

## NORRISTOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

The Council Meeting of March 3, 2020 was called to order by Council President Derrick Perry 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:

Valerie Scott-Cooper  
Thomas Lepera

Hakim Jones  
Rebecca Smith

Sonya Sanders  
Derrick Perry

Also present were: Crandall Jones, Municipal Administrator; Chief Mark Talbot, Norristown Police Chief; Sean Kilkenny, Municipal Solicitor; Thomas Odenigbo, Director of Public Works; Norman Butts, Director of Finance; Amrinder Singh, Code Manager.

### **Motion to Approve Minutes**

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper, seconded by Councilman Lepera**, to approve the Minutes of the February 18, 2020 Council Work Session Meeting. **Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Executive Session Announcement**

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

### **Announcements**

“Men of Excellence” 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “Ted Talk” on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm at Theatre Horizon. Free event. Go to Google to register.

Census Information Night at the Norristown Recreation Center on March 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm.

NAACP Roundtable Candidate Forum on March 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-9 pm at Theatre Horizon.

There were no Public Comments.

### **Appointments**

#### **Swearing-in ceremony for firefighter Bret Baker**

Council President Perry conducted the swearing-in of Bret Baker.

### **Legal**

#### **Ordinance 20-05 – Marijuana Decriminalization Fine Amendment**

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis**, to approve Ordinance 20-05. **Motion passed unanimously.**

## **Police**

### **Ordinance 20-07 – Request for Council to approve 2 stop signs at the intersection of Sterigere Street and Forrest Avenue in the Municipality of Norristown**

Chief Talbot noted that a traffic study concluded there is limited visibility to warrant the stop signs.

There was a motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Smith, to approve Ordinance 20-07. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Planning & Municipal Development**

### **Resolution 20-20 – Montgomery Park Senior Living Phase II LERTA application**

Crandall Jones provided an explanation of what the LERTA entails.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper, to approve Resolution 20-20. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Departmental Reports**

### **Monthly report to update Council on February 2020 activities within presenting departments**

## **Finance**

Director Butts reported that the 2020 budget was approved by Council and a Tax Rate was also approved. The 2020-24 CIP Comprehensive Fee Schedule was adopted. Council appointed Bond Counsel, amended the Fiscal Affairs section of the Administrative Code, adopted financial policies and goals, awarded a contract for a vehicle leasing program. Tax bills were mailed; Finance worked with state auditors to complete the pension audit and worked with staff and bond counsel to restructure the existing budget.

## **Recreation**

Erica Genuardi, Recreation Manager, reported on gym rentals, Open Gym (one for girls on Wednesdays from 5-7 pm, Zumba, Boot Camp, a program called “Girls on the Run”, Summer Camp, Quick Ball registration, Camp Registration and the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper, seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion passed unanimously. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann M. Santangelo, Clerk of Council