

Meeting Minutes
State College Borough Council
Work Session
December 8, 2008

The State College Borough Council met in a work session on Monday, December 8, 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 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; Mark A. Whitfield, Director of Public Works; Beth A. Johnston, Human Resources Director; Carl R. Hess, Planning Director; Michael S. Groff, Finance Director; Thomas R. King, Chief of Police; Norma J. Crater, Accounting Supervisor; Arthur Caccavale, Parking Manager; Ernest C. Dabiero, Purchasing Director/Risk Manager; Sheila Carl, Recording Secretary; members of the media; and other interested observers.

Public Hour. Mayor Welch spoke about the newly revised ordinances dealing with chickens enacted by Council at the December 1 meeting. Mayor Welch stated he would not be signing the ordinances nor would he veto the ordinances therefore the ordinances will stand as adopted by Council.

Open Agenda/Projects Report. Council was given an updated list of projects currently in progress and anticipated and a list of upcoming agenda items.

Council questioned when the rezoning of East College Avenue would be discussed. Staff stated this issue is listed for the January 12, 2009 agenda.

Council requested and was given an update on the Wayfinding project.

Staff noted the meeting scheduled for January 5, 2009 will be held at 3 p.m.

Report from the State College Borough Water Authority. Emory Enscore, Chair of the State College Borough Water Authority, and Max Gill, Manager of the Water Authority, provided Council with an update on the status of the Authority.

Funding for First Night. Rick Bryant, Executive Director of the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts, attended the meeting to discuss the Borough's funding of First Night activities.

2009 Operating Budget. Council was provided with lists of expenditure and revenue changes from the proposed budget based on discussions to date.

Council members indicated that they supported the increased fee schedule, a change in parking fines to \$6.00, and did not support increases in on-street meter parking hours or fees.

Council also discussed the immediate problems and long term problems affecting the budget and discussed ways to increase revenue and some potential budget reductions.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia S. Hanscom
Assistant Borough Secretary