

STATE COLLEGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Monday, May 17, 2004

The State College Borough Council met on May 17, 2004, in the Council Chambers of the State College Municipal Building, 243 South Allen Street. Mr. Daubert called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

ROLL CALL: Thomas E. Daubert, President of Council
 Catherine G. Dauler
 Elizabeth A. Goreham
 Craig R. Humphrey
 Jeffrey R. Kern
 Janet K. Knauer
 James H. Meyer

Absent: Bill Welch, Mayor

Also present were: Thomas J. Fountaine, II, Borough Manager; Terry J. Williams, Solicitor; Ronald A. Davis, Assistant Manager; Amy R. Miller, Recording Secretary; Thomas R. King, Chief of Police; Michael S. Groff, Director of Finance; Mark A. Whitfield, Director of Public Works; Mark S. Henry, Health Officer; Carl R. Hess, Planning Director; Herman L. Slaybaugh, Zoning Officer; Amy J. Story, Borough Engineer; members of the media; and other interested observers.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed a moment of silence.

PUBLIC HOUR

Proclamation Mr. Daubert presented a proclamation to the State College Area School District Chamber Singers designating May 20, 2004, to be State High Music Day in the Borough of State College and inviting all residents to salute the achievements of the Chamber singers.

Tree City USA Award Alan Sam, Borough Arborist, thanked Council and the Borough residents for their support of trees over the years. State College has over 7,000 trees of 150 different varieties. On behalf of the Bureau of Forestry and the National Arbor Day Foundation, Randy White, Assistant District Forester, presented Council with the Tree City USA flag and 20-year plaque. The awards represent State College's 20th consecutive year of having been named Tree City, USA. Mr. Daubert graciously accepted the award.

Citizen Comments

Jean Strong, an Addison Court resident, addressed Council. First about the roar of mufflers passing by the apartments; she asked Council to please not allow cruising around town. Other issues were noise disturbances and public urination. Ms. Strong's apartment overlooks the back of the library and Highland Alley and the noise is deafening at all hours of the night. She contacted people at the University but they will not help with these problems even though these acts are initiated by university students. Mr. Daubert responded that by next week Highland Alley will no longer exist behind Addison Court and, hopefully, after the new library is completed these problems will no longer exist. Chief King addressed Ms. Strong's issue of the loud mufflers and explained the Borough does prohibit cruising. The Last Cruise is approved by Council and only happens once a year.

Joesph Tomczuk, 1085 Saxton Drive, addressed Council regarding tax collection. He suggested taxes be paid quarterly; he felt paying the full amount up front was unfair. He stated he was on a fixed income and cannot afford to pay this amount up front. If his money is allowed to sit in his savings account he would collect interest, which he could put to good use. His plea to Council was to set up a payment schedule for people who are retired. Mr. Daubert responded the taxes the Borough collects are only 15 percent of the tax bill; other

taxes come from the county and school district. Mr. Meyer suggested Mr. Tomczuk approach the school board because they have the authority to change the largest tax bill.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Standards and Luminaires at Memorial Field.

On May 3rd, Mr. Fontaine said Council received a proposal to amend the zoning ordinance to permit 70-foot light standards and a maximum maintained luminance of 2.5 footcandles (measured at a distance of 50 feet beyond the property line), as an exception for Memorial Field. Memorial Field is currently in an R-OA zoning district. At the May 10 work session, the School District provided information on projected distribution from the lights proposed to be installed, and it exceeded the maximum contained in the advertised zoning ordinance. However, the data provided by the District's lighting consultants indicated the *average* maintained illumination will be less than the 2.5 footcandles contained in the advertised amendment. After consulting with the Solicitor, staff modified the zoning amendment by inserting the word "average" between the words "maximum" and "maintained" in the ordinance. The Solicitor believes this change is technical in nature and may be approved by Council without readvertisement.

Mr. Daubert called for comments from the audience. There being no one to address Council on this subject, he closed the hearing and returned the subject to the table.

Upon motion of Mr. Meyer, second by Mr. Humphrey, Council voted 7-0-0 to enact Ordinance 1781, amending the zoning ordinance to permit 70-foot light standards and a maximum average maintained luminance of 2.5 footcandles.

Receive Comments on a Request to Vacate Cherry Alley in its Entirety.

