

NORRISTOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

The Council Meeting of December 3, 2019 was called to order by Council President Sonya Sanders at 7:30 PM in 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; Sean Kilkenny, Municipal Solicitor; Chief Mark Talbot, Norristown Police Department; Jayne Musonye, Director of Planning & Development; Norman Butts, Director of Finance; Amrinder Singh, Codes Manager.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Brady, seconded by Councilman Perry**, to approve the Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2019. **The motion passed unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Council President Sanders announced that Council met in Executive Session to discuss real estate and litigation issues.

PRESENTATIONS:

National League of Cities Love My City Campaign Kickoff & Video

(Due to technical difficulties, this presentation has been postponed to a future meeting.)

Presenting of Proclamation to Elmwood Park Zoo

Council President Sanders presented to Al Zone, EPZ Director, and other members of the Norristown Zoological Society a proclamation highlighting the

achievements of the Zoo. It was proclaimed that December 3 would be “Elmwood Park Zoo Day.”

Citizens’ Leadership Academy receive program certificates from Council

Gabriela Prete, Public Information Officer, presented certificates to the participants of the 7th Cohort of the Citizens’ Leadership Academy.

Presentation of Comprehensive Financial Review by Davenport & Company

Mr. Joe Mason and Ms. Jennifer Diercksen of Davenport and Company, the Municipality’s Financial Adviser, presented to Council the results of its comprehensive financial analysis and recommendations regarding fiscal policy and financial strategies to bring the budget back to a structural balance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GRAND OPENING OF NORRISTOWN RECREATION CENTER – December 7, 2019 from 10 am to 1 pm. Refreshments, t-shirt giveaways, crafts and Santa Claus.

ELMWOOD PARK ZOO FREE ADMISSION – Free admission to the Zoo and Wild Lights for Norristown residents has been rescheduled for December 8th. Must show proof of residency.

PLYMOUTH AMBULANCE TOY DRIVE – Benefits Bryn Mawr Hospital and St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children.

The Norristown Sewer Authority is moving on December 9th to 25 East Marshall Street, Norristown, PA.

CADCOM FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE on January 28, 2020. Call 610-277-6363.

JOB RESOURCE – First Quality in King of Prussia, PA, 601 Allendale Road, Career Fair – December 5th from 10 am to 3 pm.

HELP A SINGLE PARENT FUNDRAISER – Saturday, December 7th from 7 pm to 12 midnight at the Cedar Club. See Councilwomen Valerie Scott-Cooper or Heather Lewis.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ameiko Malcolm, 108 East Main Street – Ms. Malcolm has been running the Norristown Community Garden on the State Hospital grounds for 5 years. She is seeking Council's support by the way of donations or grant money.

There were no Communication items.

APPOINTMENTS

Resolution 19-163: Appointments to Citizen Boards and Committees

There was a motion by Councilman Perry with a second by Councilwoman Brady, to appoint Nick Valla to the Board of Code Appeals. Motion passed unanimously.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

Resolution 19-162: Council will consider the appointment of Tri-State Financial Group, LLC as the Municipal Amusement Tax Administrator

There was a motion by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper, seconded by Councilwoman Smith, to appoint Tri-State Financial Group, LLC, to collect all amusement taxes on behalf of the Municipality. Motion passed 6-0. Councilwoman Brady recused herself.

Update on potential monetization of the Norristown Municipal Waste Authority and authorization to request bids

PFM provided an update on the status of the potential Authority sale.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, to authorize issuance of a Request for Bids for the purchase price of the NMWA. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE

Authorization to advertise and first reading of the Ordinance 19-14 adopting the FY 2020 Budget and establishing the Real Estate Tax Rate for 2020

Norman Butts, Finance Director, provided details of the budget.

There was a **motion by Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis**, to authorize Ordinance 19-14 and establish the Real Estate Tax Rate of 15.7 millage. **Motion passed unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper, seconded by Councilwoman Smith**, to adjourn the Council Meeting. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann M. Santangelo