

Meeting Minutes
State College Borough Council
August 11, 2008

The State College Borough Council met in a work session on Monday, August 11, 2008, in the State College Municipal Building, Room 304, 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; Alan W. Sam, Borough Arborist; Arthur Caccavale, Parking Manager; Edward C. Holmes, Facilities Manager; Norma J. Crater, Accounting Supervisor; Ross Moymer, Finance Intern; Amy J. Story, Borough Engineer; Michael S. Groff, Finance Director; Sheila Carl, Recording Secretary; members of the media; and other interested observers.

Public Hour. Bob Rightmeyer, 785 Walnut Spring Lane, spoke about Thomas Woods Reserve and requested Council's support in improving this area.

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.

A correction was noted on the agenda schedule. State College Area Plan was tentatively moved to September 29, 2008 and the joint meeting with Ferguson Township will be held on August 22, 2008.

Council questioned the delay of the Beaver Avenue/Allen Street streetscape improvements. It was explained that CATA had difficulties coordinating the schedule and the project would continue when the schedule issues are resolved.

Ms. Goreham requested art in public places be discussed at a future work session. Council agreed.

Report from Tree Commission. Mark McDill, Chair of the Tree Commission, attended the meeting and reported on the activities of the Commission.

Mr. McDill reported the Commission has been concerned with the various diseases attacking the elm and other trees and is trying to provide a diverse variety of trees so

one disease does not harm an overwhelming amount of trees. The Commission has also been working to develop an education plan to stop and/or minimize the vandalism that has been occurring to trees.

Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report. Howard Greenburg and Brent Yarnal presented a final report on greenhouse gas emissions reduction strategies for the Borough. The report addressed emissions from transportation, energy, and waste in the Borough. The report outlined short-term, mid-term, and long-term goals for the Borough and provided ideas on ways to address these issues.

Financial Reports. Michael Groff, Borough Finance Director, reported on the second quarter's financial performance and provided Council with the second quarter report. Overall the financial performance is good with only one or two issues being monitored. Council was pleased to see the parking fund is doing well.

Mr. Groff also presented a financial trend monitoring report and provided Council with a copy of the presentation.

Capital Improvement Program. Council began discussing the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), concentrating on streets, sewers, and building facilitates. Staff reviewed the proposed projects and reminded Council the CIP is just a plan and not a budget.

Council asked several questions referencing the presented projects and were invited to e-mail additional questions to Mr. Fontaine.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia S. Hanscom
Assistant Borough Secretary