

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2009**

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, Cunningham, Williamson and Derrickson. Also present were Borough Manager Smith, Treasurer Deitch, Solicitor Scott and Engineer Walton.

President Daly called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and led the salute to the flag. President Daly observed a moment of silence for the passing of Robert Ickes, Maxine Smallwood, Joe Worrall, Ralph Garzia and Eugene Gerald, Sr.

Approval of the Minutes

Councilman Cunningham made a motion to adopt the December 18, 2008 Public Hearing minutes, December 18, 2008 Public Hearing minutes and December 18, 2008 Council Meeting minutes. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Announce Reason for January 8, 2009 Executive Session

President Daly noted that real estate and personnel matters were discussed during the January 8, 2009 Executive Session.

Public Comment & Privilege of the Floor

Mia Mendoza, Fair Trade Committee, made a presentation regarding the Fair Trade Live Concert event that was held on September 14, 2008. Ms. Mendoza mentioned that the event was advertised in advance in various newspapers. Ms. Mendoza presented pictures as well as video from the event, which was produced by Richard Hoffman (borough resident). There were 71 vendors present and the event drew more than 5,000 people. This event provided education and information pertaining to Fair Trade. Ms. Mendoza thanked various individuals for the success of this event. Ms. Mendoza mentioned that the Fair Trade Committee meets on a weekly basis and they are always adding new members.

Monika Rehoric, 110 W. State Street, mentioned that the Media Business Authority recently held their re-elections and is looking forward to the year ahead.

Monika Rehoric thanked Council for their recent donation to the Media Historical Society.

Councilman Cunningham expressed sympathy for the passing of Brookhaven Borough Mayor, Ralph Garzia. Councilman Cunningham suggested that the Borough forward a letter of sympathy to Brookhaven Borough Council.

Engineer's Report

Councilman Cunningham inquired about the status of the surface coverage at the Lincoln and Vernon Streets development project. Engineer Walton noted that Jim Jeffery, Code Enforcement Director, is in constant contact with the developer and is taking steps to bring him into compliance.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Scott mentioned that he had two (2) items to discuss in Executive Session.

Mayor's Report – Mayor McMahon

Mayor McMahon reported that the Police Department received and investigated 871 complaints during the month of December. There were three (3) burglaries in December, bringing the total to 12 for the year.

Council Committee Reports

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

Councilman Cunningham nominated Natalie Whitted to fill the unexpired term of Toni Lee Cavanagh DiMonte on the Historic Archives Commission. The nomination carried unanimously. Ms. Whitted's appointment will expire on December 31, 2009.

Councilman Cunningham nominated Rachelle Green as a non-voting, non-official member of the Historic Archives Commission. The nomination carried unanimously.

Councilman Cunningham motioned for the reappointment of Katherine Lorusso to the Shade Tree Commission for a term of five (5) years, which will expire on December 31, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

With regard to the recent enhancements at Sovereign Bank, the office at E. Front and Monroe Streets and the Vernon and Lincoln Streets development, Councilman Cunningham provided a reminder that shade trees should be planted in these locations once the weather breaks.

Councilman Cunningham motioned for the reappointment of Rebecca Herbert to the Historical Architectural Review Board for a term of five (5) years, which will expire on December 31, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilwoman Simpson thanked the Fair Trade Committee for their presentation regarding the Fair Trade Live Concert.

Councilwoman Simpson motioned for the reappointment of Anthony Cavaliere, Ed Lawlor, Pete Bendistis, Lynne Green, Rachel Benari, Warren Kuo, Roger Ricker and Kathleen McGehean to the Media Business Authority for a term of three (3) years, which will expire on December 31, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Simpson made a motion to appoint Amy Bullock of Starry Eyed Optical to the Media Business Authority for a term of three (3) years, which will expire on December 31, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Simpson mentioned that there are now 20 members on the Media Business Authority and 17 sub-committees.

Councilwoman Simpson announced that the Chinese New Year Celebration will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2009.

