

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 18, 2006**

The Media Borough Council met in Council Chambers on the above date with the following officials present: Mayor McMahon, President Daly, Vice-President Hall, Councilpersons Alyanakian, Simpson, Derrickson, Williamson and Tyson. Also present were Borough Manager Smith, Engineer Walton and Solicitor Middlebrooks.

President Daly called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. and led the salute to the flag. President Daly observed a moment of silence for the sudden passing of Treasurer Dr. Robert Gioggia. President Daly recognized former Council members Joan Hagan, Paul Robinson, Debbie Krull, Barry Sherwin and Paul Patchel. Barry Sherwin mentioned that Dr. Gioggia was a problem solver and deserves credit for his service on Borough Council and Treasurer. President Daly mentioned there will be a ceremony celebrating the life of Dr. Gioggia on May 27, 2006 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Parlor Room.

April 20, 2006 Executive Session

President Daly announced the reasons for the March 16, 2006 Executive Session. The following issues were discussed: 300 E. State Street Appeal, 4th & Orange Appeal and 3rd & Edgmont Appeal.

Approval of the Minutes

Vice-President Hall made a motion to approve the April 20, 2006 Borough Council Meeting minutes and the April 26, 2006 Special Meeting minutes. Councilwoman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with one (1) revision noted to the April 20, 2006 Borough Council Meeting minutes. Councilman Williamson requested to add the word "Preliminary" to the Reverse Subdivision of all properties within the city block bounded by Radnor/Manchester/Franklin/Baltimore.

Mayor's Report – Mayor McMahon

Mayor McMahon reported the Police Department received and investigated 932 complaints during the month of April. There were no reported burglaries during the month of April.

Mayor McMahon announced a Memorial Day Parade will be held in the Borough and invited Robert Dimond to provide the details. Mr. Dimond mentioned the parade will be held on Monday, May 29, 2006 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and will follow the normal route up State Street, concluding at the Court House. There will be two (2) guest speakers: retired General Wallace Arnold and Sergeant Joseph Dimond, who is returning from Iraq. Also present will be the Penncrest Band, Cub Scouts and several veteran groups.

Proclamation #2006-05 – National Bike to Work Week

Mayor McMahon read Proclamation #2006-05 proclaiming May 15 through May 19, 2006 to be National Bike to Work Week within the Borough of Media encouraging the use of bicycles rather than cars for the week.

Council Committee Reports

Health, Historic Preservation & Library – Mr. Tyson

Councilman Tyson announced the annual Rotary Soap Box Derby will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. until noon on North Edgmont Street. Councilman Tyson encouraged everyone to stop by for this fun event.

Councilman Tyson mentioned the Media-Upper Providence Library will host summer reading events. Please visit their website at www.medialibrary.org for more information.

The Media-Upper Providence Library will hold their board meeting on Monday, May 22, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. Councilman Tyson reported that Joan Hagan will be the guest speaker and they will honor several past presidents as well as key volunteers.

Councilman Tyson reported that the Board of Health is currently following up on the bird flu epidemic and keeping informed on all related news and updates.

Councilman Tyson mentioned there was a recent article in the Philadelphia Inquirer mentioning solar panels within the Borough of Media. Through Councilman Alyanakian's efforts, the Borough has installed solar panels at the Media Elementary School, Armory and Media-Upper Providence Library. Councilman Tyson congratulated Councilman Alyanakian on his work in this area.

Recreation, Technology, Media Business Authority & Lighting – Mrs. Simpson

Councilwoman Simpson announced the following events for the Recreation Board:

- Summer Camp registration is ongoing and the first session will be held on June 26, 2006.
- The Phillies Home Run Derby will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. on Barrall Field.
- The Media 5 Mile Race will be held on Friday, June 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The children's races will be held at 6:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. More information can be obtained from the website at www.media5milerace.com.
- A bus trip to the Blue Rocks will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2006. Tickets are \$9.00 each and include bus transportation.
- An outdoor Fresh Air Flick will be held on Sunday, June 25, 2006. More information will follow.
- Senior aerobics are held on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Center. Cost is \$1.00 per session.

