

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 20, 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, Treasurer Dimond, Engineer Walton and Solicitor Middlebrooks.

President Daly called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and led the salute to the flag.

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

**Approval of the Minutes**

Vice-President Hall made a motion to approve the June 15, 2006 Borough Council Meeting minutes. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor McMahon

Mayor McMahon reported the Police Department received and investigated 876 complaints during the month of June. There were two (2) reported burglaries during the month of June. On June 12, 2006, unknown individual(s) removed a screen from a window at a local motel and stole a cell phone. On June 20, 2006, unknown individual(s) kicked in a basement window of an office in the 300 block of South Orange Street and stole a laptop computer from a third floor office.

Mayor McMahon reported that the Borough has submitted a Streetscape grant application to the Governor's Office in an attempt to obtain approximately \$700,000 in funding for improvements along Baltimore Avenue that will include decorative lights and way finding signage. Mayor McMahon will provide updates periodically on the status. Since we anticipate that the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Project for traffic signal enhancements will begin in the fall of 2007, Mayor McMahon believes beginning a Streetscape Project for Baltimore Avenue at the same time would coordinate nicely if granted the funding.

Mayor McMahon mentioned the Media Theatre and the Veterans Museum have partnered to show a play for Constitution Day in September. The play will run for students starting September 18, 2006 for three (3) days.

Mayor McMahon announced the Tuskegee Airmen film is now showing during the Month of July from Thursday through Sunday at the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum. The start times are 12:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 3:30p.m. The national opening of the film will take place in Washington D.C. on July 25, 2006.

### **Council Committee Reports**

#### **Health, Historic Preservation & Library** – Mr. Tyson

Councilman Tyson reported that the Media-Upper Providence Library Board has come up with a long-range plan for the library, which includes expanding their services and facilities. An adjunct group called the Friends of the Media-Upper Providence Library will be created for the purpose of fundraising for the library.

For information on summer programs offered by the Media-Upper Providence Library, please visit [www.medialibrary.org](http://www.medialibrary.org).

Councilman Tyson announced that the Media Theatre for the Performing Arts and ConocoPhillips Trainer Refinery have joined forces to present a Singer-Songwriter Series in the Crystal Room on Saturday evenings during the summer. These events feature some of Philadelphia area's best singer-songwriters. For more information, please visit [www.mediatheatre.org](http://www.mediatheatre.org).

Councilman Tyson reported that the DELCO Idol Competition at the Media Theatre continues and is down to 15 contestants.

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

Councilwoman Simpson made a motion to regretfully accept the resignation of Debbie Pitt from the Media Business Authority. Ms. Pitt's term expires December 31, 2007. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Simpson mentioned that the Media Business Authority Promotions Committee is meeting regularly to discuss items such as enhancing the website, logo, etc.

Councilwoman Simpson noted that she has received favorable letters from around the country regarding Media Borough becoming the first Fair Trade Town in the United States.

Councilwoman Simpson announced the following Recreation events:

- An Outdoor Movie Night, featuring Madagascar, will be held on Saturday, July 22, 2006 around 8:30 p.m. (dusk). This event is free.
- Summer Camp will run through the third week in August.
- Tennis Camp, with instructor Dan Sears, will be held the week of August 14, 2006 and August 21, 2006 at a cost of \$10/week for Borough residents and \$20/week for non-Borough residents.

- The Media Five Mile Run held in June had approximately 1,250 registered runners. Councilwoman Simpson noted that the race committee is awaiting the last of the invoices in order to provide a full report on race proceeds. They have already begun planning for next year's race, which will be held on June 15, 2007.

Councilwoman Simpson reported that the Lighting Committee is working diligently to identify areas within the Borough that are in need of some work as it pertains to lighting issues.

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

Vice-President Hall made a motion to approve a Mass Gathering Permit Application for the Town Talk Fall Super Sunday event, which will be held on September 10, 2006. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Hall made a motion to award the Decorative Street Lights bid to Charles A. Higgins & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$134,348.56. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. It is anticipated that the additional lights will be installed around the Delaware County Court House and various locations on State Street and Orange Street to compliment the Downtown Streetscape Project. Borough Manager Smith noted that the funds for the lights are coming from two (2) sources: Borough Council and the Media Business Authority agreed to use \$100,000 budgeted from the Mercantile Tax proceeds and the County has agreed to fund the six (6) lights surrounding the Court House.

Vice-President Hall reminded everyone interested in attending the Singer-Songwriter Series at the Media Theatre to buy their tickets early, as this is a popular event.

Vice-President Hall announced the Media Arts Council will hold a fund raising event on August 10, 2006 at the home of Judy Fowler, 18 E. Jefferson Street. Refreshments will be available. There is a \$20/per person cover charge due at the door. For more information, please visit [www.mediaartscouncil.org](http://www.mediaartscouncil.org). If you are unable to attend and would like to support the Media Arts Council, you are able to buy raffle tickets at Earth & State for \$5/ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets.

