

**NORRISTOWN MUNICIPALITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

The Council Meeting of February 2, 2021 was called to order by Council President Derrick Perry at 7:30 PM by way of the virtual gotomeeting.com application.

There was a **Moment of Silence** followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance**. The following Council members were signed in to the meeting:

Valerie Moman	Hakim Jones	Sonya Sanders
Rebecca Smith	Thomas Lepera	Derrick Perry

Also signed in were: Crandall Jones, Municipal Administrator; Chief Mark Talbot, Norristown Police Chief; Sean Kilkenny, Municipal Solicitor; Jayne Musonye, Director of Planning & Development; Thomas Odenigbo, Director of Public Works; Amrinder Singh, Code Manager.

Motion to approve Minutes

There was a **motion by Council Vice President Lepera, seconded by Councilman Jones**, to approve the Minutes from January 19, 2021. **The motion passed 6-0.**

Executive Session

Council did not meet in Executive Session prior to the meeting.

Announcements

Black History Month – the County is sponsoring their first virtual panel discussions. This year’s program is “The Black Family: representation, identity and diversity.” Each Wednesday in February from 12 noon to 1:15 pm. Information on the County website – montcopa.org.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Appointments

Resolution 21-06: Boards and Committees

Request for Council to remove Dominic Giuffrida from the “Keep Norristown Beautiful” Committee for failure to attend the required number of events.

There was a **motion by Council Vice President Lepera, seconded by Councilman Jones**, to approve the removal of Dr. Giuffrida from the KNB Committee. **The motion passed 6-0.**

Resolution 21-11: Appointments to Stormwater Advisory Committee

Request for Council to approve the following appointments to the Stormwater Advisory Committee:

Amy Wirth	(Community Member)
Phil Ellingsworth	(Community Member)

Ramon Rios	(Community Member)
Vincenzo Armato	(Business)
Aaron Muderick	(Business)

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Moman, seconded by Councilman Jones**, to approve the appointments to the Stormwater Advisory Committee. **The motion passed 6-0.**

Police

Resolution 21-10: Motion to approve requests for Disabled Parking Spaces.

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilman Jones**, to approve Handicapped Parking Spaces at the following addresses:

825 Buttonwood Street
1201 Powell Street

The motion passed 6-0.

Municipal Administrator

Resolution 21-13: Municipal Council to select the artists and approve the Black Lives Matter mural design

There was a Power Point presentation by J. Nicole Hatfield highlighting their Black Lives Matter mural design.

There was a **motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Smith**, to approve the mural design. **The motion passed 6-0.**

Request for Municipal Council to approve the Assessment Appeal Stipulations agreed upon by the Norristown Area School District

There was a **motion by Council Vice President Lepera, seconded by Councilwoman Moman**, to approve the Assessment Appeal Stipulations for 751 Astor Street and 200 East Airy Street. **The motion passed 6-0.**

Resolution 21-12: Municipal Hall additions and renovations – awarding bids for abatement and sprinkler contracts

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Moman, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders**, to approve contracts with: Gordon H. Baver, Inc. in the amount of \$381,200.00 for sprinkler services and Plymouth Environmental Company, Inc. for remediation services in the amount of \$89,400.00. **The motion passed 6-0.**

Resolution 21-14: Support of the enactment of legislation

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilman Jones**, to approve Resolution 21-14 supporting the enactment of legislation that would temporarily suspend foreclosures and evictions during the COVID-19 pandemic and requesting the Pennsylvania Legislature and Federal Government to take immediate action to address the same. **The motion passed 6-0.**

Building & Codes Enforcement

Request for Council to approve Ordinance 21-01 to amend Article III of Chapter 239 (Abandoned Real

Property) of the Municipal Code

There was a motion by Council Vice President Lepera, seconded by Councilwoman Moman, to approve the amendment of Section 239-7 (relating to definitions), Section 239-8 (relating to registry), and Section 239-10 (relating to violations and penalties.) **The motion passed 6-0.**

Historical Architectural Review Board – January 2021

There was a motion by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Moman, to approve the HARB applications received, reviewed and recommended for approval by the HARB for January 2021 for the following addresses:

116 West Marshall Street
512 Astor Street

The motion passed 6-0.

Departmental Reports

Monthly reports to update Council on January 2021 activities within presenting departments: Administration and Public Works.

Mr. Crandall Jones provided information regarding the demolition project for the State Hospital; Ministerial appointments with thanks to Angie of the NAACP; analysis of data using Digital Data with regard to a stormwater issue and finding ways to reduce costs; the State Hospital Garden Club has a new location on Marshall Street; outreach to the Citizens Leadership Academy members; information from the Department Heads Retreat.

Mr. Thomas Odenigbo provided information about clearing of roads and alleys; community clean-up of tree limbs and the repair of a stormwater sewer pipe on the West End; trash transition with new receptacles; PECO projects replacing mains and service lines may cause traffic issues.

Adjournment

There was a motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, to adjourn the Council Meeting. **The motion passed 6-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann M. Santangelo, Clerk of Council