

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

The Council Meeting of May 7, 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.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper, seconded by Councilwoman Brady**, to approve the Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2019. **The motion passed unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

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

PRESENTATIONS

Citizen Police Academy Certifications

Certificates were presented to the graduates of the 2019 Citizen's Police Academy.

Building Safety Month

Crandall Jones read the proclamation recognizing the importance of building safety by declaring May 2019 as Building Safety Month in the Municipality of Norristown.

National Kids to Parks Day Proclamation

Council President Sanders read the proclamation recognizing the importance of actively encouraging local youth to enjoy the benefits of the public park system by declaring May 18, 2019 as Kids to Parks Day in the Municipality of Norristown.

Norristown Sustainability Audit & Sustainable PA Certification

Brandon Ford of Keep Norristown Beautiful conducted a Power Point presentation regarding the use of sustainability principles in municipal operations as well as in the community itself. Mr. Ford announced that Norristown was awarded "silver certified" pertaining to their application to the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification Program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Norristown Recreation Summer Basketball League Registration now open! Starting Date: Tuesday, June 25 through Thursday, August 8, 2019. Ages: 5-8 years, 9-12 years, 13-16 years. Simmons Park Basketball Courts (Oak Street). Fee: \$35 Resident, \$70 Non-Resident.

Norristown Recreation 2019 Summer Camp. Monday, June 24th through Friday, August 2nd from 9am to 3pm, Monday through Friday. 2 Locations and the new Rec Center available. Payment plans and sibling discounts. New field trips 2x a week, partnership with the Montgomery County Library, activities, games, crafts and more. Go to: www.norristown.org or recreation@norristown.org.

Battle of the Badges Blood Drive - June 11, 2019. Sponsor either the Norristown Fire Department, Norristown Sheriff's Department or the Norristown Police Department. Go to redcrossblood.org.

Sundays in the Park - The Bandshell at Elmwood Park. All shows begin at 7:00 pm.

“Chaplains Swearing In” at Mt. Zion Church on June 10, 2019.

GRANTS FOR CATS' ORGANIZATIONS - The program includes the trapping, neutering, vaccinating and release of stray cats. The grant is funded by Petsmart. Contact 215-219-8148 or go to forgottencats.org.

Help a Single Parent - May 19, 2019 Fish Fry and Family Day. \$10 ticket - fun & games. To be held at the East Norriton Township Park.

NAACP 5K Run on September 21, 2019. More details to come. It will begin and end at the Elmwood Park Zoo.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robin Rochelle, 1034 W. Airy Street, Norristown - Ms. Rochelle noted her home was part of a 8 row home fire in November 2016. She is still fixing up her home. She told Council about a nuisance tenant that rides dirt bikes and parks them against their home. She asked Council for help in this matter. Chief Talbot said he would help her with this situation.

Lita Gibson, 48 E. Oak Street, Norristown - Ms. Gibson was before Council previously regarding this. The issue is there's a loading dock that was approved by Zoning for a supermarket but they are using part of her driveway which is causing damage. She asked Council for guidance. She was told it would be looked into.

COMMUNICATION

There were no communication items.

APPOINTMENTS

Resolution 19-123: Appointments to Citizen Boards and Committees

There was a **motion to approve Resolution 19-123 by Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilwoman Brady appointing Leonard Thompkins to the Human Relations Commission and Obed Almeyda to the Recreation Committee. The motion passed unanimously.**

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

Approval of special litigation counsel services of Matthew Quigg, Esquire

There was a motion by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper, seconded by Councilman Perry, to approve the appointment of Matt Quigg, Esq. of Rubin, Glickman and Steinberg as special litigation counsel per his engagement letter dated May 7, 2019 and briefing in Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolution 19-121: Reserved Disabled Parking

There was a motion by Councilwoman Brady, seconded by Councilman Perry, to approve Resolution 19-121 which would establish reserved disabled parking spaces at 1011 Cherry Street, 147 W. Penn Street, 510 Chain Street and 542 Hamilton Street where the residents for all addresses demonstrate a physical need as well as remove spaces from 744 Kohn Street and 38 W. Basin Street which are no longer needed. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 19-122: Entry-Level Police Officer List Approval

There was a motion by Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, to approve Resolution 19-122 which approves the list of candidates for an entry-level police officer position in the Norristown Police Department. The motion passed unanimously.

BUILDING AND CODES ENFORCEMENT

There was a motion by Councilwoman Brady, seconded by Councilman Perry, to approve the HARB Certificate of Appropriateness for 924 West Main Street. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting by Councilwoman Smith, 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