

Meeting Minutes
State College Borough Council
Work Session
May 29, 2009

The State College Borough Council met in a work session on Friday, May 29, 2009, in the State College Municipal Building, Room 304, 243 South Allen Street, State College, PA. 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; 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; Karen M. Martin, Interim Parking Manager; Ernest C. Dabiero, Purchasing Director/Risk Manager; Tim Grattan, IT Director; Amy J. Story, Borough Engineer; Edward C. Holmes, Facilities Manager; Ross Momyer, Finance Intern; Sheila Carl, Recording Secretary; members of the media; and other interested observers.

Public Hour. There were no comments from citizens.

Monthly Budget Report. Council was provided with a copy of the April 2009 Monthly Budget Report. Staff advised the actual numbers continue to track according to budget projections.

Update on Energy Block Grant Program. Mr. Fountaine reviewed the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant program and the Borough's application as an entitlement community. Council was provided with a memo outlining the program.

Mr. Fountaine reported the grant will provide \$194,000 to be used for the green roof and street light conversion projects. Remaining money from the grant could also be used to replace appliances at Bellaire Court apartments with energy efficient appliances.

Mr. Fountaine stated the Borough also applied for additional monies through a competitive grant program. If the monies are received, staff is proposing a program be developed to encourage landlords to provide student rentals which are better weatherized and energy efficient.

Council asked if some of the grant money could be used for some of the projects proposed in the CIP.

2010-2014 Capital Improvement Program. Council continued discussion and review of the proposed 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Program.

Staff provided Council with a summary sheet indicating which projects need immediate attention and which projects can be postponed.

Staff reported the proposed CIP did not require funding from the operating budget.

Council and staff discussed the need for the 800 MHz radio project.

Council members expressed concerns regarding the West End Revitalization project and the undecided zoning issues affecting the area. Staff advised the project could be pushed out a few years if Council members were not comfortable with the current scope.

Mr. Fontaine advised the easement for the Orchard Park bike path would be on the June 15 agenda with Council being invited to participate in an on-site visit prior to the Council meeting.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia S. Hanscom
Assistant Borough Secretary