

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
Monday, January 6, 2020

The Council Re-Organization Meeting of January 6, 2020 was called to order by Council President Sonya Sanders at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

There was a **Moment of Silence** followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance**. The following Council members were present:

Oaths of Office

There was a swearing-in of re-elected Councilwoman Heather Lewis (Ward 2) by Magisterial Judge Margaret Hunsicker.

There was a swearing-in of re-elected Councilman Hakim Jones (Ward 4) by Common Pleas Judge Garrett Page.

There was a swearing-in of newly elected At-Large Councilman Thomas Lepera by Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Kevin Dougherty.

There was a **Moment of Silence** followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance**. The following Council members were present:

Valerie Scott-Cooper
Sonya Sanders

Hakim Jones
Thomas Lepera

Heather Lewis
Rebecca Smith

Derrick Perry

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

Public Comment

Cymantia Tomlinson, 135 Noble Street, Norristown – Ms. Tomlinson told Council that there is a business in the R-2 Zoning that uses her property as a parking lot. The Solicitor explained that this is an ongoing and pending legal matter.

Mary Ellen DiGregorio, 564 E. Main Street, Norristown – Ms. DiGregorio advised Council she is not happy with the tax increase and the hiring of an outside law firm. She advised the new Council that they have 45 days to re-visit the budget.

Jim Perna, 241 Fornance Street, Norristown – Mr. Perna noted that there was no mention of removing parking when the traffic signals were replaced at the intersection near his residence. He said he can't go against PennDOT alone and he asked Council to look into this matter.

Nominations/Vote for Vice President of 2020 Council

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Lewis, seconded by Councilman Perry**, to nominate Rebecca Smith as Vice President of Council. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Nominations/Vote for President of 2020 Council

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper**, to nominate Derrick Perry as President of Council. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Oath of Office to Vice President of 2020 Council

There was a swearing-in of Rebecca Smith as Vice President of Council by Magisterial District Judge Jodie Richardson.

Oath of Office to President of 2020 Council

There was a swearing-in of Derrick Perry as President of Council by Magisterial District Judge Jodie Richardson.

Remarks from incoming Council President

Council President Perry remarked to “be on board for a better Norristown” and that “it should have been about Norristown first.” He thanked and praised former Council President Sanders.

Resolution 20-01: Reappointment of Professional Staff for 2020

Mr. Crandall Jones read the names of the Professional Staff being appointed to various capacities within the Municipality of Norristown.

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper, seconded by Councilman Lepera**, to approve Resolution 20-01. **The motion passed 6-0 with Councilwoman Sanders recusing herself due to a conflict of interest.**

ADJOURNMENT

There was a **motion to adjourn the Council Re-Organization Meeting by Councilwoman Lewis, seconded by Councilman Jones. The motion passed unanimously.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann M. Santangelo, Clerk of Council

