

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 21, 2007**

The Media Borough Council met in Council Chambers on the above date with the following officials present: Mayor McMahan, President Daly, Vice-President Hall, Councilpersons Alyanakian, Williamson, Simpson, Derrickson and Tyson. Also present were Borough Manager Smith, Solicitor Scott and Treasurer Dimond. Engineer Walton was absent from the meeting.

President Daly called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and led the salute to the flag. President Daly observed a moment for the passing of former Judge of Elections, Joseph Cardwell.

Approval of the Minutes

Councilman Tyson made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2007 Council meeting. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation to Media Fire Company

Monika Rehoric, President of the Media Historical Society, presented a check in the amount of \$750.00 to the Media Fire Company for their service to the community. Councilman Tyson accepted the check on behalf of the Fire Company and thanked the Historical Society.

Privilege of the Floor

President Daly reminded viewers watching the meeting at home they can e-mail any questions/comments for Borough Council to questions@mediaborough.com and they will be addressed during the meeting.

Mayor's Report – Mayor McMahan

Mayor McMahan reported the Police Department received and investigated 908 complaints during the month of May. There was one (1) reported burglary on May 25, 2007 along the 100 block of North Monroe Street.

Council Committee Reports

Health, Historic Preservation & Library – Mr. Tyson

Councilman Tyson mentioned the Media Theatre will host a Singer-Songwriter Summer Series on Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. during June, July and August. The acoustic concerts will be held in the Media Theatre's Crystal Room.

Councilman Tyson reported that the Borough is exploring the feasibility of implementing a car share program in Media. The City of Philadelphia has implemented PhillyCarShare in 2004 to become the first government worldwide to share cars with local residents in a major fleet reduction effort. This project has helped eliminate over 330 municipal vehicles, saving money to taxpayers. Their mission is to maximize the economic, environmental and social benefits of reduced automobile dependence in the region through community-based car sharing. If this program were to be available in Media Borough, residents would have the ability to reserve a vehicle for their use. The Borough would lose about six (6) parking spaces, which would be designated for these vehicles. More information will follow regarding this exciting new program.

Councilman Tyson urged his colleagues on Borough Council to reconsider the decision to fly French flags on the July 14, 2007 Second Saturday event. Councilman Alyanakian added that while the Media Arts Council's Second Saturday events have been a success, it is his belief that we will have to honor every request for flying flags if we honor this one. Councilman Alyanakian noted that the Police Department and Veterans have expressed their concern regarding this request. Judy Fowler, President of Media Arts Council, mentioned that the flags will go up on Friday and will be removed on the following Monday. The flags will be up during the Media Arts Council's Second Saturday event, which also happens to be France's Bastille Day. The Media Arts Council decided to make Bastille Day the theme for their Second Saturday event to celebrate the friendship between the United States of America and France. Monika Rehoric mentioned that perhaps Council should consider flying multi-country flags as the City of Philadelphia does along the Parkway.

Recreation, Technology, Media Business Authority & Lighting –

Mrs. Simpson

Councilwoman Simpson reported that the 7th Annual State Street Blues Stroll on June 9, 2007 was a huge success.

For upcoming Media Business Authority sponsored events, please visit www.visitmediapa.com. The next event is the Fall Super Sunday in September.

Councilwoman Simpson announced the following for the Recreation Department:

- The 5 Mile Race held on Friday, June 15, 2007 was a great success. A financial statement with regard to the event will be available next month. Councilwoman Simpson thanked all volunteers who helped out during the race to make it such a great event.
- Summer camp begins next week. There are some slots still available for various weeks. Please contact Paula Tenaro, Recreation Office Manager, for more information.
- Outdoor Movie Night will be held on Saturday, June 23, 2007 at Barrall Field and will feature Happy Feet.
- A July 4th celebration will be held on Wednesday, July 4, 2007 at Barrall Field from 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
- Children's tennis clinics will commence in August 2007.

Code Enforcement, Media Arts Council, Streetscape & Litter Task Force – Mr. Hall

As mentioned earlier, Vice-President Hall announced that Media Arts Council is sponsoring another Second Saturday event on Saturday, July 14, 2007. Actors from the Hedgerow Theatre will reenact the storming of Bastille in front of the Armory, carriage rides will be available, musical performances, etc. This also happens to be the first anniversary of Media becoming the First Fair Trade Town in the United States.

Vice-President Hall received ten (10) responses to the request for volunteers to serve on the Litter Task Force. The first meeting of the group will be held during the summer months. If anyone else is interested, please e-mail Vice-President Hall at brian.chr.hall@gmail.com.

Vice-President Hall mentioned that the Today Show will feature Hal Taussig as a philanthropist and the driving force behind the Fair Trade movement. For more information, please contact Mr. Taussig at 610-565-5242.

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

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

General Fund	\$ 361,463.95
Recreation Fund	\$ 5,428.81
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 23,859.09
Capital Fund	\$ 19,180.50
Total	\$ 409,932.35

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

President Daly announced that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on Thursday, July 19, 2007.

President Daly made a motion to enter into a side agreement with regard to medical reimbursement with Dispatchers and Public Works employees, which will allow employees to be reimbursed \$40 for non-routine diagnostics. This would also apply to non-union employees as well. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Community Development – Mr. Williamson

Councilman Williamson made a motion to untangle adoption of Ordinance No. 1030 with regard to the acceptance of a Deed of Dedication for the property in the rear of Astor Square. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Williamson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1030, accepting a Deed of Dedication for the property in the rear of Astor Square, which is approximately one (1) acre and donated by the developer of Astor Square. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Tyson inquired about the Baltimore Avenue Overlay District with regard to residential zoning. Councilman Williamson responded that the overlay district will not impact current properties, as this merely will set standards for new development. Districts currently zoned Highway Business Office (HBO) will stay as is as well as residential districts.

Councilman Williamson provided an update on the Zoning Hearing Board decision for 415 S. Providence Road. The Zoning Hearing Board approved the Hampton Inn & Suites application to build a four (4)-story hotel in this location and also approved the larger sign variance. Borough Council decided not to oppose the four (4)-story building, but opposed the signage. Councilman Williamson reported that two (2) neighbors within the vicinity of this property have appealed the decision. Solicitor Scott noted that such an appeal could take anywhere from four (4) months to two (2) years before it will actually be heard in court.

Highway, Recycling, Emergency Management & Police Committee – Mr. Derrickson

Councilman Derrickson urged everyone to attend meetings and write to local representatives with regard to the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) recommendation for the proposed new flight plan at Philadelphia International Airport.

Councilman Derrickson mentioned that the Borough received a Handicapped Parking Permit Application for 101 Haldeman Street. Due to the fact that the applicant has off-street parking, Councilman Derrickson is recommending that Council not grant this request. Councilman Tyson made a motion to approve the Handicapped Parking Permit Application. There was no second on the motion to approve the application.

Councilman Derrickson made a motion to appoint William Thompson to the Civil Service Commission to fill the unexpired term of Peggy Levesque, which will expire on December 31, 2012. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Derrickson congratulated Councilwoman Simpson and the Recreation Board for a great job on the 5 Mile Race event.

Councilman Derrickson thanked the Public Works Department for their continued work throughout the Borough.

Councilman Derrickson reported that another Emergency Management Tabletop Exercise will be scheduled in the near future.

Shade Tree Commission, Homeowners Association (HOA) & Environmental Advisory Council – Mr. Alyanakian

Councilman Alyanakian reported that the Homeowners Association (HOA) met recently and discussed issues pertaining to shared services (i.e. landscaping, snow removal, etc.).

Councilman Alyanakian mentioned that anyone with concerns regarding dead branches on shade trees should contact the Borough office.

Councilman Alyanakian reported that the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) will provide recommendations on recycling changes. It is anticipated that this item will be discussed during an upcoming Workshop meeting.

Councilman Alyanakian made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft and advertise a vehicle anti-idling ordinance as it pertains to idling cars, buses and trucks. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Solicitor Scott will provide Council with further research on this topic. Councilman Tyson made a motion to contact the Delaware County Legislative Group in Harrisburg regarding a state-wide anti-idling ordinance. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment & Privilege of the Floor

Borough Manager Smith read an e-mail that was received during the meeting inquiring about the process of requesting to fly flags. The individual sending the e-mail would like to recognize gay/lesbian awareness week with flags along State Street. President Daly asked Borough Manager Smith to respond to the individual mentioning the process.

Monika Rehoric, 116 N. Lemon Street, suggested that anyone interested in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposed flight plan should contact Delaware County Council for more information.

Monika Rehoric announced that Media will be featured in an upcoming issue of Main Line Today as the Best Up & Coming Town.

Councilman Tyson urged everyone to contact Senator Pileggi and Representative Killion with regard to the smoking ban.

Adjournment

Vice-President Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary