

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPALITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

The Council Meeting of September 4, 2018 was called to order by Council President, Sonya Sanders, at 7:30 PM in 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
Rebecca Smith
Derrick Perry
Sonya Sanders

Also present:

Crandall Jones, Municipal Administrator
Patrick Hitchens, Acting Municipal Solicitor
Chief Mark Talbot, Norristown Police Department
Jayne Musonye, Director of Planning and Development
Rochelle Rawlins, Assistant Director of Finance
Amrinder Singh, Code Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There was a motion on the floor to approve the Workshop Minutes of the Council Meeting held on August 21, 2018 by Councilwoman Brady with a second by Councilwoman 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 personnel and litigation issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Summer Concert Series at the Elmwood Park Bandshell - Saturday, September 8 from 2-6 pm; Sunday, September 9 at 7 pm R&B; Sunday, September 16 at 7 pm.

Riverfront Festival: Saturday, September 15 from 2 to 6 pm at Riverfront Park. Kayaking, Beer Garden, Food Trucks, Educational activities, information booths.

Second Annual Psychic Fair - September 15 from 10 to 4 pm. Readers, healers, workshops.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sarah Capanna, 530 Church Street - Ms. Capanna came to speak about the cutbacks concerning the hospitality center and mental health partnerships. She said there are now many displaced people. The center helped them with many issues such as housing, computer use, disabilities. She said she came to Council to bring this to their attention and she would like to speak to someone about it. She was told to remain after the meeting.

Al Johnson - He came to thank Mr. Singh, Code Manager, for keeping his word in cleaning up the overgrown shrubbery on Green Street.

Pastor Almeyda - He wanted to applaud Council for cleaning up some of the open spaces. He has been working with undocumented homeless men to help them find employment, get medical attention and a place to live. He said that taking some of these men away from their public space requires planning because they need documentation and alcohol treatment. He asked if Council would like to re-connect with the displaced?

COMMUNICATION: None.

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL:

APPOINTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA LEAGUE DELEGATES

Mr. Crandall Jones, Municipal Administrator, asked if Council would consider appointing a delegate and an alternate to represent and vote on policy issues on behalf of the Municipality at the 2018 Conference of the Pennsylvania Municipal League. He noted they have until September 5, 2018 to provide the names.

Councilman Perry stated he would like to remain a voting delegate.

There was a motion on the floor by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper with a second by Councilwoman Lewis to have Councilman Perry as a voting delegate. A Roll Call Vote was taken. All in favor. Motion carries.

There was a motion on the floor by Councilman Perry with a second by Councilwoman Smith to have Councilman Jones as an alternate delegate. A Roll Call Vote was taken. All in favor. Motion carries.

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION 18-142: APPOINTMENT OF ENTRY-LEVEL POLICE OFFICER

There was a motion on the floor by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper with a second by Councilman Perry

to appoint Mark Delaney as an entry-level police officer. A Roll Call Vote was taken. All in favor. Motion carries.

RESOLUTION 18-143: FIRE CIVIL SERVICE AMENDMENT

Mr. Crandall Jones explained that this Resolution would amend the rules and regulations of the Norristown Civil Service Commission to restore the position of Fire Marshall among promotional positions in the Norristown Fire Department. He added that the Commission voted on August 22, 2018 to amend the rules related to this Resolution and they voted to restore the position of Fire Marshall. He noted this leaves the position of Deputy Fire Chief in place.

There was a motion on the floor by Councilwoman Brady with a second by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper to amend the rules and regulations of the Norristown Civil Service Commission to restore the position of Fire Marshall among promotional positions in the Norristown Fire Department. A Roll Call Vote was taken. All in favor. Motion carries.

RESOLUTION 18-144: DISABLED PARKING

Council considered this Resolution 18-144 regarding requests for establishing and removing disabled parking spaces (adding: 1021 West Main Street, 816 Hamilton Street, 1218 Pine Street and 312 West Wood Street and removing: 527 Astor Street.)

The Solicitor noted that it should read 1012 West Main Street in the printed Resolution.

Police Chief Talbot explained that the residents have conditions that impact mobility that require parking close to their home and that the resident of 527 Astor Street is deceased.

There was a motion on the floor by Councilman Perry with a second by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper to approve Resolution 18-144. A Roll Call Vote was taken. All in favor. Motion carries.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

HARB CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS - AUGUST 2018

There was a motion on the floor by Councilwoman Brady with a second by Councilwoman Smith to approve the Certificates of Appropriateness for the properties that applied for and have been reviewed by Norristown's Historical Architectural Review Board in August 2018. All in favor. Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion on the floor to adjourn the Council meeting by Councilwoman Cooper with a second by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper. All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann M. Santangelo

