

Meeting Minutes
State College Borough Council
Work Session
April 24, 2009

The State College Borough Council met in a work session on Friday, April 24, 2009, in the State College Municipal Building, 243 South Allen Street, State College, PA. Ms. Goreham called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Present: Elizabeth A. Goreham, President of Council
Ronald L. Filippelli
Theresa D. Lafer
Silvi Lawrence
Peter Morris
Donald M. Hahn (arrived at 12:17 p.m.)
James L. Rosenberger (arrived at 12:17 p.m.)

Also present: Thomas J. Fountaine, II, Borough Manager; Thomas S. Kurtz, Assistant Borough Manager for Community Services; Roger Dunlap, Assistant Borough Manager for Budget and Administration; Amy R. Miller, Recording Secretary; Michael Groff; Finance Director; Beth A. Johnston, Human Resource Director; members of the media; and other interested observers.

Public Hour. There were no comments from citizens.

Fraser Centre Presentation. Jack Kay, President of Susquehanna Development, Jody Alessandrine, Director of Downtown State College, and Dolores Taricani from the Downtown State College Board of Directors, were present on behalf of the Fraser Centre. Mr. Kay presented Council with the history and detailed plans for the LEED certified Fraser Centre. He said the theatre company, Cinema Centers, will put \$2 million of their own money into the construction of the theatre which may also include an IMAX theatre.

Council asked about the ground breaking date and the public's use of the Centre's community room. Mr. Kay expected ground breaking this coming fall. He also said details for use of the community room have not yet been finalized.

Finance and Budget Reports and Discussion

First Quarter Budget Report. Staff presented the First Quarter Budget Report.

Severance Policy. At Council's request, Staff presented Council with a proposed severance policy based on annual salary and providing access to the EPA, human relations support and unemployment compensation. Staff recommended Council not adopt a severance policy.

Council members Lafer, Hahn and Lawrence agreed with staff's recommendation. However, Council members Goreham, Morris, Filippelli, and Rosenberger disagreed. Council agreed to add the policy to the agenda for vote at the next regular Council meeting.

Benefit Summary. Council postponed the discussion on the benefit summary.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Staff distributed the 2010-2014 CIP to Council and announced the public hearing would be held on May 4 to receive citizen comment prior to Council discussions.

Items of Information. Council President Goreham reminded Council Members to let staff know if they were interested in attending the Annual PLCM Conference in Lancaster in June.

Mr. Fountaine said a special meeting of Borough Council would take place at the COG General Forum on Monday, April 27.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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