

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPALITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 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:

Sonya Sanders, President
Derrick Perry, Vice-President
Valerie Scott-Cooper, 3rd District
Hakim Jones, 4th District
Heather Lewis, 2nd District
Olivia Brady, At-Large
Suanne Gardiner, At-Large

Also present were:

Crandall Jones, Municipal Administrator
Sean Kilkenny, Municipal Solicitor
Lieutenant Dillon, Norristown Police Department
Betsy Helsel, Assistant Director of Planning/Development
Chenora Burkett, Director of Finance
Thomas Odenigbo, Director of Public Works
Michael Simonson, Code Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Workshop Minutes from 11-19-2017

There was a motion by Heather Lewis with a second by Derrick Perry to Motion to approve the Minutes from the November 19, 2017 Council Workshop. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

All in favor. Motion carries.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Norristown Recreation Department sponsored. Friday, December 15, 2017 from 5:45 to 8:00 pm. First Presbyterian Church at Airy & DeKalb Streets. Ages 5-12. Limited to 80. December 1st is the registration deadline. Contact fpileggi@norristown.org.

BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

Council will meet to discuss the Budget from 6 to 8 pm. No action will be taken.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES

Resiliency Study - December 14-15. Congratulations to Councilwoman Scott-Cooper for being selected as a Board member of the NLC representing Norristown.

HELP A SINGLE PARENT

Annual Fundraiser on Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 8 pm to 12 am. \$25 per ticket. See Councilwoman Scott-Cooper or Councilwoman Sanders for information.

MEN OF EXCELLENCE

Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 12:00 noon. Fourth Annual Awards Event.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

James Watters

Mr. Watters acknowledged the great work of the Keep Norristown Beautiful program. He noted he would like to see more grants like in Royersford to improve the Riverfront. He handed the Clerk of Council a letter to Governor Rendell regarding the flooding history of Norristown and keeping the "H2O Balance."

COMMUNICATION:

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR:

Resolution 17-172: Establishing Keep Norristown Beautiful

Council will consider authorizing the establishment of Keep Norristown Beautiful to serve as a local affiliate of the national non-profit Keep America Beautiful.

Mr. Crandall Jones noted that this Resolution serves as a basis for affiliation so the documents can be submitted. He asked that anyone interested in joining can contact the Municipal Administrator's Office or refer to the Municipal website.

There was a motion by Valerie Scott-Cooper with a second by Heather Lewis to Motion to approve Resolution 17-172: Establishing Keep Norristown Beautiful to serve as a local affiliate of the national non-profit "Keep America Beautiful". A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

All in favor. Motion carries.

Resolution 17-173: Endorsing the PA Urban Parks & Recreation Alliance

To consider endorsing and becoming a member of the Pennsylvania Urban Parks and Recreation Alliance, a coalition comprised of park and recreation professionals and urban leaders that aims to help communities revitalize and develop parks, green space, and recreation opportunities.

Mr. Crandall Jones noted that the Municipality will have access to resources and that this opportunity is available through Councilman Perry's membership on the Board.

Councilman Perry explained that the Municipality can educate themselves by way of meetings. He noted he is looking in to improving playground equipment and will report back to Council.

There was a motion by Valerie Scott-Cooper with a second by Olivia Brady to Motion to approve Resolution 17-173: Endorsing the PA Urban Parks & Recreation Alliance to help communities revitalize and develop parks, green space and recreation opportunities.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

All in favor. Motion carries.

Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Municipality and the Local Laborers 135

A request of Municipal Council to ratify the four-year collective bargaining agreement (CBA) between the Municipality and the Laborers Local 135.

Municipal Administrator Crandall Jones explained that this agreement is a result of ongoing negotiations. This agreement is effective from January 2016 through December 2019.

There was a motion by Valerie Scott-Cooper with a second by to Motion to approve the ratification of the four-year Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Municipality and the Local Laborers 135.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

All in favor. Motion carries.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Resolution 17-170: Firefighter Appointment

Appoint Anthony W. Molchany as a career firefighter.

There was a motion by Valerie Scott-Cooper with a second by Olivia Brady to Motion to approve Resolution 17-170: Firefighter Appointment of Anthony W. Molchany as a career firefighter.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

All in favor. Motion carries.

Ordinance 17-17: Oneway Street Redesignation

Council will consider Ordinance 17-17, which would re-designate the 1200 block of Green Street from a two-way to a one-way street, and prohibit parking in a westerly direction on Green Street from Fornance Street to Wood Street.

Lieutenant Dillon noted this will not have any impact on residents since there is currently parking on both sides of the street.

There was a motion by Heather Lewis with a second by Derrick Perry to Motion to approve Ordinance 17-17: Re-designate the 1200 block of Green Street from a two-way to a one-way street, and prohibit parking in an easterly direction on Green Street from Fornance Street to Wood Street.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

All in favor. Motion carries.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Certificates of Appropriateness for HARB October 2017

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

- 17-10-01 103 Knox Street
- 17-10-02 416 West Main St
- 17-10-03 205 Noble St
- 17-10-05 425 Dekalb St
- 17-10-06 239 East Main St
- 17-10-08 526 Astor St
- 17-10-09 202 Chain St

There was a motion by Derrick Perry with a second by Olivia Brady to Motion to approve Certificates of Appropriateness for HARB October 2017.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

All in favor. Motion carries.

Certificates of Appropriateness for HARB November 2017

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

- 17-11-01 - 1105 West Airy St
- 17-11-02 - 612 West Airy St
- 17-11-03 - 927 West Washington St
- 17-11-04 - 1226 Linwood Avenue
- 17-11-05 - 258 Minor St

There was a motion by Olivia Brady with a second by Suanne Gardiner to Motion to approve Certificates of Appropriateness for HARB November 2017.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

All in favor. Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion by Valerie Scott-Cooper with a second by Heather Lewis to Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann M. Santangelo