- Thai Chi classes are forming for Monday evenings. Details to follow.
- Tennis lessons for children will be held in August. The adult lessons will be re-advertised, as they did not happen in May due to the weather.
- For more information on Recreation events, please feel free to contact Recreation Office Manager Paula Tenaro at 610-566-5210 X 255.

Councilwoman Simpson made a motion to appoint Kathleen McGehean of Salon Bella Gente to the Media Business Authority for a term of three (3) years, which will expire on December 31, 2008. Councilman Tyson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Simpson made a motion to appoint Roger Ricker of the Media Theatre to the Media Business Authority for a term of three (3) years, which will expire on December 31, 2008. Councilman Tyson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Simpson made a motion to appoint Ed Lawlor of Sligo to the Media Business Authority for a term of three (3) years, which will expire on December 31, 2008. Councilman Tyson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Simpson announced the following for the Media Business Authority:

- The Sixth Annual State Street Blues Stroll will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2006 from 7:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Tickets are available at participating venues or call 610-566-5039. For more information, please visit www.statestreetblues.com.

Through a request from the Media Business Authority, Councilwoman Simpson mentioned that Borough Council is considering donating all of the mercantile tax proceeds to them after their final budget approval. Councilwoman Simpson will meet with the Executive Board of the Media Business authority to discuss in further detail.

Councilwoman Simpson announced that the Lighting Committee is looking for volunteers. Interested individuals should contact Borough Manager Smith.

Public Safety, Media Arts Council & Streetscape – Mr. Hall

Vice-President Hall made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1009 pertaining to Mass Gathering amendments, which will allow the Borough discretion to waive and/or reduce the fee for a mass gathering when the projected amount of the additional cost of Borough services, due to the mass gathering, does not exceed \$750. These additional costs to the Borough include, but are not limited to the cost of police and/or highway personnel. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Solicitor Middlebrooks clarified the point that this relates to Borough property.

Vice-President Hall made a motion to approve a handicapped-parking request for 111 W. Franklin Street. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Hall reported that the Streetscape Project is winding down and the Borough expects to hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony in the fall.

Vice-President Hall announced that the Media Arts Council hosts Second Saturday in Media. On the second Saturday of every month, businesses on and around State Street stay open late as part of a free arts event. From 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., shops, galleries and cafes host local musicians or display the work of local artists. This is a great opportunity to visit businesses, listen to music, see performers, etc.

Personnel, Public Properties, Finance & Insurance – Mr. Daly

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

General Fund	\$ 608,538.84
Recreation Fund	\$ 2,326.85
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 16,807.89
Total	\$ 627,673.58

President Daly motioned that bills be paid when properly approved for all funds. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Daly reported that the Request for Banking Proposals was pulled from this evening's agenda. The Borough posed a question to the State Ethics Commission regarding whether or not Council members should be abstaining from the vote on this matter if that individual has a mortgage, car loan, home equity line, etc. with that particular institution. The Borough is currently awaiting an answer on that question and will hopefully know more information by the next Borough Council meeting.

President Daly announced the Walk of Fame event will be held on Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. Mayor McMahon will be on hand for the event and Vice-President Hall will attend in place of President Daly.

President Daly announced the next Parking Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

President Daly began a discussion regarding appointing an interim Treasurer until a permanent replacement for Robert Gioggia is appointed. Councilman Tyson made a motion to appoint Borough Manager Smith as the acting temporary Treasurer until such time as a new Treasurer is appointed, with the caveat that if it was determined there is a conflict with the Borough Manager serving the dual role that Tax Collector Robert Dimond be appointed instead. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williamson mentioned there is a request to enter into a License/Right-of-Way Agreement to erect a deck within the North Avenue Right-of-Way from the property owner at 113 W. 4th Street. The property owner is interested in determining Council's position on such a request. Councilman Williamson recommends the Borough not oppose as long as this License/Right-of-Way Agreement be constructed in such a way that is acceptable to the Borough Solicitor. Solicitor Middlebrooks believes this License/Right-of-Way Agreement should be tailored in the same fashion as the dumpster agreements. Borough Manager Smith stated that the property owner simply wants to get a sense of what Council's position would be if this request did go before the Zoning Hearing Board.

