

Meeting Minutes
State College Borough Council
August 18, 2008

The State College Borough Council met on Monday, August 18, 2008, in the State College Municipal Building, 243 South Allen Street, Room 304, State College, PA. Mayor Welch called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

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

Also present: Thomas J. Fountaine, II, Borough Manager; Thomas S. Kurtz, Assistant Manager of Community Services; Roger A. Dunlap, Assistant Manager of Budget and Administration; Carl R. Hess, Planning Director; Thomas King, Chief of Police; Anthony Marusiak, Assistant Borough Engineer; Michael S. Groff, Finance Director; Alan Sam, Arborist; Cynthia S. Hanscom, Assistant Borough Secretary; members of the media; and other interested observers.

Mr. Welch began with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hour. There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

Consent Items. Ms. Goreham moved to approve the following consent items. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- Vouchers for the Borough of State College for the month of July in the amount of \$2,921,308.12.
- Use of Hartswick Avenue for a neighborhood block party on Sunday, August 24, 2008, from 2:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- Use of Allen Street between Beaver and Foster Avenues for the America's Day for Kids on Saturday, September 13, 2008, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Use of various sidewalks in the Greentree neighborhood and the Orchard Park Bike Path for the annual Knights of Columbus 5K race on Sunday, October 5, 2008, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

- Use of West Prospect Avenue between Gill Street and Barnard Street for the PIAA tennis competition on September 2, 13, 17 and October 1, 2008, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Resolution granting the State College Area School District to close a portion of South Fraser Street and West Nittany Avenue for athletic events held in Memorial Field.
- Bid for Project 10-2008 Royal Road Reconstruction be awarded to HRI, Inc., the low bidder, for a total amount of \$157,807.00
- A resignation, with regret, from Mark Bergstrom, from the CDBG Citizens' Advisory Committee, effective immediately.
- A resignation, with regret, from Ronald A. Davis from the State College Borough Water Authority.
- Agreement for the Greenhouse Gas Pilot Grant Program for the Centre Region.
- Minutes for the following meetings held in July:

July 7, 2008	Regular Meeting
July 14, 2008	Work Session
July 21, 2008	Regular Meeting
July 23, 2008	Special Meeting

- Appointment of the following individuals to the Transportation Commission:

Name	Term Ending
Lynda C. Bullard	December 31, 2009
Kate Delano	December 31, 2011

GENERAL POLICY & ADMINISTRATION

Holiday Parking. Council considered a request from Downtown State College Improvement District to continue the holiday parking program as it has been done in previous years. This would include free parking at all municipal lots and garages from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and at all parking garages on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., from November 28, 2008, through January 1, 2009. Downtown State College has also requested the holiday courtesy parking program be done again this year.

Council commented on their support of the plan to get people to come downtown but would like to quantify the benefit. Staff noted that the greatest benefit is the customer's sense of good will that is generated during the holiday season. Council agreed that the good will generated was an important aspect of the program.

Mr. Filippelli moved to approve the free holiday parking and the courtesy parking program for the 2008 holiday season. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed with at 7-0-0 vote.

TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Easterly Parkway Parking Ordinance. Council considered a change in parking regulations covering the 100 block of Easterly Parkway to bring the Borough's Codification of Ordinances into congruence with posted regulations.

Ms. Goreham moved to approve Ordinance 1907. Mr. Rosenberger seconded the motion. The motion passed with at 7-0-0 vote.

OFFICIAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor's Report. Mr. Welch announced that he would join Graham Spanier, President of Penn State University, to welcome back students on Saturday, August 23, 2008.

President's Report. Ms. Goreham announced an executive session held following the meeting of Friday, August 15, 2008, to discuss personnel matters. She also announced there would be a meeting on Friday, August 22, 2008, at 12:00 noon at the Ferguson Township municipal building to meet jointly with the Ferguson Township Supervisors to discuss a potential real estate project in the West End. Lastly, Ms. Goreham announced the cancellation of the Council meeting scheduled for September 2, 2008.

Regional Liaison Reports. Ms. Lawrence announced the COG Code Committee had met on August 13 and discussed the recruitment of a new Code Administration director.

Staff/Committee Reports. Mr. Fontaine announced there would be groups of Borough and University representatives walking through the Highlands and Holmes-Foster neighborhoods on Wednesday, August 27, as part of the LION (Living in One Neighborhood) 08 Program. Mayor Welch, Council President Goreham and Penn State University President Graham Spanier would be participating in the program.

Council recessed to a work session at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Welch left the meeting and turned the meeting over to Ms. Goreham.

COG Program Plan. Council offered a number of revisions to the draft memorandum and asked that it be forwarded to the COG Executive Director as revised.

2009-2013 Capital Improvement Program. Council continued discussion on the 2009-2013 Capital Improvement Program. Staff provided an overview of the projects for Information Technology, Parks, and other projects.

Most Council members agreed that the streetscape improvements, as part of the West End revitalization project, should be moved to 2009 rather than having them a few years out. It was noted that this would require the issuance of debt to cover the cost of the capital projects.

The public hearing on the 2009-2013 Capital Improvement Plan will be held on September 8 with adoption on September 15. Council will have the opportunity to discuss the Plan at the meetings of September 8 and 12.

Debt Management. Staff presented a draft debt policy setting objectives and management of the issuance of debt for the Borough. Council discussed the limitations proposed and other formats that could be used to set limitations. The policy will be discussed at a future work session with approval as part of the Capital Improvement Plan.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned to an executive session at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia S. Hanscom
Assistant Borough Secretary