

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2004**

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

President Hagan called the Public Hearing to order at 7:10 p.m.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

President Hagan mentioned Borough Council would hear testimony at this Public Hearing pertaining to the proposed zoning ordinance amendments as well as revisions to the zoning map. This ordinance is up for discussion as it is the Borough's belief that development is going too far with the demolition of many single-family homes to construct new townhouses.

Solicitor Middlebrooks explained that the zoning ordinance amendments will increase the number of zoning districts by adding an R-4 District, increase the number of parking spaces required and increase the number of districts affected by setbacks. The ordinance was advertised on November 21, 2003. All Zoning and Subdivision & Land Development applications are being held accountable to the pending ordinance prior to approval.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

President Hagan opened the floor for public comments.

Ken Carpenter, property owner of 215, 219, 301, 303, 305 & 404 Manchester Avenue, has serious concerns regarding the proposed ordinance especially where there is more than one (1) dwelling located on a parcel. Mr. Carpenter also raised concerns over insurance issues from a banking perspective. President Hagan requested Mr. Carpenter send a letter to the Borough detailing his concerns and perhaps a separate meeting could be scheduled.

Robert Andrews, 18 West Street, mentioned his property is near a historical district and believes he will lose equity on this property due to the proposed zoning ordinance amendments. Mr. Andrews would like to seek compensation for that loss of equity.

Don Petrosa, representing David Shooster (property owner of Media Towers) voiced concerns regarding parking ratios. Media Towers presently has 60 parking spaces and with the proposed ordinance he would be required to have 116 parking spaces if the building burned down and had to be rebuilt.

Tim Sullivan, owner of 413 W. Baltimore Avenue, discussed his concerns with this ordinance, as his property is the last one on the border of the HBO zoning district. Mr. Sullivan would like his property included in the HBO zoning district. President Hagan mentioned he should write a letter with his request and submit it to the Borough.

Marisa Kaneda, resident of Front Street and realtor representing 509 N. Olive Street, expressed her concerns that townhouses will no longer be allowed in the zoning district.

Monica Simpson, 502 N. Orange Street, applauded Council on this ordinance and believes it to be a step in the right direction.

Vince Mancini, attorney for Media Real Estate, echoed Mr. Petrosa's concerns with regard to parking ratios due to the fact that they have a pending application to develop an apartment complex along the 300 block of E. State Street.

Diana Zellman, 422 N. Jackson Street, discussed quality of life concerns and the difficulty parking in her neighborhood. Ms. Zellman is in favor of the pending ordinance.

Delores Moore, 100 E. Front Street, believes Council is taking a step in the right direction with this ordinance, as it will improve the quality of life for Media's residents.

Matt Harkin, 100 block of E. Front Street, mentioned he finds it difficult to park in his neighborhood and believes the ordinance is a step in the right direction.

Patrick Breslin, 300 block of E. State Street, believes the adoption of the zoning ordinance amendments to be heading in the right direction.

Charles Haig, 225 E. Second Street, inquired as to how many more special exceptions and variances should we anticipate in the future. There was not a clear answer given to this question, however, it would possibly increase the number of variances and special exception applications.

Margaret Rostrin, 327 N. Olive Street, mentioned she finds it difficult to park her vehicle in the area of Fourth & Olive Streets and is in favor of the zoning ordinance amendments to minimize density.

Myra Reichel, 121 E. Sixth Street, mentioned she believes the introduction of the zoning ordinance amendments to be forward thinking on the part of Borough officials and is in favor of it.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 8:25 p.m. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ZONING MAP

President Hagan called the Public Hearing pertaining to the amendment of the zoning map to order at 8:25 p.m.

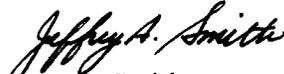
PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No comments were made regarding the pending zoning map amendments.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 8:27 p.m.
Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary