

**REVISED MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 29, 2004**

Media Borough Council met in the large conference room on the second floor of the Municipal Government Center, on the above date with the following officials present: Mayor McMahon, President Hagan, Vice-President Robinson, Councilpersons Alyanakian, Krull, Sherwin, Tyson and Whitaker. Borough Manager Smith and Chief Wusinich were also present.

President Hagan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Adoption of 2005 Budget

Borough Manager Smith summarized the budget timeline, indicating the preliminary budget must be made available for at least ten (10) days prior to final adoption and that the ordinance setting the millage rate must be advertised eight (8) days prior to adoption.

President Hagan opened up the discussion to members of Council to highlight questions, recommendations, etc.

Councilperson Alyanakian suggested the following areas be looked at to increase revenues and decrease expenditures.

1. Reduce consulting fees – Engineer & Solicitor
2. Recover revenue from tenants
3. Eliminate Treasurer's position

Councilperson Alyanakian recommended placing a cap on consulting fees. President Hagan mentioned NDI estimates their fees are at eight (8%) of the project cost. Councilperson Robinson agreed with Councilperson Alyanakian and would like Borough Manager Smith, Councilperson Tyson, and himself to meet with the Borough Solicitor and Engineer to discuss their fees. Councilperson Robinson explained that he is not always confident in the Code Enforcement Department, which may be driving up consulting fees.

Vice-President Robinson asked about the Third Street Bridge. Borough Manager Smith explained an 80/20 cost breakdown between the Borough and PennDOT for design and construction.

Councilperson Alyanakian mentioned that covering 100% of health costs must be looked at during negotiations with the unions.

Councilperson Alyanakian inquired about police overtime. Chief Wusinich reported that overtime was down \$25,000 from FY 2003.

Councilperson Alyanakian mentioned reducing trash collection to one day instead of twice per week. Borough Council is inclined to keep trash collection at two times per week.

Borough Council reviewed revenues and expenditures listed in the 2005 budget.

Council discussed meter enforcement Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Councilperson Tyson suggested exploring the feasibility of in house appointments for Engineer and Solicitor, which would reduce the overall costs.

Council decided not to entertain Chris Pavlou's request to include Holophane Washington Post lights instead of Granville lights for the Streetscape project.

Resolution #2004-14 Opposing the Extension of Runway 17-35 at the Philadelphia International Airport

Councilperson Krull made a motion to adopt Resolution #2004-14. Councilperson Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Construction Inspection Services

Councilperson Krull motioned to advertise an RFP for construction inspection services for the Streetscape Project. Councilperson Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Emergency and Municipal Services Tax (OPT)

Councilperson Sherwin motioned to authorize the Borough Solicitor to draft and advertise an ordinance assessing an OPT at \$52 with an exemption for those making less than \$12,500. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2, with Councilpersons Tyson and Alyanakian casting dissenting votes.

2005 Millage Rate

Councilperson Sherwin motioned to authorize the advertisement of the 2005 Millage Rate set at .50 mills. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2, with Councilpersons Tyson and Alyanakian casting the dissenting votes.

2005 Preliminary Budget

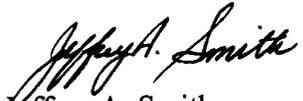
Councilperson Sherwin motioned to adopt the 2005 Preliminary Budget, which was seconded by Councilperson Krull. The motion carried 5-2, with Councilpersons Tyson and Alyanakian casting dissenting votes.

Adjournment

President Hagan announced an executive session would be held to discuss ongoing negotiations pertaining to the acquisition of property.

Vice-President Robinson motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Councilperson Whitaker. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffrey A. Smith".

Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary