

Meeting Minutes
State College Borough Council
Work Session
December 3, 2008

The State College Borough Council met in a work session on Wednesday, December 3, 2008, in the State College Municipal Building, Room 304, 243 South Allen Street, State College, PA. Council met in an executive session prior to this work session to discuss personnel matters. Ms. Goreham called the work session to order at 12:00 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; Beth A. Johnston, Human Resources Director; Michael S. Groff, Finance Director; Thomas R. King, Chief of Police; Norma J. Crater, Accounting Supervisor; Timothy Grattan, IT Director; Arthur Caccavale, Parking Manager; Karen M. Martin, Assistant Parking Manager; Sheila Carl, Recording Secretary; members of the media; and other interested observers.

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

2009 Operating Budget. Council was provided with background information on a proposed 2009 Fee Resolution that Staff recommended for adoption in conjunction with the 2009 Budget. The proposed resolution would consolidate Borough related licenses, permits, fees and charges into one document. Also included in the resolution are proposed amendments to certain fines and penalties sections of the Borough's Code of Ordinances. Adoption of the resolution will require an amendment to the Borough's Code of Ordinances. Staff will prepare the required amendments for Council adoption in conjunction with the 2009 Budget on December 15, 2008.

In addition to the proposed Resolution and amendments Council also discussed the proposed 2009 Operating Budget for Police and Revenues.

Staff reviewed the areas which had the greatest impact and increase on the Police budget and answered Council's questions.

Staff reviewed the Revenues portion of the budget highlighting the proposed changes to the fee resolution.

Council questioned the reaction of downtown business owners to the proposed changes in parking fees and fines. Mr. Fountaine stated Jodi Alessandrine, Executive Director of Downtown Improvement District, will attend the Friday, December 5 meeting to share his thoughts on the changes.

Council also discussed the Homestead Exclusion Act and asked about the financial impact of a raise in the exclusion to \$30,000.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia S. Hanscom
Assistant Borough Secretary