

Meeting Minutes
State College Borough Council
June 9, 2008

The State College Borough Council met in a work session on Monday, June 9, 2008, in the State College Municipal Building Council Chambers, 243 South Allen Street, State College, PA. Ms. Goreham called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Elizabeth A. Goreham, President of Council
Ronald Filippelli
Donald M. Hahn
Theresa D. Lafer
Silvi Lawrence
Peter Morris
James L. Rosenberger

Also present: Thomas J. Fountaine, II, Borough Manager; Thomas S. Kurtz, Assistant Borough Manager; Roger A. Dunlap, Assistant Borough Manager; Carl R. Hess, Director of Planning; Mark A. Whitfield, Director of Public Works; Tim Grattan, IT Director; Beth A. Johnston, Director of Human Resources; Thomas R. King, Chief of Police; Sheila Carl, Recording Secretary; members of the media; and other interested observers.

Public Hour. There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

Open Agenda/Projects Report. Council was provided with an updated list of current and anticipated projects. Council was also given a list of upcoming agenda items.

Council questioned the status of several projects and the procedure for the replacement of several pieces of equipment.

Council requested the CID amendments be moved to the July 14 meeting. Staff stated this may not be possible as staff is currently focused and working on deadlines for the West End Revitalization.

Report from Design Review Board. Zoe Boniface, Vice Chair of the Design Review Board, attended the meeting and reported on the activities of the Board. Council was provided with an updated version of the work program.

Ms. Boniface reported the Board has recently completed the Design Guide and has also been reviewing the West End zoning, subdivision ordinances and proposals for a new building along West College Avenue.

Report from Centre Regional Planning Commission. Charles Gable, the Borough's representative for the Centre Regional Planning Commission, attended the meeting to report on the Commission's activities. Council was given a copy of Mr. Gable's presentation.

Mr. Gable stated Centre Regional Planning is very interested in the West End revitalization plans and the promotion of mixed use zoning.

Mr. Gable reported the Commission is also working on a transportation study for Centre County. The Commission would like to improve and/or increase service to the areas in Centre County where public services are currently unavailable or limited.

Municipal Wireless Project. Tim Grattan, Information Technology Director, reported on the status of the Municipal Wireless Project. Council was provided with a memo updating them on the project.

Mr. Grattan reported on the progression of the Wireless Project and stated Penn State University's initial interest in the project was lost and other companies began to withdraw from the Municipal Market. Staff is recommending that the research and planning for a Municipal Wireless network be discontinued and staff investigate the possibility of establishing free wireless connectivity in Central Parklet.

Council agreed with the recommendation.

Cat Ordinance. A request was made to the Borough to consider regulations to control cats running at large. Several months ago Council was given information on cats from the Audubon Society of New Jersey and the Aurora, Colorado ordinance regulating dogs, cats and other animals. Council was also given copies of *Domestic Cat Predation on Birds and other Wildlife* published by the American Bird Conservancy and excerpts from the Guide to Cat Law published by the Humane Society.

Council discussed the information they were provided and stated educating pet owners about responsible ownership may be a helpful approach to addressing the feral cat problem. Council would like staff to develop an education program including posting information on the Borough

website and having written materials available for the public. Council would also like staff to pursue the idea of an ordinance should the education route not be successful.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m. to an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia S. Hanscom
Assistant Borough Secretary