

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPALITY
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2024

The Council Work Session of Tuesday, August 20, 2024 was called to order by Council President, Thomas Lepera, at 6:30 PM in Municipal Hall Chambers, 235 East Airy Street, Norristown, PA.

There was a **Moment of Silence** followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

The following Council members were in attendance:

Rebecca Smith
Tiffani Hendley
William McCoy
Lauren Hughes
Dustin Queenan
Thomas Lepera

Also in attendance were:

Leonard Lightner, Municipal Administrator; Patrick Hitchens, Acting Municipal Solicitor, Sean Kilkenny Law; Norristown Police Chief Jacqueline Bailey-Davis; Jayne Musonye, Director of Planning and Municipal Development; Kathy Pfister, Director of Finance; Thomas O'Donnell, Norristown Fire Chief; Thomas Odenigbo, Director of Public Works; Bri'Ana Hawkins, Recreation Director; Keith Gordon, Code Enforcement Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was a **motion by Council Vice President Queenan, seconded by Councilwoman Smith**, to approve the Minutes of the August 7, 2024 Council Meeting. **The motion passed 6-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Council President Lepera announced that Council did not meet in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting.

PRESENTATION

Montgomery County Prothonotary's Office Presentation – Programs for Domestic Violence Survivors

There was a Power Point Presentation for "Protection From Abuse" (PFA).

Mr. Noah Marlier, County Prothonotary, explained that the Prothonotary's Office processes over 100 Civil Filing types. He said that the PFA is a crucial part of the process by helping expedite the paperwork. He said there would be a Hope Card Program that contains the pertinent information from the final PFA Order which is an added level of protection and the Police would have the information as well.

He added that this is the first program of its kind in Pennsylvania and they are trying to bring it to all Municipalities and Townships.

He noted that the Protection from Abuse packet can be obtained online to reduce time in the Courthouse during the initial filing process.

He concluded by saying he came before Council to bring the initiative to their attention.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Vice President Queenan said that a Spanish translation of the Council meeting is available through headsets provided by Jessie in the rear of the Chambers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cynthia Culbreath, 323 Bristol Avenue, Norristown – She informed Council that there was a Bronze Medal Olympic Winner from Bridgeport in the current Summer Olympics. She asked when Josh Culbreath's name will be approved for a new street sign that she requested.

President Lepera said they will reach out to her when it is scheduled for the Agenda.

Rocco R., Kohn Street – He said he still doesn't have a Handicapped Parking Sign. He said he has seen parking on sidewalks on Marshall Street. He said there was trash piled up on Monday night and no one does anything about it. He said he believes the trash is brought from out of town.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

Resolution No. 24-87: Request for Municipal Council authorization to submit a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery for the Hancock Elementary School Foot Bridge Project

Mr. Lightner explained that this project is to allow pedestrian crossing.

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Hughes, seconded by Councilman McCoy**, to authorize the submission of a Grant application to HUD for a Community Development Block Grant

Disaster Recovery for the Hancock Elementary School Foot Bridge Project. **The motion passed 6-0.**

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

President Lepera said that there were no Department Reports for this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann Santangelo