

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPALITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 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
Heather Lewis
Hakim Jones
Sonya Sanders
Valerie Scott-Cooper

The following Council member were absent

Suanne Gardiner
Derrick Perry

Also in attendance were:

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 05-18-2017

The motion was approved unanimously.

There was a motion by Heather Lewis with a second by Olivia Brady to Motion to approve Minutes from the Workshop Meeting held on 5-18-2017. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Jones, Sanders, Scott-Cooper

Absent: Gardiner, Perry

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUCEMENT

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ENGAGE IN THE ARTS sponsored by Montgomery County Studio Tours. June 10th from 10 am to 6 pm and June 11th from 11 am to 5 pm. There will be 54 artists and 20 studios on display.

PROTECT OUR KIDS sponsored by the Norristown Police Department and the PA State Police. June 10th "Meet and Greet" from 10 am to 2 pm in the Airy Street lot.

KNOCK OUT AGAINST VIOLENCE at the Carver Center on June 17th from 5 pm to 9 pm. Speakers including Joe Frazier's daughter.

HEALTH FAMILY DAY at the Carver Center on June 17th from 10 am to 2 pm. Free health screenings.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no Public Comment.

COMMUNICATION:

There were no Communication items.

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

Municipal Council

Resolution 17-135: Board and Committee Appointments

Council will be making appointments to the following citizen advisory boards:

- Zoning Hearing Board

Motion carries. Mr. Jason Dennis was appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board.

There was a motion by Hakim Jones with a second by Valerie Scott-Cooper to Motion to approve Resolution 17-135: Board and Committee Appointments. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

Absent: Gardiner, Perry

PLANNING AND MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT:

Motion to open a Public Hearing on Ordinance 17-05

Solicitor Kilkenny explained the exhibits that were being submitted.

Public Comment:

Doris Smith-Starks - Ms. Starks complained that she could not hear what is being said.

Director Musonye explained this is the last step of the land development process and stated that the Planning Department recommends approval.

Motion carries.

There was a motion by Olivia Brady with a second by Valerie Scott-Cooper to Motion to open a Public Hearing on Ordinance 17-05. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

Absent: Gardiner, Perry

Motion to close the Public Hearing.

There was a motion to close the Public Hearing with a second. Motion carries.

There was a motion by Valerie Scott-Cooper with a second by Olivia Brady to Motion to close the Public Hearing.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

Absent: Gardiner, Perry

Ordinance 17-05: 220 W. Main Street - Petition to Vacate ROW

Public hearing to consider a petition to vacate a 4 foot Right of Way (ROW) 220 W. Main Street, and subsequent consideration of Ordinance 17-05 of 2017.

There was a motion to approve Ordinance 17-05 with a second. A Roll Call Vote was taken. Motion carries.

There was a motion by Olivia Brady with a second by Hakim Jones to Motion to approve Ordinance 17-05: 220 West Main Street - Petition to Vacate ROW. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

Absent: Gardiner, Perry

Updated Resolution 17-132 - ELON at Montgomery Park - LERTA Application

Approve updated Resolution 17-132 of 2017 approving ELON at Montgomery Park's LERTA application.

There was a motion on the floor to approve Resolution 17-132 with a second. A Roll Call Vote was taken. Motion carries.

There was a motion by Heather Lewis with a second by Valerie Scott-Cooper to Motion to approve updated Resolution 17-132 - ELON at Montgomery Park - LERTA application.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

Absent: Gardiner, Perry

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR:

Approval to Issue Intent to Award Letters for Road Maintenance Contracts

Municipal Council will be asked to approve the issuance of intent to award letters for the Milling & Paving and Handicap & Curb Contracts associated with Phase 1 of the Municipality's 2017 Road Maintenance Program.

There was a motion by Olivia Brady with a second by Heather Lewis to Motion to approve the issuance of intent to award letters for road maintenance contracts for the milling and paving and handicap & curb contracts associated with Phase 1 of the Municipality's 2017 Road Maintenance Program.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

Absent: Gardiner, Perry

FINANCE:

Advertisement of Ordinance 17-08: Amending Public Bidding Requirements

Request to advertise Ordinance 17-08, which would amend Municipal public bidding requirements to be consistent with those set by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Director Burkett provided an explanation.

There was a motion to approve Ordinance 17-08 with a second. A Roll Call Vote was taken. Motion carries.

There was a motion by Olivia Brady with a second by Valerie Scott-Cooper to Motion to approve Ordinance 17-08 Amending public bidding requirements to be consistent with those set by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

Absent: Gardiner, Perry

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Resolution 17-133 - Fire Dept. Civil Service Rules Amendment

Motion to approve an amendment to the rules and regulations of the Norristown Civil Service Commission, pertaining to the Norristown Fire Department

Mr. Crandall Jones provided an explanation on behalf the Fire Chief. He explained that this request for approval amends the Civil Service Rules, eliminating the Fire Marshall position and Battalion Chief position and adds a Captain, Assistant Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief position. He further explained that the Deputy Fire Chief position is the only management-related position that could fill the duties of the Fire Chief, making him second in command. The position of Deputy Fire Chief could be posted as a non-union position to be considered at the Labor Negotiations next year.

There was a motion to approve Resolution 17-133 with a second. A Roll Call Vote was taken. Motion carries.

There was a motion by Olivia Brady with a second by Heather Lewis to Motion to approve Resolution 17-133 Fire Department Civil Service Rules Amendment to the rules and regulations of the Norristown Civil Service Commission, pertaining to the Norristown Fire Department.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

Absent: Gardiner, Perry

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

HARB Certificate of Appropriateness - May 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).

1027 Dekalb Street
619 Swede Street
901 Dekalb Street
1010 West Main Street
106 East Main Street
124 West Marshall Street
1030 West Marshall Street
260 Minor Street
262 Minor Street

There was a motion on the floor to approve with a second. Motion carries.

There was a motion by Olivia Brady with a second by Heather Lewis to Motion to approve HARB Certificates of Appropriateness for the following addresses:. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

Absent: Gardiner, Perry

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion on the floor with a second. Motion carries.

There was a motion by Heather Lewis with a second by Olivia Brady to Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting of June 6, 2017.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

Absent: Gardiner, Perry

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann M. Santangelo