Code Enforcement, Health, Environment Advisory Council, Media Arts Council, Streetscape & Litter Task Force – Mr. Hall

Vice-President Hall made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise bids for the collection of recyclable materials. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Hall made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft and advertise an Anti-idling Ordinance. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. While the ordinance is still in the process of being drafted, Solicitor Scott noted that this ordinance will apply to Borough parking lots and metered spaces only. Councilman Cunningham mentioned that he is favor of the intent of the ordinance, but believes other items should be addressed to reduce the Borough's carbon footprint (i.e. no turn on red signs at Baltimore Avenue and State Street intersections, full service traffic lights overnight in Media, etc.). Councilman Cunningham would like to see this ordinance become more comprehensive. Councilman Alyanakian mentioned that adoption of this ordinance is recommended by the State. Councilman Alyanakian recommended dropping the word "anti" from the ordinance. Councilman Cunningham inquired if enforcement of this ordinance would be a reasonable expectation. Councilman Alyanakian noted that the police department is present at various intersections (i.e. State and Monroe Street—Media Theatre). Councilman Alyanakian mentioned the possibility of the Environmental Advisory Council putting together an educational component for the ordinance. Councilman Cunningham made a motion to amend the original motion to authorize the Borough Engineer and Borough Manager to request from PennDOT that the Borough's permits be updated to allow flashing lights after midnight at intersections and to initiate a study to determine if the Borough can replace existing no turn on red signs at intersections with modifications of the hours or eliminate the signs altogether. President Daly mentioned that Councilman Cunningham's amendment to the motion is not proper for this ordinance. The motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft and advertise an Anti-idling Ordinance carried 6-1, with Councilman Cunningham casting the dissenting vote. Councilman Williamson suggested that Councilman Cunningham's suggestions go before the Public Safety Committee. Councilman Derrickson responded that these issues have been raised previously, but that they can go back to the Public Safety Committee for consideration.

Vice-President Hall motioned for the reappointment of Thomas Carroll to the Board of Health for a term of five (5) years, which will expire on December 31, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Hall motioned for the reappointment of Walt Cressler and Brian Taussig-Lux to the Environmental Advisory Council for a term of three (3) years, which will expire on December 31, 2011. The motion carried unanimously. It was determined that Brian Taussig-Lux shall refrain from voting on grant matters due to the fact that his wife, Karen, is employed as the Borough's Grants Administrator.

Vice-President Hall made a motion to appoint Tyrone Glover to the open position on the Environmental Advisory Council for a term of three (3) years, which will expire on December 31, 2011. It was determined that Mr. Glover has been serving on the Environmental Advisory Council in an unofficial capacity for quite a while. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Hall mentioned that the Media Arts Council will host their second annual film festival in Media on February 27 & 28, 2009.

Vice-President Hall announced that the next Media Arts Council Second Saturday event will be held on February 14, 2009.

With regard to the digital television transition on February 17, 2009, Vice-President Hall reminded everyone that old televisions should be disposed of through the County's household hazardous waste events. More information to follow.

Vice-President Hall made a motion to approve the American Heart Association's request to display red flags along State Street for the month of February in recognition of Go Red for Women (national heart awareness event) contingent upon the payment of a \$100 fee for the installation and removal of the flags. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1, with Councilman Cunningham casting the dissenting vote.

Properties, Personnel, Finance & Insurance – Mr. Daly

Treasurer Deitch read the finance report. The Finance Committee reported checks drawn on the Central Disbursement account for the following funds:

General Fund	\$ 778,052.68
Recreation Fund	\$ 4,838.14
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 14,696.65
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 254,853.14</u>
Total	\$1,052,440.61

President Daly motioned that bills be paid when properly approved for all funds. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. Councilman Cunningham inquired if CMAQ and Third Street Bridge project invoices were included with the bills. Treasurer Deitch responded that invoices for these projects are included this month for CMAQ and for the Third Street Bridge. The motion carried 5-2, with Councilmen Cunningham and Alyanakian casting the dissenting votes.

President Daly made a motion to ratify the projects for the Federal Economic Stimulus Bill, which he and the Mayor sent to Congressman Sesktak. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. Councilman Cunningham indicated that he intends to vote against this motion, as he believes it is not the responsibility of taxpayers outside the Borough to help cover some of these projects and due to the fact that only two (2) elected officials were consulted regarding the list of projects. Councilman Alyanakian agreed with Councilman Cunningham and mentioned that he will oppose the acceptance of such earmarks. Councilman Williamson mentioned that Congress is fearful of the economy in the coming years and is moving swiftly on this matter. Councilman Williamson noted that he is comfortable with the list of projects even though he was not consulted. The motion for ratification of projects for the Federal Economic Stimulus Bill carried 5-2, with Councilmen Cunningham and Alyanakian casting the dissenting votes.

