

**MINUTES
MEDIA BOROUGH COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2008**

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 Cunningham. Also present were Borough Manager Smith, Treasurer Dimond, Solicitor Scott and Engineer Walton.

Mayor McMahon called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Robert Dimond offered the benediction at this time.

Mayor McMahon led the salute to the flag.

Oath of Offices

Oath of office administered to Councilman Pete Alyanakian by Walter A. Strohl, Magisterial District Justice.

Oath of office administered to Councilmen Peter Williamson and James Cunningham by Mayor McMahon.

Nomination for Council President

Councilman Williamson nominated Frank W. Daly as President of Media Borough Council. Councilman Cunningham nominated Pete Alyanakian as President of Media Borough Council. Borough Manager Smith took roll call on the vote to nominate Frank W. Daly, which carried 5-2, with Councilmen Cunningham and Alyanakian opposed. President Daly took over as Chairperson at this point in time.

Nomination for Council Vice-President

President Daly requested nominations for Vice-President of Council. Councilman Alyanakian nominated Peter Williamson as Vice-President of Media Borough Council. Councilman Cunningham nominated Pete Alyanakian as Vice-President of Media Borough Council. Councilwoman Simpson nominated Brian C. Hall as Vice-President of Media Borough Council. Borough Manager Smith took roll call on the votes. The nomination for Peter Williamson was defeated 6-1, with Councilman Alyanakian in favor. The nomination for Pete Alyanakian was defeated 5-2, with Councilmen Cunningham and Alyanakian in favor. The nomination for Brian C. Hall carried 5-2, with Councilmen Cunningham and Alyanakian opposed. Brian Hall will serve as Vice-President.

Nomination for Council Chairperson Pro Tem

Councilman Cunningham nominated Pete Alyanakian as Chairperson Pro Tem of Media Borough Council. Vice-President Hall nominated Ernest Derrickson, Jr. as Chairperson Pro Tem of Media Borough Council. Borough Manager Smith took roll call on the votes. The nomination for Pete Alyanakian was defeated 5-2, with Councilmen Cunningham and Alyanakian in favor. The nomination for Ernest Derrickson, Jr. carried 5-2, with Councilmen Cunningham and Alyanakian opposed.

Committee Assignments

President Daly read each of the following Committee Assignments:

Vice-President Hall – Chairman of Public Properties, Code Enforcement and Recycling Committees; Member of Community Development Committee; Liaison to Environmental Advisory Council, Media Arts Council, Streetscape, Lighting and Litter Task Force

Councilman Cunningham – Member of Finance & Insurance Committee, Public Safety Committee, Code Enforcement and Community Development Committees; Liaison to the Shade Tree Commission and Historical Architectural Review Board and Historic Preservation

Councilwoman Simpson – Member of Public Properties; Chief Liaison to Media Business Authority, Liaison to Recreation and Technology

Councilman Williamson – Chairman of Community Development Committee; Member of Finance & Insurance, Code Enforcement and Public Safety Committees

Councilman Derrickson – Chairman of Public Safety, Highway and Emergency Management Committees; Liaison to the Civil Service Commission

Councilman Alyanakian – Member of Personnel and Recycling Committees; Liaison to the Board of Health, Library and Homeowners Association; Assistant Liaison to the Media Business Authority

President Daly – Chairman of Personnel and Finance & Insurance Committees

Councilman Williamson made a motion to accept the Committee Assignments as read by President Daly. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. Borough Manager Smith took roll call on the vote. The motion carried 5-2, with Councilmen Cunningham and Alyanakian opposed based on the fact that they were not made aware of the assignments among other things.

Manager/Secretary Appointment

Councilman Williamson made a motion to reappoint Jeffrey A. Smith as Borough Manager/Secretary. Councilman Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion to reappoint Jeffrey A. Smith carried unanimously.

Treasurer Appointment

Councilwoman Simpson made a motion to appoint Jeffrey Deitch based on the fact that Robert Dimond has submitted his letter of resignation. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. Councilman Alyanakian nominated Blane Jordan, Borough Accountant. Councilman Cunningham motioned to table the nomination of Treasurer. The motion to table was seconded by Councilman Alyanakian. Borough Manager Smith took roll call on the motion. The motion to table was defeated 5-2, with Councilmen Cunningham and Alyanakian in favor. Councilwoman Simpson amended her original motion to appoint Jeffrey Deitch with a salary of \$2,500. The current salary is \$3,000. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2, with Councilmen Cunningham and Alyanakian opposed. Robert Dimond agreed to work with Jeffrey Deitch during the transition.

Solicitor Appointment

Councilman Williamson made a motion to reappoint Robert Scott, Esq. as Solicitor. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion to reappoint Robert Scott as Solicitor carried 6-1, with Councilman Cunningham opposed.

Civil Service Solicitor Appointment

Vice-President Hall made a motion to reappoint Tracy Burns, Esq. as the Civil Service Solicitor. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2, with Councilmen Cunningham and Alyanakian opposed.

Engineer Appointment

Councilman Alyanakian made a motion to appoint Pennoni Associates. Motion failed due to a lack of a second. Councilman Williamson made a motion to reappoint F. Clark Walton of NDI Engineering as the Borough Engineer. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. Councilman Cunningham motioned to table the appointment of F. Clark Walton of NDI Engineering and request proposals from qualified engineering firms. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion to table was defeated 5-2, with Councilmen Cunningham and Alyanakian in favor. The motion to reappoint F. Clark Walton as Borough Engineer carried 5-2, with Cunningham and Alyanakian opposed.

