Special Council Meeting Minutes
Upper Darby Township
100 Garrett Road
Upper Darby, PA 19082
January 27, 2025 7:00 pm

\*\*The video of this meeting can be viewed in its entirety on youtube.com/upperdarby.org\*\*

President Tunis opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance, after which there was a moment of silence.

## Roll Call:

Present: Andrew Hayman (AH), Michelle Billups (MB), Marion Minick (MM), Hafiz Tunis (HT), David Bantoe (DB), Jess Branas (JB) via Zoom, Laura Wentz (LW), and Danyelle Blackwell (Dblackwell). Excused: Meaghan Wagner (MW), Brian Andruszko (BA), Matt Silva (MS).

Also present: The Honorable Mayor Ed Brown, Chief Administrative Officer Crandall O. Jones, Solicitor Gallagher, Chief Municipal Clerk Kate Doggett, and Officer Bateman.

## **Rules for Meeting Decorum**

"Upper Darby residents have the opportunity to speak for three (3) minutes. Residents are prohibited from making threats, using profanity, or acting in a manner that would impede or prevent the conduct of the business of the meeting. Any person who attends the meeting and makes remarks, disrupts, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting after receiving a verbal warning may be required to leave the meeting at the discretion of the Council President."

Public Forum should not exceed thirty (30 minutes. If a resident chooses to ask questions, they are voluntarily giving up their time for a response. This means that the 3-minute timer will continue to run no matter who is speaking. The timer will be clearly displayed on the screen.

## **Public Forum**

Azmm Rahma of 14 Glencoe Road stated he was in attendance.

Kyle McIntyre of 1040 Drexel Avenue announced that today commemorates International Holocaust Remembrance Day and urged residents to remember the importance of collective action to protect marginalized communities.

James Burrows of 447 Hampshire Road discussed the concept of leadership and the Council's leadership.

Becky Duggan (address not provided) commented on Kyle McIntyre's Public Forum comments. She discussed leadership and the Upper Darby Township website and thanked the police, fire, and public works departments for serving the township.

Olivia Taylor (address not provided) discussed CAO Jones' salary and asked if there was an updated list of employee salaries.

## Chief Administrative Officer, Crandall O. Jones

Ordinance No. 3184: FY2025 Budget Appropriations

Motion by AH, seconded by MM

LW asked why the Council was voting on this item again, which President Tunis explained.

Motion to reintroduce and readvertise Ordinance No. 3184 appropriating funds for the Budget for the 2025 Fiscal Year.

Roll Call Vote: 7 in favor (AH, MB, MM, HT, DB, JB, Dblackwell), 1 opposed (LW), 3 excused (MW, BA, MS).

Motion passes

Motion by Dblackwell, seconded by AH

Motion to readvertise the Proposed, Amended Budget for the 2025 Fiscal Year.

Roll Call Vote: 7 in favor (AH, MB, MM, HT, DB, JB, Dblackwell), 1 opposed (LW), 3 excused (MW, BA, MS).

Motion passes

Motion by Dblackwell, seconded by DB

Motion to advertise two public hearings and Special Council Meeting for the Proposed, Amended Budget for the 2025 Fiscal Year.

LW asked what dates and times the Public Hearings and the Special Meeting would occur.

Roll Call Vote: 7 in favor (AH, MB, MM, HT, DB, JB, Dblackwell), 1 opposed (LW), 3 excused (MW, BA, MS).

**Motion passes** 

Motion by MM, seconded by AH
Motion to Adjourn
All in favor
The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Doggett

Chief Municipal Clerk