Mr. Fontaine explained a request from St. Paul's United Methodist Church to vacate Cherry Alley. Cherry Alley is that right-of-way abutting the south and east sides of St. Paul's education building, connecting McAllister Street to Calder Way. The Centre Regional Planning Commission and the State College Planning Commission reviewed the proposal and expressed their support for St. Paul's United Methodist Church's request.

Ms. Knauer pointed out that Penn Towers did not agree to the vacation. James Wake, representing the Board of Trustees for St. Paul's Church, responded that nothing was received from Penn Towers as yet. Mr. Hess added that contact has been made with the condo association, but the Borough is waiting to get something in writing. Mr. Daubert stated the earliest Council can vote on the vacation would be June 21. Ms. Knauer asked if a letter of agreement was required before Council could proceed. Mr. Williams counseled that the alley could be vacated without the consent of all abutting property owners.

Mr. Daubert called for public comments. There being none he returned the subject to Council. Mr. Kern moved to authorize publication of Council's intent to enact an ordinance to vacate this right-of-way on July 6. Ms. Goreham seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Special Activities. Part of the Consent items were requests to use public property for special activities, which were reviewed, considered, and acted on as one unit.

Upon motion of Ms. Knauer, seconded by Ms. Dauler, Council voted unanimously to approve the use of public property for the following events: (1) a rollerblade demonstration sponsored by the Downtown Improvement District on May 25 using Allen Street from College Avenue to Calder Way (2) use of various streets in the Greentrees area to conduct a one-mile race benefiting Our Lady of Victory School and (3) use of various downtown sidewalks to conduct a walk for the annual CROP Walk to reduce world hunger.

Request to Waive the Noise Ordinance Limits to Conduct After-Fest Activities.

Upon motion from Ms. Goreham and second by Ms. Knauer, Council agreed unanimously to grant the Blue & White Society's request to exceed acoustic limits dictated by the Noise Ordinance to conduct this year's After-Fest activities. Several activities are being held, the most important of which is a concert. University police officers, student auxiliary officers, and Blue & White Society volunteers will be used for security. Council suggested to Chief King that the noise ordinance be strictly monitored around other areas of the Borough.

Request to Conduct the Farmers' Market on Locust Lane.

Upon motion from Ms. Knauer and second from Ms. Goreham, Council voted unanimously to grant the Central Pennsylvania Farmers' Market Association permission to conduct the 2004 Farmers' Market on Locust Lane with the following stipulations: (1) Calder Way and Wilson Alley being kept open to vehicular traffic at all times; (2) the Association supplying, installing, and removing barricades; (3) the Association cleaning the area prior to closing on each day of operation; (4) the Association being responsible for paying for the use of the area; and (5) the prohibited sale of live animals.

Assign Uses for Remaining Centennial Funds

Ms. Knauer moved to reserve \$10,000 of the \$78,625 remaining in the Borough's centennial account to be used for reframing art work in the new municipal building, preserving and hanging quilts that were donated during the centennial celebration, and for the display of other art work in the municipal building. The remaining \$68,625 would be used as part of the funding for a landscaped, walkway connection between the municipal building and Central Parklet. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in agreement for use of the funds.

Resolution to Permit Benner and Patton Townships to Join the Centre County Airport Authority

After a motion from Ms. Knauer and a second by Ms. Goreham, Council voted collectively to enact an unnumbered resolution to modify the makeup of the Centre County Airport Authority by adding Patton and Benner Townships as members.

BIDS/CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

Project 1-2004, Sidewalk Replacement.

Mr. Fountaine advised that bids for Project 1 were opened on May 6. Project 1 consists of the replacement of 2,115 square feet of concrete sidewalk. Five contractors expressed an interest in doing the work; four bid on the Project:

Contractor	Unit Price for 4" Sidewalk, per square foot	Unit Price for 5" Sidewalk per square foot	Unit Price for 6" Sidewalk per square foot	Total
M&E Construction Co. Lewistown, PA	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 8.50	\$57,985.50
Haranin Construction, Inc Bellefonte, PA	7.00	7.75	10.00	63,655.50
Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. State College, PA	7.25	10.75	10.75	73,242.50
LandServ, Inc. Boalsburg, PA	\$ 7.50	\$ 10.50	\$ 12.00	\$77,254.50

Construction time is 180 days and is anticipated to begin on May 27, 2004. Sidewalk replacement will occur in east and west College Heights and within the central business district. Funding for the Project is available in Account 30-439-455.

