

MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 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, Councilpersons Cunningham, Williamson, Derrickson and Alyanakian. Also present were Borough Manager Smith, Treasurer Deitch, Solicitor Scott and Engineer Walton. Vice-President Hall and Councilwoman Simpson were absent from the meeting.

Borough Manager's Report

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

Engineer's Report

Engineer Walton highlighted the meeting with Schnabel Engineering concerning the Third Street Bridge.

Engineer Walton presented his recommendations on Phase II of the Road Resurfacing Program list.

Solicitor's Report

With regard to preparing minutes for the Workshop meetings, Solicitor Scott mentioned that it is good practice to start doing so highlighting basic information since Council does not take official action during Workshop meetings.

Mayor's Report – Mayor McMahon

Mayor McMahon highlighted the police report for August 2009 as well as the police department overtime.

Mayor McMahon addressed questions associated with the Veterans Museum.

Council Committee Reports

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

At the request of the Recreation Board, Councilman Alyanakian mentioned that Borough Council may want to consider the adoption of the Houtman Park and Philip Green Park Master Plan, which was distributed to Council previously. Council will consider during the regular meeting on September 17.

Councilman Alyanakian provided an update on the \$10,000 grant for improvements at Barrall Park. The funds have been received, however, it was determined that the Grants Administrator inadvertently did not submit the required grant extension request. Since Council authorized going out to bid on this project previously, the Borough will move forward with the advertisement of the bid. The Grants Administrator will follow-up with a closeout report on this matter referencing the project is out to bid.

Councilman Alyanakian inquired about anti-texting legislation. Solicitor Scott responded that the Borough has no authority to move forward with anti-texting legislation, but that Borough Council may want to consider sending a letter to Senator Pileggi and Representative Killion on this matter.

Public Safety, Highway & Emergency Management – Mr. Derrickson

Councilman Derrickson mentioned proposed amendments to the Traffic Ordinance, which include such items as the removal of parking spaces, etc. A memo detailing all of the proposed amendments was distributed previously.

Councilman Derrickson mentioned the proposed Phase II 2009 Road Resurfacing Program. A list of proposed roadways to be resurfaced was provided by NDI Engineering.

Councilman Derrickson mentioned a Mass Gathering Permit Application from Four Paws Shoppe requesting to participate in the Super Sunday event on September 13, 2009.

Councilman Derrickson mentioned a Mass Gathering Permit Application from Town Talk Newspapers' for their Halloween Parade to be held on Saturday, October 31, 2009 with a rain date of Sunday, November 1, 2009.

Councilman Derrickson mentioned a request from Tom Hibberd to place a 40-foot trailer in the roadway across from the Media Theatre on September 11, 12 and 13, 2009 in conjunction with the garage sale days. A sense of Council was taken and it was determined that Council is not willing to grant this request.

Community Development – Mr. Williamson

Councilman Williamson mentioned a proposed ordinance eliminating multi-family conversions as a use-by-right in residential zoning districts. A Public Hearing is scheduled for September 17, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers regarding this ordinance.

Councilman Williamson mentioned a proposed ordinance pertaining to portable storage devices, which was drafted by Solicitor Scott and is in the Workshop packets this evening.

Councilman Williamson mentioned a letter from Pushpinder Singh of Shere-e-Punjab Restaurant (208 W. State Street) requesting that the "no beer take-out" condition be lifted from his liquor license transfer of November 2008. A sense of Council was taken on this matter and it was determined that Council is not inclined to approve this request.

Councilman Williamson mentioned a wireless communication application for 635 N. Monroe Street from Clearwire US, LLC.

Councilman Williamson mentioned a proposal for a family food market at 1 W. Front Street, the former Bill Battey's location. The Community Development Committee met with the applicant regarding this proposal.

Properties, Personnel, Finance & Insurance – Mr. Daly

President Daly mentioned the proposed Sunoco pipeline junction layout. Sunoco would like to acquire an easement from the Borough and Aqua Pennsylvania for the proposed improvements shown in the drawings previously distributed. The Borough Engineer will review and provide comments.

President Daly mentioned the adoption of the 2010 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for non-uniformed employees and police pension plans. Correspondence from Mockenhaupt Benefits Group on this matter was distributed previously along with correspondence from Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP. Mockenhaupt is working on correspondence related to the 2010 MMO for non-uniformed employees. Borough Council is required to adopt the 2010 MMO via motion by September 30, 2009.

President Daly mentioned that Borough Council may want to consider the sale of municipal vehicles that are no longer being used. A list of vehicles from department heads was distributed previously. Council is requesting the staff look into an online auction of the vehicles.

President Daly mentioned that the Public Safety Committee should discuss the hours of operation for the Media Municipal Center with the dispatcher transition to the 911 Center effective October 1, 2009.

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

The Media Business Authority submitted a Mass Gathering Permit Application for their Jazz by Night Celebration to be held on Saturday, October 17, 2009 from 7:00 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

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

Councilman Cunningham discussed amendments to the Shade Tree Ordinance in order to allow for enforcement by the Borough Manager and Code Enforcement Director.

Adjournment

Councilman Williamson made a motion to adjourn the Workshop meeting at 8:45 p.m. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary