

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
July 19, 2007

Media Borough Council met in Council Chambers of the Media Municipal Center on the above date with the following officials present: President Daly, Vice-President Hall, Councilwoman Simpson, Councilmen Alyanakian, Williamson and Tyson. Borough Manager Smith, Solicitor Scott and Treasurer Dimond were also in attendance.

President Daly called the Public Hearing to order at 7:35 p.m.

SUMMARY OF BALTIMORE AVENUE OVERLAY DISTRICT ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

President Daly turned the meeting over to Councilman Williamson. Councilman Williamson provided a brief overview of the Baltimore Avenue Overlay District Ordinance amendments, which pertain to guidelines for a streetscape enhancement overlay district along Baltimore Avenue, and the process involved with the ordinance. Councilman Williamson mentioned that the Comprehensive Plan Task Force reviewed development along Baltimore Avenue and recommended Borough Council attempt to manage growth along this area.

Tom Comitta, Town Planner, mentioned that his firm, the Planning Commission and Borough Staff worked diligently for one (1) year on preparing the ordinance.

Mr. Comitta reviewed the details of the ordinance and presented a slide show highlighting the ordinance to explain how this will amend the Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development ordinances.

Mr. Comitta noted that input from the Planning Commission, Councilman Williamson, Solicitor Scott and the Borough staff was considered when putting together the draft of the ordinance. The final version is a compilation of all recommendations along with ordinances from other municipalities.

Mr. Comitta mentioned that the Borough is in receipt of a memorandum from Dennis Slostad of Media Real Estate listing some concerns with the ordinance. Mr. Slostad mentions mainly subdivision and land development issues, which a waiver can be requested based on each individual application.

PUBLIC COMMENT & PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Tim Sullivan, 216 S. Orange Street, applauded Council for moving forward with the Baltimore Avenue Overlay District Ordinance. Mr. Sullivan inquired about the definition of "Build to Line" mentioning that he favors greenery in front of buildings in Media Borough, specifically on Baltimore Avenue. Mr. Sullivan is not in favor of buildings without greenery in the front of them (i.e. Flagship Building).

Christy Dick, 113 Pennock Place, expressed her concerns about the ramifications of this ordinance on residents of Pennock Place, who are in close proximity to the HBO Zoning District.

In closing, Councilman Williamson mentioned that the Baltimore Avenue Overlay District Ordinance will be up for adoption during the regular meeting this evening. Councilman Williamson intends on recommending that Council adopt the ordinance as outlined.

ADJOURNMENT

The Public Hearing adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary