

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 5, 2019

The Council Meeting of February 5, 2019 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:

Olivia Brady	Valerie Scott-Cooper	Hakim Jones	
Derrick Perry	Rebecca Smith	Heather Lewis	Sonya Sanders

Also present were: Crandall Jones, Municipal Administrator; Chief Mark Talbot, Norristown Police Chief; Patrick Hitchens, Acting Municipal Solicitor; Jayne Musonye, Director of Planning & Development; Norman Butts, Director of Finance; Thomas Odenigbo, Director of Public Works; Amrinder Singh, Code Manager, Thomas O'Donnell, Norristown Fire Chief.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

There was a **motion by Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis**, to approve the Meeting Minutes from January 15, 2019. **The motion passed unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Council President Sanders announced that Council discussed personnel, real estate and litigation issues in Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madeline Dean District Office (former Congressman Boyle's Office) Open House - February 19 from 3-7 pm
101 East Main Street.

Black History Live at Norristown Municipal Hall on February 24th. Doors open at 4:30 pm. There will be exhibits, music, spoken word and vendors. Hosted by Norristown NAACP. Contact: NORRISTOWNNAACPYC@gmail.com.

Networking Event on Wednesday, February 20th from 6-7:30 pm at 208 Dekalb Street, Norristown sponsored by the Norristown Chamber of Commerce.

Learn how to own a food truck business - Small Business Center sponsored. February 27th at 5:30 pm. Contact norristown.org for information.

Montgomery County Community College - Manufacturing Technician Training. Learn how to read blue prints, industrial math. Contact Gary Heinz 610-718-1974.

Centre Theatre Mixer with local musicians, artists, community members and stakeholders. February 6th 5:30 pm.

NASD Prom Fair on March 30th. Please donate prom items. Contact: 610-630-5000.

Job Fair at HTK Construction, 2082 Luken Road in Blue Bell, PA on February 16th. Need experience in heavy diesel, CDL Driving, asphalt paving and other areas.

Montgomery County Human Services, Black History Month celebration on Wednesday, February 27th from 10-2 pm. Open to the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Watters, Hamilton Street - Mr. Watters noted he provided information to the Administration Office regarding street light design and hydroelectric power for the sewer plant. He also mentioned that there are DCNR grants that could be used to repair Stony Creek stormwater damage; he had information about a fish ladder documentary and a Port Indian rock school.

Anthony Uhrich, Rosemont Avenue - Mr. Uhrich wanted to know if Council was aware of road damage and a gas odor on Rosemont Avenue. He also asked if there was a plan to use bio-retention basins and porous asphalt to protect the Stony Creek near the newly proposed parking for the Elmwood Park Zoo and he asked about the status of a crosswalk on Main and Hartranft and a patch on the alley at Washington off Rosemont. He added there is no handicapped accessibility on the 4 corners of Washington and Rosemont.

COMMUNICATION

There were no communication items.

Resolution 19-106: Promotion of Richard Lockhart to Deputy Fire Chief

There was a **motion to approve Resolution 19-106 by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper, seconded by Councilwoman Brady. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Richard Lockhart was sworn in by Council President Sanders.

Resolution 19-109: Appointments to Boards and Committees

Mr. Crandall Jones explained that Mr. Daniel Kauder will be appointed to the Keep America Beautiful Advisory Board with a term expiration of December 2021.

There was a **motion by Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilwoman Smith, to approve Resolution 19-109. The motion passed unanimously.**

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

PennDOT Right-of-Way Purchase

Mr. Crandall Jones explained that Council will consider authorizing the purchase of 14,111 Square Feet of Municipal Right-of-Way along Johnson Highway by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for transportation improvements in conjunction with the Markley Street Project.

There was a **motion by Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, to authorize the purchase of the PennDOT Right-of-Way. The motion passed unanimously.**

FINANCE

Resolution 19-108: Fee Schedule Amendment

Mr. Butts explained that the Fee Schedule needs to be amended to include the Solid Waster Collection and Disposal Fees.

There was a **motion by Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilwoman Brady, to approve Resolution 19-108. The motion passed unanimously.**

CODES ENFORCEMENT

Certificates of Appropriateness - December 2018

Mr. Singh explained that the following parcels applied for HARB Certificates of Appropriateness in December 2018: 239-41 E. Main Street, 611 W. Elm Street, and 344 E. Main Street.

Certificates of Appropriateness - January 2019

Mr. Singh explained that the following parcels applied for HARB Certificates of Appropriateness in January 2019: 407 W. Main Street and 553 Arch Street.

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Lewis, seconded by Councilwoman Brady, to approve the HARB Certificates of Appropriateness for December 2018 and January 2019. The motion passed unanimously.**

Resolution 190-110: Disabled Parking

Chief Talbot noted that disabled parking spaces are needed at 726 Noble Street, 731 George Street and 202 Chain Street and that they have demonstrated physical limitations. He also added the need to remove a reserved handicapped space at 538 George Street because it is no longer necessary.

There was a **motion by Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilwoman Smith, to approve the Disabled Parking Spaces and removal of a handicap space. The motion passed unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT

There was a **motion to adjourn the Council Meeting by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper, seconded by Councilwoman Brady. The motion passed unanimously.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann M. Santangelo, Clerk of Council