

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPALITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 3, 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
Derrick Perry
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
Chenora Burke, Director of Finance
Michael Simonson, Code Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Council Workshop meeting held on April 19, 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 personnel issues.

PRESENTATION - Universal Copy & Print Center

It was announced that Universal Copy & Print Center, 114 East Main Street, Norristown, PA will have a "Grand Opening" on May 12, 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: by Councilman Perry

This is “National Small Business Week.” Show your support by shopping local.

The New Horizons Collaborative is Norristown’s new way of doing business by targeting neighborhoods throughout town that are plagued with crime and quality of life concerns. The New Horizons team is coordinating a town-wide “Clean Up Day” on Saturday, May 7th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Come join Congressman Boyle and his staff as we celebrate the opening of the Norristown District Office at Dekalb and Main Streets on May 7th from 11am to 1pm. For more information, please contact Shae Ashe at 610-270-8081.

There will be a “Grand Opening” ceremony on May 12th for “Universal Copy & Print Center” located at 114 East Main Street. The ribbon cutting will be at 11:15am followed by a reception from 11:30am to 1:00pm.

There will be a Job Fair on Friday, May 6, 2016 at the Sheraton in Valley Forge, PA from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Register online at Career Link.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chad Hoffman, Senator Leach’s Office - Mr. Hoffman announced there will be a “Kids Fair” at the Elmwood Park Zoo on July, 29, 2016 from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Free and open to the public.

COMMUNICATION: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

COUNCIL

Motion to approve or disapprove Resolution 16-122 appointing Mr. Thomas N. Odenigbo to the position of Director of Public Works, effective June 1, 2016.

Mr. Crandall Jones provided a recap of the search and hiring process.

There was a motion by Councilman Millner with a second by Councilman Perry to approve Resolution 16-122. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

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

Motion carries unanimously.

Motion to approve or disapprove Resolution 16-123 appointments to various Boards and Commissions.

There was a motion on the floor to approve Resolution 16-123 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
Derrick Perry	yes
Sonya Sanders	yes

Motion carries unanimously.

PLANNING/MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT

Motion to approve or reject the bid for Simmons Park Improvement Project Phase IV from Mayfield Site Contractors, Inc.

Solicitor Kilkenny recused himself because he represents Local 135.

After discussion, it was decided there needed to be additional conversation among Council. There was a motion on the floor to table this item by Councilwoman Scott Cooper with a second by Councilwoman Lewis. All in favor. Motion carries.

FINANCE

Motion to approve or disapprove the proposal of Obermayer, Rebmann, Maxwell & Hippel, LLP to provide bond counsel services related to the Note Modification offered by Tompkins VIST Bank for General Obligation Note, Series of 2006 Bank Qualified Tax Exempt Term Loan

There was a motion on the floor to approve the proposal by Councilman Perry with a second by Councilwoman Brady. Councilman Millner voted “nay.” Motion carries 6-1.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Motion to approve or disapprove Resolution 16-124 to establish handicapped parking spaces at 1019 Cherry Street, 636 Stanbridge Street and 445 Sandy Street

There was a motion on the floor to approve Resolution 16-124 by Councilman Jones 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
Derrick Perry	yes
Sonya Sanders	yes

Motion carries unanimously.

CODE:

Director Simonson provided details.

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

**103 East Jacoby Street
1009 West Main Street
401-403 Dekalb Street
1331 Dekalb Street**

There was a motion on the floor to approve the HARB Certificates by Councilwoman Brady with a second by Councilwoman Lewis. All in favor. Motion carries unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann M. Santangelo