

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2010**

Media Borough Council met in the large conference room on the above date at 9:20 p.m. with the following officials present: Mayor McMahon, President Alyanakian, Vice-President Rehoric, Councilwoman Roe, Councilmen Cunningham, Williamson, and Stein. Also present were Borough Manager Smith, Solicitor Scott and Engineer Walton. Councilwoman Simpson was absent from the meeting.

Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor

There was no public comment.

Borough Manger's Report

Borough Manger Smith introduced the new part-time administrative assistant, Joanne Tipping. He commented that Joanne was hired to help with administrative duties in the Borough Office between 12 and 15 hours a week. Borough Manager Smith highlighted the information in the Workshop meeting folder for this evening.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Walton commented on the public safety study being conducted at 3rd & Lemon Streets. The results will be presented at the Public Safety Committee meeting on Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Councilman Cunningham questioned if resurfacing has started and when the Borough will be working on the cross walk at State & Jackson Streets, and the bad dip in the street. Engineer Walton commented that we can not move forward with resurfacing without PennDot approval. Engineer Walton commented that between the drainage and settlement of the bricks, it has caused the damage.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Scott commented that the state has extended land development approvals to 2013.

Solicitor Scott commented that there is a proposal to eliminate local government and combine municipalities and just have county government.

Solicitor Scott commented that the old Bill Battey property has zoning for retail and should be for retail and the property owner would have to re-apply if they wish to have a restaurant. This needs to go to the Zoning Hearing Board for approval.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McMahon mentioned Proclamation #2010-05 - commemorating September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

Mayor McMahon mentioned Proclamation #2010-06 - proclaiming September 10, 2010 as Suicide Awareness Day in the Borough.

Mayor McMahon mentioned the police report for July.

Mayor McMahon commented on some persons using stolen credit cards at a local business. Mayor McMahon was concerned that other businesses were not aware of the situation. Vice-President Rehoric was concerned because her business was not notified. President Alyanakian commented that all businesses should be notified within 24 hours. Councilman Cunningham commented that we need to educate businesses so all their employees are aware of any problems. Mayor McMahon mentioned that it would be a good idea for Police Chief, Martin Wusinich, to attend the next MBA meeting and this situation should be commented at the next Public Safety Meeting.

Mayor McMahon commented on the news media reporting on a situation involving a man who was arrested for child endangerment. It was mentioned by the news media as a Media man when in fact it was an Upper Providence resident.

Council/Committee Reports

Public Safety, Lighting & Shade Tree - Mr. Cunningham

Councilman Cunningham commented to consider Ordinance No. 1075 - Amendment to Mass Gathering on a case-by-case basis to include Orange Street. Councilman Cunningham commented that PennDot requires 3-4 weeks in advance for state road closures such as the request for Orange Street for the food festival.

Councilman Cunningham mentioned the letter in reference to Delaware County SPCA animal control services pertaining to the fact that they will end their animal control services as of June 30, 2011. Borough Manager Smith mentioned the Delaware County Council of Governments will be talking to the County concerning this change.

Councilman Cunningham mentioned a Mass Gathering Permit Application for Media Business Authority's New Year's Eve Celebration "Ball Drop" to be held on Friday, December 31, 2010 at midnight. Councilman Cunningham commented that the MBA is requesting the ball drop be moved from 1 W. State Street to Veterans Square & Baker Street, in the vicinity of the Towne House. Councilman Cunningham questioned if this location meets public safety concerns. President Alyanakian mentioned that the concerns should be discussed during the next MBA meeting. Vice-President Rehoric questioned where the crane would be located. Per Councilman Stein's request, Councilman Cunningham will outline the concern in a memo to Councilman Stein to discuss with the MBA.

Councilman Cunningham commented on the stop sign request at Third & Lemon Streets. Engineer Walton is conducting a traffic count and will have the results for the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

Councilman Cunningham commented that the 2010 Road Resurfacing Program list has included a few additional areas.

Fair Trade, Fire, Media Arts Council & Special Projects - Mrs. Roe

Councilwoman Roe commented that she has met with Chief Gibson concerning the Media Fire Company.

Discussion ensued relating to the structure of MBA and it was determined that Councilwoman Roe would look at models in other municipalities similar to Media. The mercantile tax was also briefly discussed.