President Daly inquired if any Council member would be opposed to such a request. No Council member indicated they would oppose such a request at this point in time. Engineer Walton reported that there is a sewer line that runs in the middle of the property in question and that should be taken into consideration if an agreement is drafted. Councilman Tyson inquired if Council should make a motion to draft such an agreement at this time. Solicitor Middlebrooks replied that it would be more prudent to await a first draft from the property owner so that Council will have ample opportunity for revisions if need be.

Councilman Williamson mentioned Iron Hill Brewery has requested to place an outdoor dining area within five (5) parking along the side of their building, which will be leased from the Borough. This was something Iron Hill intended to do once they came into the Borough; however, it never came to fruition due to ongoing construction within this area. Councilman Williamson noted that this may come before Council for approval at the June meeting.

Highway, Recycling & Emergency Management – Mr. Derrickson

Councilman Derrickson reported that the street listing for the 2006 Road Improvements program has been finalized and is available for viewing at Borough Hall.

Shade Tree Commission & Environmental Advisory Council – Mr. Alyanakian

Councilman Alyanakian made a motion to authorize the drafting and advertisement of an ordinance creating the Environmental Advisory Council. This group has been meeting informally for approximately 18 months and has done great work on energy related activities within the Borough. The group is specifically focusing on stream banks and increasing the awareness of the Ridley Creek Watershed. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Alyanakian announced the Bike 4 Site event will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. in front of the Court House. This event is sponsored by Cycle Sport.

President Daly mentioned he would accept a motion to hire a part-time Records Maintenance Specialist. Councilwoman Simpson made a motion to hire Nancy Furmanak to replace Peggy Green as the part-time Records Maintenance Specialist with the Borough's Administration Department. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, with President Daly abstaining from the vote.

Code Enforcement and Community Development – Mr. Williamson

Councilman Williamson reported that he recently attended a conference titled "Building from Strength" hosted by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission pertaining to revitalizing downtown areas within municipalities.

Councilman Williamson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1010 pertaining to miscellaneous International Codes Council (ICC) appendices. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williamson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1011 expanding the Planning Commission from seven (7) to nine (9) members. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williamson noted he would be making three (3) separate motions in regards to the Final Reverse Subdivision, Subdivision and Land Development Application for the city block bounded by Radnor/Manchester/Franklin/Baltimore. The land development will be for two (2) buildings. The first will be on the northeast corner of the block for a one and a half story office building with parking in the rear. Next to that will be a vacant lot. No tenant is secured for this building as of yet. The rear of the property will include four (4) retail stores, which face Radnor Street. Councilman Williams mentioned that the applicant has been very cooperative during this extremely complicated project.

With that said, Councilman Williamson made a motion to approve the Final Reverse Subdivision for the city block bounded by Radnor/Manchester/Franklin/Baltimore. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williamson made a motion to subdivide the city block bounded by Radnor/Manchester/Franklin/Baltimore into three (3) separate lots. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williamson made a motion to approve the Land Development Application on two (2) of the three (3) parcels contingent upon comments made by the Engineer, Town Planner, final architectural details reviewed by the Planning Commission, approval of the lighting agreements and the cross easement access for dumpsters. Councilman Tyson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Bob Linn, Architect for the project, showed renderings of the proposed buildings.

Councilman Williamson noted that the Planning Commission recommends not opposing the Zoning Hearing Board Application for a modest addition to a cape code at 816 N. Olive Street.

Public Comment & Privilege of the Floor

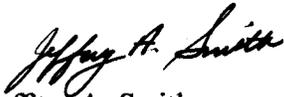
Kitty McFarland, State Street, inquired about the duties, compensation, etc. of the Borough Treasurer. President Daly responded that the compensation is \$4,200 per year and the Treasurer is responsible for all funds within the municipality. The Treasurer is required to be bonded and is an authorized signer on checks. This position is an appointed one, which takes place at the reorganization meeting in January, bi-annually.

Kitty McFarland mentioned that there are many areas within the structure of the Media Borough government that she would like to obtain more information (i.e. listing of boards/commissions, their functions, who serves on them, etc.). President Daly noted that the Borough will host a "Get to Know Your Community" day sometime in September for the purpose of disseminating this information. There will be representatives from various departments and boards/commissions.

Adjournment

Vice-President Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary