

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2009**

Media Borough Council met in the large conference room on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the following officials present: Mayor McMahon, President Daly, Vice-President Hall, Councilwoman Simpson, Councilmen Cunningham, Williamson, Derrickson and Alyanakian. Also present were Borough Manager Smith, Treasurer Deitch, Solicitor Scott and Engineer Walton.

Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor

Helen Powers, Ridge Road, addressed Council in regards to her water problem, specifically her sump pump running constantly and flooding her front yard. Engineer Walton indicated that he reviewed Mrs. Powers' request and mentioned that he and Councilman Williamson would meet on-site with Mrs. Powers and report back to Council.

Jeff Brian of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield mentioned a Mass Gathering Permit Application on November 28, 2009. A sense of Council was taken regarding this matter and it was determined that some members of Council have concerns about the church not being located in the Borough and the fact that it is on a Saturday evening as it may interfere with shoppers, etc.

Borough Manager's Report

Borough Manager Smith highlighted the information in the Workshop meeting packets for this evening.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Walton mentioned his review of a stormwater complaint at 5th and Edgmont Street. Engineer Walton indicated that there is water collecting in this location and should be corrected by milling and resurfacing this intersection during phase II of the road resurfacing.

Councilman Cunningham inquired when phase II road resurfacing is going to take place. Engineer Walton mentioned that it should begin late next week. The crosswalk at State and Monroe Streets will be replaced as part of the phase II work.

Council Committee Reports

Shade Tree Commission, Historic Preservation, Fire & Lighting – Mr. Cunningham

Councilman Cunningham announced vacancies on the Shade Tree Commission and Historic Archives Commission. A plaque will be presented to Jane Valdes-Dapena at the December Council meeting for her many years of service on the Shade Tree Commission.

Councilman Williamson inquired about the historical plaques that have been placed throughout the Borough, specifically the one at the Armory for Admiral Cooper and why Council was not consulted prior to its placement. Councilman Cunningham mentioned that there is one more in production and that he would be willing to comply with the request in the future.

Media Business Authority, Technology & Fair Trade Committee – Mrs. Simpson

Councilwoman Simpson mentioned that the Fair Trade Committee meets on a monthly basis. Planning is underway for the 2010 Fair Trade Live Concert.

Councilwoman Simpson mentioned that approximately 15 restaurants participated in the Dining Under the Stars events over the summer months. There were approximately 1,000 visitors every Wednesday evening during each event. Some issues were noted related to music volume.

It was determined that the Mass Gathering Application for the Media 5 Mile Race will be moved to Councilman Derrickson's agenda.

Properties, Personnel, Finance & Insurance – Mr. Daly

President Daly mentioned the adoption of the Preliminary 2010 General Fund, Capital Fund, Liquid Fuels Fund and Recreation Fund Budgets, which will take place during the November 19, 2009 Council meeting. Borough Council will consider adoption of the final 2010 budget and tax ordinance on December 17, 2009.

President Daly mentioned the Schnabel Engineering site review/inspection report for the Third Street Bridge.

As a follow-up to a meeting with Dennis Carey, County Engineer, President Daly mentioned that Borough Council may want to consider requesting additional funding for the Third Street Bridge from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as follows: 80% federal, 15% state and 5% local (Borough). The present funding structure is 80% federal and 20% local (Borough).

As a follow-up to discussion last month, President Daly mentioned that the Borough received updated quotes for window capping at the Borough Hall. Council may want to consider moving forward with the repair work.

President Daly mentioned that the Borough's workers compensation insurance is up for renewal in January 2010. The Borough's insurance (casualty, liability, auto, etc.) is up for renewal in April 2010. As per the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Council may want to discuss advertising an RFP for both of these items.

As per the recommendation of the Finance Committee, President Daly mentioned that Council may want to consider advertising an RFP for banking services. First Keystone Bank has been the Borough's depository of funds since June 2006.

As per the recommendation of the Finance Committee, President Daly mentioned that Council may want to consider advertising an RFP for phone services.

Based on the fact that Stephanie Harmer has elected not to accept the part-time Public Information Officer position, President Daly mentioned that Council may want to consider authorizing the hiring of Kathy Klauder for this position.

Since First Keystone Bank has indicated that they are not in a position to sponsor the printing, design, etc. of the 2010 Borough calendar, President Daly mentioned that Council may want to consider whether or not to move forward with this project. Councilwoman Simpson mentioned she would attempt to find a sponsor for the calendars.

Community Development – Mr. Williamson

Councilman Williamson mentioned the adoption of the Portable Storage Device Ordinance.

Councilman Williamson mentioned the adoption of amendments to the Floodplain Ordinance as recommended by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

Councilman Williamson indicated that the Community Development Committee is recommending Council proceed with authorizing the Solicitor to draft and advertise a Zoning Ordinance amendment allowing for non-conforming uses by special exception.

Councilman Williamson mentioned that the Community Development Committee is recommending Council consider creating separate noise standards for the residential, commercial and industrial districts.

Councilman Williamson mentioned that the Community Development Committee is recommending hiring Stuart Pollock as back-up to Bob Linn to handle ADA accessibility plan reviews and inspections on those projects that Bob serves as the architect.

Councilman Williamson mentioned that Council may want to consider a Right-of-Way Agreement for 111 W. State Street. As per Jim Jeffery, the gentleman opening a pizza shop at 111 W. State Street would like to build a dumpster enclosure on Jasper Street similar to Sligo.

Councilman Williamson mentioned that Council may want to consider a request for an Occupation of Right-of-Way at Pinocchio's Restaurant (Baltimore Pike at Gayley Street) for the construction of a handicapped accessible ramp.

Councilman Williamson mentioned a Zoning Hearing Board Application for 141 E. Third Street. The applicant is seeking relief from the requirement of two (2) off-street parking spaces.

Public Safety, Highway & Emergency Management – Mr. Derrickson

Councilman Derrickson mentioned that Council may want to consider Traffic Ordinance amendments to include such items as the removal of parking spaces at intersections, no turn on red at the northeast corner of Providence Road and Baltimore Avenue, no turn on red (except 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.) at Orange Street and Baltimore Avenue, etc.

Councilman Derrickson mentioned that Council may want to consider amendments to the Solid Waste Ordinance pertaining to bulk trash collection (television sets, computer monitors, etc.).

Councilman Derrickson mentioned that Council may want to consider amendments to the Commercial Vehicle Ordinance as it pertains to N. Lemon Street.

Councilman Derrickson mentioned an e-mail from Jim Cawley mentioning roadwork that may be necessary in front of his home at 203 E. Fifth Street.

Councilman Derrickson mentioned a Mass Gathering Permit Application for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Delaware County Worship Service for Saturday, November 21, 2009 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Plum Street Mall.

Councilman Derrickson discussed the SEPTA Trolley Stimulus Project, which will result in a nine (9) month track closure.

Recreation, Parking, Library & Homeowners Association (HOA) – Mr. Alyanakian

Councilman Alyanakian mentioned he would defer discussion on miscellaneous residential parking requests.

Adjournment

Councilman Alyanakian made a motion to adjourn the Workshop meeting at 10:30 p.m. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary