

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPALITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 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 President Sanders asked that everyone join in for a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Council members were present:

Sonya Sanders, Council President, 1st District
Derrick Perry, Vice-President, At-Large
Olivia Brady, At-Large
Hakim Jones, 4th District
Valerie Scott-Cooper, 3rd District
Rebecca Smith. At-Large

Also in attendance were:

Crandall Jones, Municipal Administrator
Sean Kilkenny, Municipal Solicitor
Chief Talbot, Norristown Police Chief
Jayne Musonye, Director of Planning/Development
Rochelle Rawlins, Assistant Director of Finance
Thomas Odenigbo, Director of Public Works

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Workshop Minutes from 03-22-2018

All in favor. Motion carries 6-0.

There was a motion by Derrick Perry with a second by Olivia Brady to Motion to approve/disapprove the Workshop Minutes from March 22, 2018. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

Absent: Lewis

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Council President Sanders announced that Council did not meet in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Facebook Chat with the Municipal Administrator - Live on April 6th from 10 am to 11 am.

Start Your Own Business Workshop - Tuesday, April 10th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Norristown Public Library in the Community Room. Learn from experts about everything you need to know to launch a successful business. To register call 610-277-1085.

Keep Norristown Beautiful - Saturday, April 14 from 8 am to 12 pm. Contact knb@norristown.org for information.

Job and Career Fair - April 25th from 10 am to 2 pm at the Municipal Building Main Lobby. Call 610-272-8080 for information. "Connecting Talent with Opportunity."

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no Public Comment.

COMMUNICATION:

There were no Communication items.

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

Municipal Council

Resolution 18-123: Support for a Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Citizen Commission Council will consider a resolution declaring its support for the legislative effort to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to assign the task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent and non-partisan citizens commission.

Council considered a Resolution declaring its support for the legislative effort to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to assign the task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent and non-partisan citizens commission.

Motion carries 6-0.

There was a motion by Olivia Brady with a second by Valerie Scott-Cooper to Motion to approve/disapprove Resolution 18-123: Support for a Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Citizen. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

Absent: Lewis

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR:

Update on the Norristown State Hospital Grounds

Municipal Administrator will provide a verbal update to the Council on the Norristown State Hospital Grounds.

Crandall Jones provided an update. He noted that a second forensic unit is being built and a land development sign is posted which was looked into. Mr. Jones noted that he spoke with the Deputy Director and they are in line with their agreement. The matter is that DHS is trying to get step down clients currently in Building 10 back into Building 1. This is a result of them, as part of the study, to make beds readily available. The sign was obtained per request for a permit to undertake the development of the parking lot.

Going forward, Mr. Jones noted we continue to meet monthly with DHS as well as DGS for the State to talk about and monitor Council's movement. He said that both the Fire Police and Sheriff's Office meet and do walk throughs so that the Public Safety can be properly prepared and the State agreed to this. They will facilitate meetings regarding the Public Safety facilities involved to do this.

He added that the State is interviewing conveyors to do the study and it will be late April, early May for the award to bid for a conveyor for development as well as give a sense of what uses would be desirable. Mr. Jones stated they are reviewing proposals and the Municipality is discussing proximity.

Mr. Jones noted this will be brought back to Council. It will begin no later than 2020, the State will provide an exit strategy and finish no later than 2022.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Resolution 18-121 Disabled Parking Requests

To establish handicapped parking at the following Norristown address:

1025 Cherry Street

To establish the removal of a reserved handicap space at the following addresses:

561 Hamilton Street

212 Forest Ave.

Chief Talbot provided information about the Disabled Parking Requests at 1024 Cherry Street and the removal of a Reserved Handicapped Space at 561 Hamilton Street (impacted mobility) and 212 Forest Avenue (resident passed away.)

All in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

There was a motion by Olivia Brady with a second by Valerie Scott-Cooper to Motion to

approve/disapprove Resolution 18-121 Disabled Parking Requests.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

Absent: Lewis

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 April 3, 2018. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

Absent: Lewis

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann M. Santangelo