

Borough Council

Special Meeting Minutes – June 27, 2013

Public Hearing – Mr. Farley called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00pm and opened the hearing for public comments regarding the amendment to the Borough’s Zoning Map.

- Barbara Ault, 332 West Lockhart Street reviewed recommendations prepared by the Planning Commission at their meeting on May 28th. Mrs. Ault stated that the Planning Commission would be meeting on July 2nd to take comments from citizens about the Light Commercial Zoning District.
- Jan Scott, 204 Hayden Street stated that the zoning designation of the Sayre Theatre, Presbyterian Church, and Caplan property should remain Light Commercial and not be changed to Downtown Commercial.
- Susan Alvino, 309 North Lehigh Avenue stated that she did not have any issues with the overall changes and that she agrees with changing the parcels on North Wilbur Avenue to Medical Campus. Mrs. Alvino also stated that North Lehigh Avenue should remain Light Commercial and not be changed to Transitional Residential.

Mr. Farley concluded the Public Hearing at 6:08pm.

Vote to adopt Ordinance #901 amending the Borough’s Zoning Map. A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mrs. Howland to adopt Ordinance #901. Under the question: Ms. Sabatura stated that she was concerned with the erosion and eradication of neighborhoods and that the properties on West Lockhart Street owned by Steven Crain should not be changed to downtown commercial. Mrs. Howland stated that it is time to move forward and that the Borough Council has been very responsive to comments made during the previous public hearings. Mr. Flick stated that it is important to create opportunities to bring businesses to the Borough. Mr. Osmun stated that it is time to put the zoning issue to rest and that he is appauld by the cost of the zoning map changes and that he agrees with a majority of the changes but does not agree with the zoning change of the Epiphany School property. Mr. Osmun then made a motion to adopt

Ordinance #901 and include the recommendations made by the Planning Commission. Attorney Foster stated that Mr. Osmun’s motion could not be addressed because there is already a motion on the table. Mr. Farley asked Mr. Flick if he was willing to amend his motion to include the Planning Commission’s recommendations, and Mr. Flick stated that he would not amend his original motion.

	Yes	No	Abstain
Mr. Daly	X		
Mr. Flick	X		
Mrs. Howland	X		
Mr. Osmun		X	
Ms. Sabatura		X	
Mr. Cerutti	X		
Mr. Farley			X

Mayor Thomas commended the Administration Committee and the Borough Council for their work on the development of the zoning map changes and their willingness to make concessions on the proposed changes. Mayor Thomas stated that Mr. Farley and Mr. Cerutti handled themselves with dignity in light of the public criticism. Mayor Thomas also stated that he agrees with Mr. Flick’s comment that Borough needs to evaluate its ordinances periodically to reflect development needs in the Borough.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Ms. Sabatura and seconded by Mr. Daly to adjourn the meeting at 6:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David M Jarrett
Borough Manager/Secretary