Public Property & Economic Development, Health & Historic - Mrs. Rehoric

Vice-President Rehoric mentioned the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for 335 W. State Street. Vice-President Rehoric commented that Code Enforcement Officer Jim Jeffrey and the HARB will review and make recommendations.

Vice-President Rehoric mentioned that consideration of Certificate of Appropriateness for 110 W. Front Street will be reviewed by the HARB on Monday, August 9, 2010.

Vice-President Rehoric mentioned the proposal to clean 1 W. State Street. Vice-President Rehoric commented that the property was cleaned in February and it needed cleaning again. Council authorized Ewaka (low quote) to clean 1 W. State Street, including the carpets.

Code Enforcement, Environmental Advisory Council & Parking - Mr. Alyanakian

President Alyanakian mentioned the handicapped parking request from Barbara Hughes at 132A E. Second Street.

Community Design, Finance, Public Works & Infrastructure - Mr. Williamson

Councilman Williamson mentioned the amendment to the Zoning Code creating a new "Light-Retail-Office-Apartment Overlay Zoning District" and setback regulations pertaining to propane tanks. Solicitor Scott commented that both the Media Planning Commission and Delaware County Planning Commission have to review the ordinance. Council authorized the ordinance to be reviewed by both entities.

Councilman Williamson mentioned a proposed amendment to the Impervious Coverage Ordinance. The Community Design Committee will discuss in more detail and report back to Council. Councilman Cunningham and Solicitor Scott commented on smaller lots in Media and residents building decks and stormwater run off.

Councilman Williamson mentioned Resolution #2010-10 – Midyear Budget Update which Council reviewed in draft form. Councilman Williamson mentioned that Council will consider a resolution updating the budget during the August 19, 2010 Council meeting.

Councilman Williamson mentioned the parcel of property located at Radnor Street and Manchester Avenue in Upper Providence Township that is being proposed as a Cocco's Pizza. Solicitor Scott commented on the potential impact in the Borough and the traffic problems.

Library, Media Business Authority & Recreation - Dr. Stein

Councilman Stein mentioned that the MBA has up to 50% of the e-mail addresses from the businesses and is anticipating a 60% - 70% response rate. Councilman Stein also commented that this would be discussed during the next MBA breakfast meeting.

Councilman Stein commented on the lack of cleanliness of the back streets/alley's behind the restaurants on State Street. He will continue to work with the MBA, Code and Health Departments.

President Alyanakian commented that he thought a two-year Mass Gathering Permit would be more logical than a permit for each event on an annual basis for recurring events. President Alyanakian mentioned the 5 Mile Race, for example. Councilman Williamson commented that a cancellation clause might also be included in the permit. It was determined that the Public Safety Committee would discuss this in more detail.

Personnel, Technology & Emergency Management - Mrs. Simpson

Councilwoman Simpson was absent from the meeting but Councilman Stein commented that Borough Council may want to consider authorizing the advertisement of a request for proposals to update the Borough/Environmental Advisory Council webpage next month. More information to follow.

Vice-President Rehoric mentioned that the ice machine was broken at the Community Center and suggested that the machine at 1 W. State Street be moved to Borough Hall, if available. Borough Manager Smith mentioned that a new ice machine would cost approximately \$3,600. Borough Manager Smith will ask Ralph DeRosa, Public Works Director, to look into the ice machine at 1 W. State Street.

Borough Manager Smith mentioned that the Borough has not received an invoice from BPI, insurance broker, for coverage at the Media Theatre (\$1,100) and the Borough expects reimbursement from the Theatre. Presently, Council authorized adding the Theatre to the policy as a result of cancellation notices received on their insurance coverage. Borough Manager Smith mentioned that the Property Committee walked through the Media Theatre recently.

Councilman Cunningham commented on the elimination of the parking space in front of John's Grille at the corner of Baker & Monroe Streets. Mayor McMahon commented that he was in favor of eliminating the parking space. Councilman Williamson commented that he would not vote to eliminate the parking space because he felt it was a sort of traffic calming device. Councilman Cunningham mentioned that this will be voted on at the next Council Meeting.

Adjournment

President Alyanakian made a motion to adjourn the Workshop meeting at 10:45 p.m. Councilwoman Roe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary