

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPALITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2018

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.

Council Vice-President Perry asked everyone to join in for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Council members were present:

Derrick Perry, Council Vice-President, At-Large
Olivia Brady, At-Large
Hakim Jones, 4th District
Heather Lewis, 2nd District
Valerie Scott-Cooper, 3rd District
Rebecca Smith, At-Large

Also present 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 1-16-2018

All in favor. Motion carries 6-0.

There was a motion by Valerie Scott-Cooper with a second by Heather Lewis to Motion to approve the Minutes from the January 16, 2018 Council Workshop Meeting. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Scott-Cooper, Smith

Absent: Sanders

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Council Vice-President Perry announced that Council met in Executive Session prior to tonight's

meeting to discuss real estate and litigation issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Greater Norristown NAACP celebrates Black History Month the entire month. There will be a prayer breakfast on February 10 from 9-12 noon at the Norristown Area High School.

Black History Month Film Festival on Saturday, February 17 from 2 to 8 pm at the Montgomery County Library and a luncheon on Saturday, February 24 at 11 am at the Sheraton Valley Forge Hotel. See Councilwoman Scott-Cooper for tickets.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Lindsey, 1444 Powell Street, Norristown

Mr. Lindsey explained that he is the host for the Free Concert Series at Elmwood Park Band Shell. He was told by the Recreation Department Head last summer that he may be put on the payroll budget for Norristown instead of being paid cash. Tonight, he was told by the Municipal Administrator that he would be contacted by the Municipal Administrator's secretary.

COMMUNICATION:

There were no Communication items.

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

Appointments

Resolution 18-112: Board and Committee Appointments

Council will consider making appointments to the following citizen advisory boards: Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Commission.

There was a motion on the floor with a second to approve Resolution 18-112: Board and Committee Appointments: Dennis Matthews to replace Christa Miller on the Zoning Hearing Board, term expiring December 31, 2022 and the appointment of Rochelle Harris-Boggs to the Planning Commission, term expiring December 31, 2021.

All in favor. Motion carries 6-0.

There was a motion by Valerie Scott-Cooper with a second by Hakim Jones to Motion to approve/disapprove Resolution 18-112: Board and Committee Appointments. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Scott-Cooper, Smith

Absent: Sanders

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Resolutions 18-107: Promotions of Fire Department Staff

Municipal Council will consider a motion to promote three Firefighters to the rank of Fire Captain.

Fire Chief Thomas O'Donnell noted this is the first time in the history of the Fire Department that 3 firefighters were promoted to the rank of Fire Captain.

All in favor. Motion carries 6-0.

A swearing-in ceremony was conducted for each candidate:

David A. Hicks, Jr.
Ronald D. Lee, Jr.
Matthew Gallagher

There was a motion by Olivia Brady with a second by Valerie Scott-Cooper to Motion to approve/disapprove Resolution 18-107: Promotions of Fire Department Staff. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Scott-Cooper, Smith

Absent: Sanders

Resolution 18-108: Firefighter Appointment

Municipal Council will consider a motion to appoint Charles W. Scott as a career firefighter.

All in favor. Motion carries 6-0.

A swearing-in ceremony was conducted for Charles W. Scott.

There was a motion by Heather Lewis with a second by Olivia Brady to Motion to approve Resolution 18-108: Firefighter Appointment. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Scott-Cooper, Smith

Absent: Sanders

Promotion of Police Lieutenant

Promotion of Sergeant Michael Bishop to the rank of Police Lieutenant.

All in favor. Motion carries 6-0.

A swearing-in ceremony was conducted for Michael Bishop.

There was a motion by Olivia Brady with a second by Heather Lewis to Motion to approve/disapprove Resolution 18-103: promotion of Police Lieutenant.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Scott-Cooper, Smith

Absent: Sanders

Promotion of Police Sergeant

Promotion of Corporal Nicholas Dumas to the rank of Police Sergeant.

All in favor. Motion carries 6-0.

A swearing-in ceremony was conducted for Corporal Nicholas Dumas.

There was a motion by Valerie Scott-Cooper with a second by Heather Lewis to Motion to approve/disapprove Resolution 18-104: promotion of Police Sergeant.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Scott-Cooper, Smith

Absent: Sanders

Promotion of Police Corporal

Promotion of Officer Brian Graham to the rank of Police Corporal.

All in favor. Motion carries 6-0.

A swearing-in ceremony was conducted for Officer Brian Graham.

There was a motion by Olivia Brady with a second by Rebecca Smith to Motion to approve/disapprove Resolution 18-105: promotion to Police Corporal.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Scott-Cooper, Smith

Absent: Sanders

Recognition of Police K9 Team

Recognition and introduction to the community of Officer Bryan Nawoschik and K9 Jerry as the newest Norristown Police K9 Team.

Officer Bryan Nawoschik and K9 Jerry were introduced as the newest Norristown Police K9 Team.

Resolution 18-111 Handicapped Parking

Motion to approve or deny Resolution No. 18-111 regarding requests for disabled parking spaces.

All in favor. Motion carries 6-0.

There was a motion by Valerie Scott-Cooper with a second by Olivia Brady to Motion to approve/disapprove Resolution 18-111: Handicapped Parking. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Scott-Cooper, Smith

Absent: Sanders

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Certificates of Appropriateness - January 2018

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

- 18-01-02 - 212 Chain St
- 18-01-03 - 1000 West Main St
- 17-12-08 - 526 Hamilton St (Partial)

All in favor. Motion carries 6-0.

There was a motion by Olivia Brady with a second by Valerie Scott-Cooper to Motion to approve Certificates of Appropriateness for January 2018.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Scott-Cooper, Smith

Absent: Sanders

ADJOURNMENT:

All in favor. Motion carries 6-0.

There was a motion by Valerie Scott-Cooper with a second by Olivia Brady to Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting of February 6, 2018.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Scott-Cooper, Smith

Absent: Sanders

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann M. Santangelo