Auditor Appointment

Councilman Williamson made a motion to appoint Peterson & Peterson as the Borough auditor. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. Borough Manager Smith explained the auditing services Request for Proposal process. Two (2) proposals were received. The Finance Committee met with Peterson & Peterson and has recommended them. The motion to appoint Peterson & Peterson as the Borough auditor carried unanimously.

Bonding Approval

Councilwoman Simpson made a motion to approve the bonding of Manager, Treasurer and Tax Collector of the Media Borough. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Depository of Funds

Vice-President Hall made a motion to approve First Keystone Bank as the depository for funds from the Borough of Media. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Meeting Dates

Councilman Williamson made a motion to approve the 2008 Council Workshop meeting dates on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the large conference room and the Council meeting dates on the third Thursday of the month at 8:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer Appointment

Councilman Williamson made a motion to reappoint James Jeffery as the Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1, with Councilman Cunningham opposed.

Emergency Management Coordinator Appointment

Councilman Derrickson made a motion to reappoint James Jeffery as the Emergency Management Coordinator. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Health Appointment

Vice-President Hall made a motion to reappoint Jeanne Wordley to the Board of Health for a term of five (5) years. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Civil Service Commission Appointment

Vice-President Hall made a motion to reappoint Jerry Duffy to the Civil Service Commission for a term of six (6) years. Councilman Cunningham nominated Steve Papi. Councilman Williamson made a motion to table the appointment of anyone to the Civil Service Commission until letter(s) of interest have been received. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion to table. The motion to table carried 6-1, with Councilman Alyanakian opposed.

Environmental Advisory Council Appointments

Vice-President Hall made a motion to reappoint Vivian Williams and Brett Lester to the Environmental Advisory Council for a term of three (3) years. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Historic Archives Commission Appointment

Councilman Williamson made a motion to reappoint Susan T. Carl to the Historic Archives Commission for a term of five (5) years. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Historical Architectural Review Board Appointment

Vice-President Hall made a motion to reappoint Gerianne Davis to the Historical Architectural Review Board for a term of five (5) years. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ICC/Life Safety Appeals Board Appointment

Councilman Williamson made a motion to reappoint Alan Mancil to the ICC/Life Safety Appeals Board for a term of five (5) years. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Media Business Authority Appointments

Councilwoman Simpson made a motion to reappoint Chris Dougherty, Bill Gross, Tom Hibberd and Dan Brodeur to the Media Business Authority for a term of three (3) years each. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission Appointments

Councilman Williamson made a motion to reappoint Steve Moss and Emily Miller to the Planning Commission for a term of four (4) years. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Board Appointments

Councilwoman Simpson made a motion to reappoint Camille Holstein and Kevin Boyer to the Recreation Board for a term of five (5) years. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Shade Tree Commission Appointment

Councilwoman Simpson made a motion to reappoint Susan Shively Palmer to the Shade Tree Commission for a term of five (5) years. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vacancy Board Appointment

Vice-President Hall made a motion to reappoint Tina Poletta Smith to the Vacancy Board for a term of one (1) year. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Hearing Board Appointment

Councilman Williamson made a motion to reappoint Greyson Franklin to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of three (3) years. Vice President Hall seconded the motion. Councilman Cunningham nominated Rebecca Herbert. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion to reappoint Greyson Franklin to the Zoning Hearing Board carried 5-2, with Councilmen Cunningham and Alyanakian opposed.

Vacancy Announcements

President Daly announced vacancies on the following boards/commissions: Civil Service Commission, Environment Advisory Council, Historical Archives Commission and Zoning Hearing Board.

Councilman Cunningham made a motion to appoint Tedman O'Hara to the Environment Advisory Council. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. Councilman Williamson made a motion to table the appointment until further information is received. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. Borough Manager Smith took roll call on the motion to table. The motion to table the appointment was defeated 4-3, with President Daly, Vice-President Hall and Councilman Williamson in favor. The motion to appoint Tedman O'Hara carried 5-2, with President Daly and Vice-President Hall opposed.

Councilman Cunningham made a motion to appoint Tina Mason to the Zoning Hearing Board. It was determined that Tina Mason serves on the Planning Commission and can not serve in the dual roles. Councilman Cunningham agreed to withdraw his motion.

Councilman Cunningham made a motion to appoint David Daniel to the Zoning Hearing Board. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion was defeated 5-2, with Councilmen Cunningham and Alyanakian in favor.

Resolution #2008-01 – Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note – First Keystone Bank (\$500,000)

Councilman Williamson made a motion to adopt Resolution #2008-01, approving a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note in the amount of \$500,000 (First Keystone Bank). Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. Borough Manager Smith mentioned the Request for Proposals and that four (4) proposals were received. First Keystone Bank submitted the most attractive rate at 2.75%. The Finance Committee reviewed the proposals and recommended First Keystone Bank. The motion to adopt Resolution #2008-01, approving a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note in the amount of \$500,000 with First Keystone Bank carried 6-1, with Councilman Cunningham opposed.

Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor

Councilman Cunningham thanked Bill Tyson for his years of service to the Borough of Media.

Councilman Cunningham believes that Council should not review the Hampton Inn & Suites hotel plan until the Solicitor confirms that Council is able to do so with the pending zoning appeal. Councilman Cunningham made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to provide a written legal opinion on the Borough's ability to review the hotel plan. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion was defeated 5-2, with Councilmen Cunningham and Alyanakian in favor. Councilman Williamson noted that he is confident that Council and the Planning Commission are permitted to review the hotel plan as per his discussion with the Solicitor.

Veronica Barbato, 320 W. 5th Street, mentioned that the tone of the meeting left something to be desired and believed it was inappropriate for the President not to consult with other Council members on the Committee Assignments.

John Sammartino, 109 Haldeman Street, questioned the communication among Council members with regard to the committee assignments.

Adjournment

Councilman Williamson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary