

MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
August 18, 2005

Media Borough Council met in Council Chambers on the above date with the following officials present: Mayor McMahon, President Hagan, Vice-President Robinson, Councilpersons Alyanakian, Krull, Whitaker, Sherwin and Tyson. Also present were Borough Manager Smith, Solicitor Middlebrooks, Engineer Walton, Treasurer Gioggia and Administrative Assistant Godek.

President Hagan called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and led the salute to the flag. President Hagan called for a moment of silence for Pennsylvania residents serving in the military. President Hagan announced that Council would recess for an executive session at the end of tonight's meeting to discuss a personnel matter and pending litigation.

Approval of the Minutes

Vice-President Robinson motioned to approve the July 21, 2005 public hearing minutes and the July 21, 2005 council meeting minutes. Councilwoman Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Privilege of the Floor

Mayor's Report – Mayor McMahon

Mayor McMahon reported there were 869 complaints in the month of July, no reported burglaries.

Mayor McMahon read Proclamation #2005-07 declaring September 4, 2005 to September 10, 2005 Suicide Prevention Week.

Council Committee Reports

Recreation, Code Enforcement & Properties – Mr. Tyson

Councilperson Tyson made the following Library announcements; the library is accepting donations for the fall book sale, which will be held in October; the summer reading program has concluded but additional children's events are planned; Fine Garden Creation has donated time and resources to landscape at the library.

Councilperson Tyson announced the Media Historic House Tour will be held on September 24, 2005. Tickets are available at Borough Hall, Kenny's Flowers and Quincy's Marquet Basquet.

Councilperson Tyson thanked the Media Theatre for hosting the DELCO Idol competition and other events to draw visitors and residents into the downtown.

Councilperson Tyson announced the creation of the Media Arts Council (MAC), which hosted a kick-off event last week. The group will do various activities to support artists in Media.

Councilperson Tyson reported the demolition of structures at 300 E. State Street and noted that no plans have been approved for construction on this site. Councilperson Tyson also stated that demolition is occurring along Baltimore Avenue. Media Borough Council sent a letter to the property owner at 7-13 requesting that the property be preserved, however, it may be too little too late. Councilperson Tyson made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to research and draft a historic preservation ordinance, which would allow for further review by Council before the demolition of structures in the Borough. Councilperson Tyson stated this would include demolition of historic sites and address a process by which to review and solicit public input before a demolition could occur. Councilperson Alyanakian seconded the motion. President Hagan stated she spoke to the Borough Manager earlier in the week and suggested that he contact the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs to see if there are any model ordinances available before authorizing the solicitor's assistance. Councilperson Krull inquired to what structures would be considered for this review. Councilpersons Whitaker and Sherwin requested criteria be established before considering a motion. Vice-President Robinson made a motion to table the motion. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Councilperson Alyanakian requested some type of ordinance be drafted. Solicitor Middlebrooks stated in previous research, buildings that are on the national register of Historic Places are still subject to demolition at the will of the property owner. The motion to table carried 5-2 with Councilpersons Alyanakian and Tyson casting dissenting votes.

Public Safety – Ms. Whitaker

Councilwoman Whitaker reported that the police department received a thank you letter from John Schaffer, from Schaffer Sound Production, along with a donation.

Councilwoman Whitaker made a motion to purchase a repeater for the Fire and Police Departments from contingency funds in the amount of \$34,440.70 Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Community Development – Mr. Robinson

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adopt Resolution #2005-10 for a sewer module at 312-314 N. Orange Street. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the change of use/minor land development application for 19 S. Olive Street, formerly Bad Karma Tattoos, to permit the operation of a small confectionary, dessert and ice cream store. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson announced that he is creating a "Hometown University" which will offer a lecture series to interested residents on the daily functions of local government. Vice-President encouraged residents to contact Borough Manger Smith for information about participation.

Personnel & Highway – Ms. Hagan

President Hagan thanked Christine Godek for her service to the Borough as an Administrative Assistant. President Hagan announced that Caryn Chester will be returning from her extended maternity leave on September 6, 2005.

Finance, Insurance & MBA – Mr. Sherwin

Councilman Sherwin read the finance report. The Finance Committee reported checks drawn on the Central Disbursement account for the following funds:

General Fund	\$ 265,133.45
Recreation Fund	\$ 5,007.55
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ <u>8,445.66</u>
Total	\$ 278,586.66

Councilman Sherwin motioned that bills be paid when properly approved for all funds. Councilwoman Krull seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sherwin motioned to adopt Resolution #2005-11 approving the mid-year budget update. Councilperson Tyson stated he was opposed to using the revenue from the Emergency and Municipal Services Tax to fund non-police and fire items and is concerned the funds set aside for the fire department have been squandered. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2 with Councilpersons Tyson and Alyanakian casting dissenting votes.

Councilperson Sherwin made a motion to reject the bids for the sale of the Chevy Caprice. Vice-President Robinson made a motion to table the motion. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion to table. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sherwin made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to solicit RFP's for a general obligation note. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Councilperson Sherwin mentioned property taxes would be looked at to help pay the debt for these capital projects. The motion carried 5-2, with Councilpersons Tyson and Alyanakian casting dissenting votes.

Councilperson Sherwin made the following MBA announcements: Fall Super Sunday, September 11, 2005; Media Garage Sale, September 17, 2005.

Recreation, Grants, Recycling & Streetscape – Mrs. Krull

Councilperson Krull thanked all the participants in Media Summer Camp in making it another successful year.

Councilperson Krull reported the Streetscape bid opening would occur on September 7, 2005.

Health & Shade Tree Commission – Mr. Alyanakian

Councilman Alyanakian reported the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) conducted a walk around to examine stormwater management problems and will continue to monitor progress in this area.

Councilperson Alyanakian reminded residents to take precaution when outdoors to reduce exposure to the West Nile virus and asked that residents use lids on their trash cans.

Councilperson Alyanakian announced that the Shade Tree Commission will have planted over 90 trees this year throughout the Borough.

Privilege of the Floor

President Hagan asked for a moment of silence for David Held who owned and operated a shop in the downtown for many years.

Ms. Rowland, Second Street, stated that rental houses would not fall in to a state of disrepair if the Borough sent building inspectors to examine the properties on a regular basis. Mrs. Rowland inquired about the exhibits to veterans of the South Pacific at the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum. Mayor McMahon responded that they would be commemorated.

Adjournment

Vice-President Robinson motioned to adjourn the meeting to executive session. Councilwoman Krull seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary