

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP
Wednesday, May 22, 2019

The Council Workshop of May 22, 2019 was called to order by Councilwoman Sanders at 6:30 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; Daniel Grieser, Acting Municipal Solicitor; Jayne Musonye, Director of Planning & Development; Norman Butts, Director of Finance, Thomas Odenigbo, Director of Public Works, Amrinder Singh, Codes Manager, Fire Chief Thomas O'Donnell.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

There was a **motion by Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilwoman Brady**, to approve the Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2019. **The motion passed unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

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

PRESENTATIONS:

LERTA Application - Montgomery Park Senior Housing Phase II

Mr. Francis Vargas of the Elon Development Company gave a Power Point Presentation regarding Phase II of the Montgomery Park Senior Housing Development Project located on Powell Street in Norristown. Director Musonye noted that this presentation is only informational and a decision will be made at a later date.

New Local Youth Program

Coach Fred Clea, who previously ran the boxing program at the former PAL Center, came before Council seeking a way for his program to be included in the current Recreation Center. Erica Genuardi, Recreation Director, noted she can provide helpful information to Coach Fred.

Marijuana Decriminalization Proposal

The Executive Director of the Keystone Cannabis Coalition came before Council concerning the potential decriminalization of marijuana in the Municipality of Norristown. Council will review the copy of the Ordinance from Lancaster that decriminalizes marijuana that was handed out to them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Municipality of Norristown will be closed on Monday, May 27 2019 for Memorial Day.

Congresswoman Madeleine Dean - Town Hall - May 29, 2019 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm at Montgomery County Community College Science Center Theater.

Battle of the Badges Blood Drive - Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at the Montgomery County Human Services Building. Go to redcross.org for information.

Norristown Summer Concerts at the Bandshell at Elmwood Park. FREE shows begin at 7 pm on Sunday evenings. From June 9th to August 25th.

NAACP 5K Run on September 21, 2019. Contact the NAACP for more information.

2020 Census. Need Norristown members for the committee. Wednesday, June 5th at 7 pm in Municipal Hall.

The Student Leadership Academy will be having their team presentations after completing the 8-week course.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

COMMUNICATION

There were no communication items.

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

PLANNING AND MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT

9 West Main Project - Main Street Deli & Catering

Chef Keith Taylor from Main Street Deli & Catering presented a Power Point regarding a proposal to open a new eatery at 9 West Main Street as part of Norristown's Main Street Economic Initiative Grant Program.

There was a **motion by Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis**, to approve the proposal to open a new eatery at 9 West Main Street. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Advertisement for a new Five Year Consolidated Plan (2020-2024)

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Brady, seconded by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper**, to authorize the advertisement of a CDBG budget change to fund the development of the 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Advertisement of Ordinance 19-06: CDBG 2019 Budget Amendment

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper, seconded by Councilwoman Smith**, to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance 19-06, which would amend Ordinance 18-08, the adopted 2019 CDBG Budget, in light of recent funding allocations awarded by the Federal Department of Housing & Urban Development. **The motion passed unanimously.**

FINANCE

Resolution 19-125: Regional Street Light Procurement Authorization

There was a **motion by Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilwoman Brady**, to authorize municipal staff to proceed with Phase II of the Municipality's street light upgrade project at a cost not to exceed \$38,000.

BUILDING & CODES ENFORCEMENT

HARB Certificates of Appropriateness - April 2019

Mr. Singh noted the item for tonight was approved last month.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

Ratification of Purchase

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Brady, seconded by Councilman Perry**, to ratify the procurement of two new A/C compressors to be funded through Capital Improvement Funds to replace the two out-of-service units at Municipal Hall. **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC SAFETY

Ordinance 19-02: International Fire Code Adoption

There was a **motion by Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilwoman Smith**, to approve Ordinance 19-02 which would adopt the 2015 edition of the International Fire Code and amend Chapter 159 Article 11 of the Municipal Code of Norristown. **Motion passed unanimously.**

There was a **motion by Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilman Jones**, to open the agenda. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Crandall Jones explained it is necessary to apply for a DCED grant to fund repairs on the Saw Mill Dam. He noted the grant due date is May 31, 2019 and State Representative, Matt Bradford, provided a letter of support.

There was a **motion by Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilwoman Smith**, to approve Resolution 19-126 authorizing President of Council to request a DCED flood mitigation grant in the amount of \$280,763.84 with a 15% match from the Norristown General Fund of \$42,113.84. **Motion passed unanimously.**

There was a **motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Brady**, to close the agenda. **Motion passed unanimously.**

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilman Perry**, to waive the reading of the departmental reports. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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