUNICATION:

There were no Communication items.

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

FINANCE:

Advertisement of Ordinance 17-20: Proposed Budget for 2018

Council will consider authorizing the advertisement of Ordinance 17-20, which would adopt the Proposed 2018 Municipal Budget and establish the 2018 real estate tax millage rate.

Mr. Crandall Jones noted that this budget focuses on three priorities which support Council's goals such as the hiring of 2 Police officers, 2 firefighters and 1 Code Inspector; the addition of a Recreation Operations Manager, the reduction of the need for borrowing funds for emergency events and Capital Improvement projects and the improvement of the Municipality's roads, sidewalks, signage, etc.

Ms. Burkett explained there have been incremental tax increases over the past few years. The current increase will cost the average homeowner about \$137.68 which would be the first tax increase for the Municipality since 2014.

Ms. Burkett conducted a slide presentation regarding the breakdown of the proposed Budget, which she noted is also available on the Municipal website.

Mr. Jones and Ms. Burkett entertained questions from Council members regarding the Budget breakdown for Parks and Recreation, website enhancement, IT issues, the Sewer Authority Rental Agreement, tracking down active and non-active churches, the status of non-profits, citations.

Mr. Crandall Jones added the possibility of looking for a location for a joint Police-Fire facility.

There was a motion on the floor with a second. A Roll Call Vote was taken. Motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Valerie Scott-Cooper with a second by Olivia Brady to Motion to approve the Advertisement of Ordinance 17-20: Proposed Budget for 2018 and establish the 2018 real estate tax millage rate.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

Absent: Lewis, Sanders

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion on the floor with a second. Motion carried 5-0.

There was a motion by Suanne Gardiner with a second by to Adjournment.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

Absent: Lewis, Sanders

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann M. Santangelo