

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, September 3, 2019

The Council Meeting of September 3, 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
Derrick Perry

Valerie Scott-Cooper
Rebecca Smith

Hakim Jones
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 Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper**, to approve the Council Work Session Minutes from August 20, 2019. **The motion passed unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Council President Sanders announced that Council did not meet in Executive Session.

PRESENTATIONS

Tim Evans, National League of Cities Area Leader

Mr. Evans represents the Northeast Mid-Atlantic Region and presented a Power Point on the benefits of being a member of the National League of Cities network. Mr. Crandall Jones noted that the Municipality has already received \$300,000 in grants since being a member of the NLC and the Norristown Police Department was nationally recognized with regard to the Diversity Program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Brady wished all Norristown Area school students a successful school year.

“Art in the Park” at Elmwood Park on Saturday, September 7th from 2 pm to 6 pm. Live performances, vendors, local artists and more.

Free Soccer Clinic from Norristown Recreation. Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Ackey’s Field from 10 am to 11 am, ages 3 to 5 (as of 1/1/19) and from 10 am to 12 pm, ages 6 to 9 (as of 1/1/19.) Information: recreation@norristown.org.

“Gospel Fest” at Elmwood Park. September 15, 2019 from 7 pm to 9 pm. Live music, food, vendors, DJ, prizes. Free event.

Citizens Leadership Academy, free of charge, eight sessions. Fall 2019 held from 6 pm to 7:30 pm on Thursdays, September 26th through November 21st at Municipal Hall. Contact 610-270-0429 or email gprete@norristown.org.

“Rock the Block” sponsored by Habitat for Humanity on October 5th, 2019 from 8 am to 2 pm at Cherry Street Park. Letters were sent to residents of the 500-1058 block of Cherry Street, 111-136 Wayne, 19-29 W. Chestnut, 14-157 West Elm, 1000-1089 Powell Street, 1000-1082 Willow Street, 1000-1096 Swede, 25-29 East Spruce, 2-298 West Spruce, 2-238 East Basin and 1-299 West Basin Streets) asking if they need a home project done. The deadline to submit an application is 9/19/19. Contact: sherri@habitatforhumanity.org or 610-278-7710 ext. 107.

Norristown High School football will play at Plymouth Whitemarsh on Friday, September 6 at 7 pm. September 13th will be the first Friday night game at the complex - the first night game since Roosevelt field closed.

Gun Violence Town Hall - Thursday, September 5th from 7 pm to 8:30 pm at George Washington Carver Center, 249 Jacoby Street. Representative Madeleine Dean will be there to engage in dialogue about what Congress is doing and exchange ideas.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Delbert Harrison, Norristown resident - He noted that 2 years ago, grading was to be done at the Simmons Park Soccer Field. He said he has others to testify that the field is not level and dirt was dumped there. Also, there are stones near the goal post and the old goal posts should be removed and he offered to remove them. He said he informed Council in the past about the grant for the basketball court. Mr. Crandall Jones noted that the soil analysis results are available for anyone and the results were “optimum to above optimum.”

COMMUNICATION

There were no communication items.

APPOINTMENTS

Council will appoint a Voting Delegate and an Alternate to the 2019 Resolutions Committee and Annual Business Meetings for the Pennsylvania Municipal League (PML)

Councilwoman Scott-Cooper moved to vote for Councilman Perry as the Voting Delegate for the PML. There was a Roll Call Vote. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Councilwoman Scott-Cooper moved to vote for Councilwoman Sanders as the Alternate Delegate for the PML. There was a Roll Call Vote. **Motion passed unanimously.**

ITEMS FOR ACTION

PLANNING AND MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT

Resolution 19-140: Request for Preliminary/Final Land Development

There was a motion by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper, seconded by Councilman Jones, to approve Resolution 19-140 granting preliminary and final plan approval for the Norristown Municipal Waste Authority, recommending the 12 waiver requests as listed. **Motion passed unanimously.**

ADMINISTRATION

Resolution 19-145: Reinstate 457(b) Plan

Mr. Jones explained that this is a continuity of the 457(b) Plan for those still covered.

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper, seconded by Councilwoman Brady** to approve the reinstatement of the 457(b) Plan for the employees of the Municipality. **The motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC SAFETY

Ordinance 19-10: Parking Restrictions - Hospital Zones

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Brady, seconded by Councilwoman Smith**, to approve Ordinance 19-10 eliminating parking time limit restrictions for the 100 block of East Fornance Street, the 100 block of East Freedley Street and the 100 block of Summit Street. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Resolution 19-144: Reserved Disabled Parking

There was a **motion by Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilwoman Brady**, to approve Resolution 19-144 authorizing the approval of sign installations at 327 West Fornance Street and 1425 Powell Street. **The motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC WORKS

Ordinance 19-05: Surety Bond

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Brady, seconded by Councilman Perry**, to approve Ordinance 19-05 amending the existing surety bond amount requirement. **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