**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	\$ 672,375.04
Recreation Fund	\$ 9,146.67
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 13,808.49
Total	\$ 695,330.20

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

President Daly mentioned that the Finance Committee will meet on July 26, 2006 to discuss the 2006 mid-year budget update.

**Code Enforcement and Community Development** – Mr. Williamson

Councilman Williamson made a motion to waive the review process for the property located at 441 South Orange Street, which the majority is located within Upper Providence Township. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williamson recommended that Borough Council not oppose the Zoning Hearing Board Application for 113 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street to build an addition. The applicant intends to add a second story, addition to the side and a front porch. The Planning Commission recommended Council not oppose the application.

Councilman Williamson recommended that Borough Council not oppose the Zoning Hearing Board Application for 332 W. State Street. The property is zoned residential and the applicant would like to open an upscale furniture and rug consignment shop, which would require a use variance. The Planning Commission recommended Council not oppose the application.

Councilman Williamson recommended that Borough Council not oppose the Zoning Hearing Board Application for 340 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The applicant intends to add a wraparound porch, which will require a variance from the setback requirements. The Planning Commission recommended Council not oppose the application.

Councilman Williams made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft and advertise Right-of-Way Ordinance amendments. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Borough Manager Smith noted that Borough Council may want to consider these amendments in order to issue a permit to utility companies to use the Borough's Right-of-Way and assess a fee with escrow. We may see other municipalities doing the same.

Councilman Williamson mentioned the Upper Providence Township Zoning Hearing Board Application pertaining to billboards at 721 Painter Street and 700 West Baltimore Avenue. The applicant is proposing billboards, which will be 14' X 48' and illuminated. Media Borough has made themselves a party to the hearing as the proposed locations for the billboards are close the Borough limits. Councilman Williamson made a motion to hire attorney Mark Damico to represent the Borough of Media in regard to this matter contingent upon Middletown Township Council's approval. Councilman Tyson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Highway, Recycling & Emergency Management** – Mr. Derrickson

Councilman Derrickson mentioned that a meeting was held to discuss the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) project as it pertains to traffic signal enhancements, which should commence construction in 2007.

Councilman Derrickson made a motion to extend the current contracts for street maintenance, etc. for 90 days. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Derrickson made a motion to enter into an agreement with the Astor Square Homeowner's Association for trash collection. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Derrickson noted that Borough employees will be issued identification badges similar to the ones used by Riddle Memorial Hospital in the near future.

With regard to a request for speed humps on East Front Street, Councilman Derrickson noted the NDI Engineering is requesting to perform a traffic study in this area.

Councilman Derrickson mentioned that President Daly, Councilman Williamson, Borough Manager Smith and himself are now NIMS (National Incident Management System) certified.

#### **Shade Tree Commission & Environmental Advisory Council** – Mr. Alyanakian

Councilman Alyanakian made a motion to appoint Walt Cressler, Jim McGonigle and Brian Taussig-Lux to three (3) year terms on the Environmental Advisory Council, which will each expire on December 31, 2008. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Alyanakian made a motion to appoint Vivian Williams and Brett Lester to two (2) year terms on the Environmental Advisory Council, which will each expire on December 31, 2007. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Alyanakian announced there are two (2) vacancies on the Environmental Advisory Council. Interested individuals should forward a letter of interest and resume to Borough Manager Smith.

Councilman Alyanakian made a motion to adopt Resolution #2006-12, endorsing the Crum Creek Water Conservation Plan. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, with Councilman Williamson abstaining due to the fact that his employer prepared the report.

#### **Public Comment & Privilege of the Floor**

Kitty McFarland, West State Street, inquired as to where she can read the Crum Creek Watershed Plan in its entirety. Councilman Williamson noted that she would obtain the Plan from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) website.

Kitty McFarland mentioned she would like to see the Media-Upper Providence Library improve their resources and facilities. Councilman Tyson noted that the library's long-range plan outlines numerous improvements. Councilwoman Simpson mentioned that once the Media Five Mile Race reports are finalized, it is anticipated that the library will receive a portion of the proceeds from the event. Councilman Alyanakian noted that a Legislative Breakfast will be held on September 22, 2006 and a topic of discussion will be funding for the library.

Casey Wensel, West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, inquired about recycling with the new hauler. It was noted that McCusker and Ogborne uses a single stream method of recycling whereby recyclables are commingled in the container.

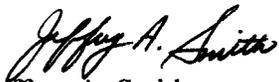
Casey Wensel asked how residents could go about getting a tree planted in the Right-of-Way in front of their property. Councilman Alyanakian responded that anyone interested in a tree should contact Borough Manager Smith.

Jane Rowland, West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, inquired about how recyclable materials are separated after they are collected. Borough Manager Smith mentioned that it is completed at a recycling center in Philadelphia by special machinery.

### **Adjournment**

Vice-President Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Smith  
Borough Manager/Secretary