

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPALITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 5, 2016

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:

Marlon Millner
Olivia Brady
Valerie Scott-Cooper
Heather Lewis
Hakim Jones
Sonya Sanders

Also present:

Crandall Jones, Municipal Administrator
Sean Kilkenny, Municipal Solicitor
Chief Mark Talbot, Norristown Chief of Police
Jayne Musonye, Director of Planning and Development
Rochelle Rawlins, Assistant Director of Finance
Michael Simonson, Code Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Council Workshop meeting held on March 15, 2016

There was a motion on the floor by Councilwoman Cooper with a second by Councilwoman Brady to approve the Minutes. 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 real estate issues.

PRESENTATION - ANNUAL REPORT

Ms. Gabriela Prete and Mr. Brandon Ford conducted a Power Point presentation highlighting the information in the printed copy of the 2015 Annual Report which was provided to each Council and Staff member.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: by Councilwoman Brady

SHRED EVENT:

Logan Square - 1846 Markley Street - April 30 - 10AM to 2PM

Sponsored by AARD, SAAC, Municipality of Norristown, Montgomery County, ACLAMO and Representative Matt Bradford.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Vanessa Cossar, 216 Minor Street - Ms. Cossar asked if the Handicapped Parking Sign at 216 Minor Street could stay in place for another six months for her mother. Chief Talbot noted he will contact her regarding this issue.

COMMUNICATION: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

PLANNING/MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT

Motion to approve or disapprove Resolution 16-115 granting preliminary land development approval to Norristown Centre A, LP and Norristown Centre B, LP for Norristown Centre -1800 Markley Street

Councilman Millner was provided with the market study he requested.

There was a motion on the floor to approve Resolution 16-115 by Councilwoman Cooper with a second by Councilwoman Brady. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Marlon Millner	yes
Olivia Brady	yes
Valerie Scott Cooper	yes
Heather Lewis	yes
Hakim Jones	yes
Sonya Sanders	yes

Motion carries unanimously.

Motion to approve or disapprove proposed Ordinance 16-07 - a change to the definition of “New Construction,” in the Floodplain Regulations Ordinance

The Municipal Engineer provided an explanation.

There was a motion on the floor to adopt Ordinance 16-07 by Councilwoman Brady with a second by Councilwoman Cooper. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Marlon Millner	yes
Olivia Brady	yes

Valerie Scott Cooper	yes
Heather Lewis	yes
Hakim Jones	yes
Sonya Sanders	yes

Motion carries unanimously.

Motion to approve or disapprove proposed Ordinance 16-05 - the 2016 CDBG Ordinance for the program year 2016 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan budget based on the 2016 HUD award announced in February 2016

There was a motion on the floor to approve Ordinance 16-05 by Councilman Millner with a second by Councilwoman Cooper. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Marlon Millner	yes
Olivia Brady	yes
Valerie Scott Cooper	yes
Heather Lewis	yes
Hakim Jones	yes
Sonya Sanders	yes

Motion carries unanimously.

Motion to approve or disapprove the submission of a TIGER grant proposal to facilitate the conversion of Dekalb Street from a one-way northbound street to a two-way street

There was a motion on the floor to approve submission of a TIGER grant proposal by Councilwoman Cooper with a second by Councilwoman Brady. All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to approve or disapprove Resolution 16-120 authorizing the submission of a grant proposal to the DVRPC for the Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) funds for a greening and screening feasibility study of the Norristown Municipal Waste Authority's sewage facility

Director Musonye provided an explanation.

There was a motion on the floor to approve Resolution 16-120 by Councilwoman Brady with a second by Councilwoman Lewis. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Marlon Millner	not present for voting
Olivia Brady	yes
Valerie Scott Cooper	yes
Heather Lewis	yes
Hakim Jones	yes
Sonya Sanders	yes

Motion carries 5-1.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Motion to approve or disapprove Resolution 16-119 to establish a handicapped parking space at 553 Buttonwood Street and remove a handicapped parking sign no longer needed at 216 Minor Street

Council President Sanders noted that 216 Minor Street will not be voted on in light of the Public Comment regarding it.

There was a motion on the floor to approve Resolution 16-119 by Councilwoman Brady with a second by Councilwoman Lewis. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Marlon Millner	not present for voting
Olivia Brady	yes
Valerie Scott Cooper	yes
Heather Lewis	yes
Hakim Jones	yes
Sonya Sanders	yes

Motion carries 5-1.

CODE:

Director Simonson provided details.

Motion to approve or disapprove HARB Certificates of Appropriateness as follows:

**503 West Marshall Street
307 Haws Avenue
826 Dekalb Street**

There was a motion on the floor to approve the HARB Certificates by Councilman Millner with a second by Councilwoman Lewis. Councilwoman Brady and Councilman Jones voted “nay.” Motion carries 4-2.

Motion to approve or disapprove proposed Ordinance 16-06 regarding “Abandoned Real Property.”

There was a motion on the floor to approve Ordinance 16-06 by Councilwoman Brady with a second by Councilwoman Lewis. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Marlon Millner	yes
Olivia Brady	yes
Valerie Scott Cooper	yes
Heather Lewis	yes
Hakim Jones	yes
Sonya Sanders	yes

Motion carries unanimously.

There was a motion on the floor to open the agenda by Councilwoman Brady with a second by Councilwoman Lewis to include a NASD request to get relief from back taxes and fees associated with

property purchased at 1518 Arch Street, Norristown. All in favor. Motion carries.
There was no Public Comment.

There was a motion on the floor by Councilwoman Cooper with a second by Councilwoman Brady to approve the request by NASD. All in favor. Motion carries.

Solicitor Kilkenny provided details regarding the lawsuit between former Lieutenant Shannon and the Municipality of Norristown.

There was no Public Comment.

There was a motion on the floor by Councilwoman Brady with a second by Councilman Jones to approve the settlement agreement between former Norristown Police Lieutenant Mark Shannon and the Municipality of Norristown for the insurance carrier to pay a sum of \$50,000. Councilman Millner voted "nay." Motion carries 5-1.

There was a motion on the floor to close the agenda by Councilwoman Cooper with a second by Councilwoman Brady. All in favor. Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann M. Santangelo