

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 5, 2019

The Council Meeting of March 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

Councilwoman Brady asked that the public comment letter from resident Rochelle Cubreath opposing the proposed Family Home Care Program at 1321 Arch Street be added to the February 19, 2019 Minutes.

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper, seconded by Councilwoman Brady**, to approve the Meeting Minutes from February 19, 2019. **The motion passed unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Have a Facebook conversation with Crandall Jones, Municipal Administrator. Submit your questions to: pio@norristown.org.

Register for Norristown Recreation Baseball at Municipal Hall Finance Office Monday through Friday 8:30 to 4:30 or mail to 235 East Airy Street, Norristown, PA. Opens Monday, February 11, 2019. Season dates: April 6 through June 8, 2019. 4-5 years old and 6-8 years old - \$35 resident, \$70 non-resident; 9-10 years old and 11-12 years old - \$120 resident, \$170 non-resident.

TOWN HALL - Councilwoman Scott-Cooper, 3rd District. Thursday, April 18th from 6 pm to 7:30 pm at the Montgomery Senior Apartments, 1301 Powell Street, 2nd Floor, Norristown. Free - Open to the public. Congresswoman Madeleine Dean will be there. Discussions include the Census 2020 and the Norristown Recreation Center.

Norristown Summer Concerts - Sundays at the Bandshell at Elmwood Park. Begin at 7:00 pm. Email: recreation@norristown.org for information.

Save the Date - "Norristown Day" - Party in the Park, Saturday, April 6th from 9 am to 3 pm - Elmwood Park and Vicinity. Visit norristown.org for details.

Dragon Boat fundraiser - March 9th at the Lower Providence Presbyterian Church for students preparing to

compete in Thailand. Spaghetti dinner \$17 per plate.

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

“Men of Excellence” Ted Talk Event on March 23rd at 6 pm.

Council President Sanders wished the Elmwood Park Zoo Happy 95th Anniversary and Happy Birthday to Councilwoman Brady.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anna Shin, 36 East Main Street, Norristown. Ms. Shin returned to the Council Meeting to again voice her complaint about the food truck that parks on Main Street in front of the Courthouse. She noted it is hard for the other food businesses on Main Street to compete against it and it also takes away parking. She asked on behalf of herself and other business owners not to renew the license for this food truck.

COMMUNICATION

There were no communication items.

Resolution 19-113: Entry-Level Firefighter

There was a **motion to approve Resolution 19-113 by Councilwoman Brady, seconded by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Kevin J. Murphy was sworn in by Council President Sanders.

Resolution 18-142: New Police Officer

There was a **motion by Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilwoman Smith, to approve Resolution 18-142. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Mark Delaney was sworn in by Judge Francis Lawrence.

PLANNING & MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT

Resolution 19-105: Land Development - Zoo Parking Lot Expansion

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper, seconded by Councilwoman Brady, to approve waiver requests 1 through 16. The motion passed unanimously.**

There was a **motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper, to approve waiver requests 17 through 21. Councilwoman Lewis voted nay. Motion passed 6-1.**

There was a **motion by Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilman Jones, to approve Resolution 19-105. The motion passed unanimously.**

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

Ordinance 19-01: Fireworks Use

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Brady, seconded by Councilman Perry, to approve Ordinance 19-**

01. The motion passed unanimously.

Norristown Day Alcohol Waiver

There was a **motion by Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, to approve the alcohol waiver. The motion passed unanimously.**

Norristown Five Year Financial Plan

Mr. Gordon Mann of the National Resource Network conducted a Power Point presentation highlighting excerpts from the five-year financial plan.

CODES ENFORCEMENT

Annual Codes Enforcement Review

Mr. Singh conducted a Power Point presentation detailing the department's achievements and operations over the past year.

ADJOURNMENT

There was a **motion to adjourn the Council Meeting by Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilwoman Smith. The motion passed unanimously.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann M. Santangelo, Clerk of Council