

Meeting Minutes
State College Borough Council
Work Session
November 10, 2008

The State College Borough Council met in a work session on Monday, November 10, 2008, in the State College Municipal Building, 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 L. Filippelli
Donald M. Hahn
Theresa D. Lafer
Silvi Lawrence
Peter Morris
James L. Rosenberger

Also present: Thomas J. Fountaine, II, Borough Manager; Carl R. Hess, Planning Director; Thomas S. Kurtz, Assistant Borough Manager for Community Services; Roger Dunlap, Assistant Borough Manager for Budget and Administration; Norma Crater, Accounting Supervisor; Amy Story, Borough Engineer; Herman Slaybaugh, Zoning Officer; Amy R. Miller, Recording Secretary; Terry J. Williams, Borough Solicitor; members of the media; and other interested observers.

Public Hour. There were no comments from the public.

Fraser Centre Update. Jack Kay, President, and Tim Fulton, Vice-President, of Susquehanna Real Estate, updated Council on the status of the Fraser Centre project. Also present were Ben Troupman, representing Cinema Center, and Jody Alessandrine, Executive Director of the Downtown Improvement District.

Water Resources Monitoring. Bob Carline, Chair of the Spring Creek Water Resources Monitoring Committee updated Council on the status of the Water Resources Monitoring Project. Also present was Nicole Rhodes from Clearwater Conservancy.

Report from Design Review Board. Kevin Gombotz, Chair of the Design Review Board, updated Council on the activities of the Board and presented the Board's 2009 work program.

Council noted the Board's interest in art in public places and suggested the Board inquire about displaying public art in the Fraser Centre.

Report from the Transportation Commission. Rick Hirsch, Chair of the Transportation Commission, updated Council on the activities of the Commission and presented the 2009 work program. Also present was Transportation Commission member Paul Jovanis.

Mr. Hirsch also summarized Parts I and II of the Comprehensive Pedestrian and Bicycle Program that was prepared by Stahl Sheaffer Engineering which Council previously received.

Council suggested a bicyclist safety education program for residents as well as better enforcement of the bicycle laws.

Council also asked about the usage of the Foster Avenue Bikeway. Mr. Hirsch reported the Commission is currently collecting data

2009 Operating Budget. Staff reviewed a memo that was distributed to Council providing the basis for recommended housing rental permit fee increases and change of ownership fees.

Mr. Williams also explained that fees collected cannot be used for general revenue purposes.

Council said that all Borough fees should be reviewed and updated as necessary.

Council also discussed ordinance enforcement, code enforcement and over-occupancy (zoning).

Items of Information. Ms. Goreham announced Council will hold a short executive session following this meeting to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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