President Daly mentioned that the Finance Committee met and reviewed the year-end budget. The Borough finished in the black in 2008. The Act 511 and Earned Income Tax receipts were up, but the Borough does not expect this to continue through 2009.

President Daly motioned for the reappointment of Tina Poletta Smith to the Vacancy Board for a term of one (1) year, which will expire on December 31, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

Community Development – Mr. Williamson

Councilman Williamson commended Sovereign Bank for enhancements to their property at Orange and Front Streets.

Councilman Williamson motioned for the reappointment of Kevin Matson and Chris Pavlou to the Planning Commission for a term of four (4) years, which will expire on December 31, 2012. Councilman Cunningham nominated Rebecca Herbert for the Planning Commission. The motion to reappoint Kevin Matson and Chris Pavlou carried 6-1, with Councilman Cunningham casting the dissenting vote. President Daly mentioned that voting on Ms. Herbert is not necessary as there are no open spaces on the Planning Commission.

Councilman Williamson motioned for the reappointment of Harry Dumas to the ICC/Life Safety Appeals Board for a term of five (5) years, which will expire on December 31, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williamson motioned for the reappointment of Kitty McFarland to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of three (3) years, which will expire on December 31, 2011. Councilman Cunningham inquired if Ms. McFarland has moved out of the Borough. It was determined that Ms. McFarland does, in fact, reside in the Borough. Councilman Cunningham nominated Paul Robinson for the Zoning Hearing Board. President Daly mentioned that Council will consider the appointment in the order of nomination. The motion to reappoint Kitty McFarland carried 5-2, with Councilmen Cunningham and Alyanakian casting the dissenting vote.

Public Safety, Highway & Emergency Management – Mr. Derrickson

Councilman Derrickson mentioned various letters of commendation for the police department.

Councilman Derrickson mentioned the police department is creating a youth aid panel consisting of 5-7 adults, who must either live or work in the Borough.

Councilman Derrickson made a motion to install no parking signs under the Mayor's authority on Broomall Street (east side) as per the Public Safety Committee recommendation. Councilman Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Derrickson made a motion to approve the Society for the Performing Arts request to restrict parking along State Street from Monroe to Edgmont Street during their Gala Event on Saturday, February 7, 2009. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Derrickson mentioned that the Fellowship House will have their annual march in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Sunday, January 18, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

It was determined that the President's Inauguration celebration can be viewed at Media Friends on Providence Road (courtesy of Congressman Sestak) or Campbell AME Church (courtesy of Media Area NAACP).

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

Councilman Alyanakian noted that he would like an opportunity to consult with the Recreation Board and Library Board prior to making a recommendation on reappointments.

Councilman Alyanakian mentioned that the Media Fire Company handled 428 fire calls and 1900 EMS calls during 2008.

Councilman Alyanakian reminded residents to shovel out fire hydrants in the event of a snowstorm.

Councilman Alyanakian mentioned that a Public Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2009 regarding the completion of the Master Plan for the restoration of Houtman and Philip Green Parks. Councilwoman Simpson noted that this hearing is phase I prior to applying for grant funding.

Councilman Alyanakian announced that the Recreation Board will sponsor a family dance on Saturday, January 17, 2009 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Councilman Alyanakian mentioned that a day of community service is scheduled for Monday, January 19, 2009 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) at the Youth Center, which will involve a clean up of the building.

Public Comment & Privilege of the Floor

President Daly made a motion to revise the committee assignments as follows: add Councilman Cunningham as the fire liaison (in lieu of Councilman Alyanakian) and replace Councilmen Williamson and Alyanakian with himself and Councilman Cunningham on the Public Safety Committee. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Cunningham suggested that President Daly reinstate Councilman Alyanakian as the liaison to the Environmental Advisory Council. President Daly mentioned that the Environmental Advisory Council liaison will remain as is.

Councilman Cunningham mentioned that Robert Ickes was the first Council President that he served under and believes Mr. Ickes set the standard for public service. Councilman Cunningham requested that the Borough send a letter of condolences to his family.

Adjournment

Councilman Cunningham motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary