

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING JULY 6, 2021

The Council Meeting of July 6, 2021 was called to order by Council President Derrick Perry at 7:30 PM in the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, 2 West Lafayette Street, 1st Floor, Norristown, PA.

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

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

Also present were: Crandall Jones, Municipal Administrator; Sean Kilkenny, Municipal Solicitor; Lieutenant Dillon, Norristown Police Department; Jayne Musonye, Director of Planning & Development; Kathy Pfister, Director of Finance; Thomas Odenigbo, Director of Public Works and Amrinder Singh, Building and Codes Manager.

Motion to Approve Minutes

There was a **motion by Councilman Lepera, seconded by Councilwoman Smith**, to approve the Minutes of the June 15, 2021 Council Work Session. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Session Announcement

Council President Perry announced that Council met in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss real estate issues.

Announcements

Councilwoman Moman announced that "Help a Single Parent" is sponsoring a "Fish Fry" on July 17th in the Courthouse lot on Dekalb and Marshall Streets for school supplies and materials. If interested in donating, please see Councilwoman Moman or Councilwoman Sanders.

Public Comment

Fernando Feliciano, 728 Cedar Lane, Norristown. Mr. Feliciano praised Chief Talbot for his hard work, improved relations and renewed sense of security for the Latino community. He looks forward to collaboration with Lieutenant Todd Dillon. He brought up a recent incident involving a Norristown Police Officer and a street vendor.

Jesenia Sanchez, 519 George Street, Norristown. Ms. Sanchez noted she is the daughter of an immigrant and she is scared for her community. She said that Chief Talbot helped rebuild years of trust and she needs to know if it will continue to include her community.

Nancy O'Sullivan, 1209 Markley Street, Norristown. Ms. O'Sullivan spoke on behalf of walkers. She spoke to Public Works and Public Safety to get better ways to park on Harding Boulevard when visiting the zoo. She asked for direction as to who to speak to for suggestions. She noted there is no sidewalk behind Eisenhower.

John Coyle, 1328 West Main Street, Norristown. Mr. Coyle thanked Mr. Singh for handling a property issue

and President Perry for getting him a trash can but he still needs a recycle container.

Jesus Peregrina, 525 East Marshall Street, Norristown. Mr. Peregrina told Council that landlords are raising rent and it's a struggle. It hurts him to see the immigrants struggle. He asked if there was a solution.

Appointments

Administration of Oath of Office for Entry Level Police Officer James McIlwain

Judge Scott conducted the swearing-in of Officer James McIlwain.

Police

Resolution 21-58: Motion to approve the annual payment of the Police Department's Records Management System

Lt. Bishop explained that the Police Department has a 3-year agreement with CODY for 2019, 2020 and 2021.

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Lewis, seconded by Councilwoman Smith**, to maintain the Police Department's Records Management System by approving the annual payment of \$24,024.03. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Resolution 21-60: Intergovernmental Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the Municipality of Norristown and the Montgomery County Correctional Facility

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Moman, seconded by Councilman Jones**, to approve Resolution 21-60 and the Memorandum of Understanding to participate as a temporary member of the Central Booking Center to process those who are arraigned until City Hall renovations are completed. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Municipal Administrator

Resolution No. 21-59: authorizing a contract in the amount of \$16,200 with CitizenLab

Mr. Crandall Jones explained that CitizenLab would be helpful due to the fact that there are so many projects needing public input.

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Moman, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis**, to approve a 1-year agreement with CitizenLab for digital services relating to community engagement and communication. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Departmental Reports

Monthly Reports to update Council on June 2021 activities within presenting departments:

Public Works

Mr. Odenigbo provided highlights of his monthly report: new temporary salt barn; issues with Mascaro's solid waste collection; PECO gas line leak projects affecting the right-of-way; rating of alleys – the worst will be paved; can't get striping paint for pavements due to an issue in Texas where it is usually purchased from; parks continue to be maintained.

Administration

Mr. Crandall Jones reported that the City Hall Jail is currently being built. They are working with the Architect to bring costs down for some of the plans; received a few applications for the Stormwater Advisory Committee; monthly meetings continue regarding the State Hospital. Demolition at the end of the summer. Separate meetings continue with the County regarding them vacating the premises by December 20, 2021; Information coming regarding the CIP projects. Research continues for the American Rescue Plan – a packet will be brought before Council regarding Uses; 33 applications received for the Police Chief search; spoke to Safe Cities and will share with Council who's eligible.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted by Roseann M. Santangelo, Clerk of Council