Ms. Dauler moved to award Project 1-2004 to M&E Construction Company, the low bidder, in amount \$57,985.50. Ms. Knauer seconded the motion and Council voted 7-0-0 in favor of the motion.

Project 11-2004-CDBG, the Reconstruction of Garner Street, College Avenue to Hamilton Avenue.

Mr. Fontaine reported that bids for Project 11 were opened on April 20. Project 11 consists of the reconstruction of Garner Street from College Avenue to Hamilton Avenue. Six contractors expressed an interest in doing the work; two bid on the Project. Because this project is funded with federal money, the bids were held by staff awaiting a contract from the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for this year's entitlement funds. The contracts have been received and the bid may be awarded.

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternate 1	Alternate 2
HRI, Inc. John R. Kulka, President State College, PA	*\$ 418,221.00	\$ 60,238.00	\$ 99,024.75
Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc Daniel Hawbaker, Pres. State College, PA	\$ 452,607.00	\$ 60,166.00	\$ 107,176.75

* Denotes a mathematical error corrected by staff

Mr. Fontaine said Alternate 1 is for the installation of conduit and junction boxes for residential-type street lights along both sides of Garner Street from Beaver Avenue to Hamilton Avenue. Alternate 2 is for the installation of conduit, junction boxes, and wire and street lights along both sides of Garner Street from Beaver Avenue to Hamilton Avenue. The deadline for construction is August 20, with the curb and asphalt replacement within the 100 and 200 blocks being complete by July 1. The remainder of the reconstruction work will be completed on or about August 6. A Notice to Proceed is anticipated to be issued on May 27. Funding for both the base bid and Alternate 2 is available in Account 18-466-726.

Upon motion from Mr. Kern and second by Ms. Dauler, Council voted 6-1-0 to award Project 11-2004-CDBG to the low bidder, HRI, Incorporated, in amount \$517,245.75, which includes the base bid plus Alternate 2. Ms. Goreham voted against the construction project stating Council has a responsibility to the citizens to be careful with their money. Mr. Daubert stated that the project was included in the 2004 budget.

Professional Services Contract to Design the Realignment of the Beaver/Fraser Intersection.

Mr. Fontaine reported that the recently-completed traffic impact study of the proposed parking garage at Fraser Street and Beaver Avenue identified a need to realign that intersection to provide a better flow of traffic on both rights-of-way and to address vehicle stacking concerns associated with both garages. The services to be provided include the redesign of the intersection, signal design, preparing signal and roadway construction plans, and construction consultation. A proposal to do this work was submitted by the Borough's traffic consultant, Trans Associates, for a fee not to exceed \$57,115.00. Based on an estimate project cost of \$250,000.00 to \$300,000.00, the fee is approximately 20 percent of the overall project.

On a motion from Ms. Goreham and second from Ms. Dauler, Council voted 6-1-0 to award a professional services contract to Trans Associates of State College for the redesign of the Fraser/Beaver intersection for a fee not to exceed \$57,115.00. Mr. Daubert opposed because he felt the consultants would not work closely with Council and staff.

Bids Received for Traffic Signs, Posts, and Related Hardware.

Mr. Fontaine advised that bids for various street name and traffic regulatory signs, sign posts, and hardware for installing them were opened on May 5. Six suppliers expressed an interest in providing these items; four bids were received:

U. S. Municipal Supply	\$ 12,706.38
Huntingdon, PA	
Chemung Supply	\$12,767.48
Elmira, NY	
Hall Signs, Incorporated	\$ 22,308.35
Bloomington, IN	
Rocal, Incorporated ***	\$ 5,017.24
Frankfort, OH	

***The bid from Rocal does not include prices for the sign posts and hardware.
Rocal's sign prices are higher than the low bidder, U. S. Municipal Supply.

Mr. Fountaine noted that the bid from U. S. Municipal Supply complies with all minimum specifications. Funding for this award is available in the Highway Aid Budget (Account 35-433-260).

Ms. Knauer moved to award the bid for the signs, posts, and related hardware to U.S. Municipal Supply, the low bidder meeting specifications, in amount \$12,706.38. Ms. Dauler seconded her motion and Council voted 7-0-0 in favor of her motion.

Bids Received for a 2004 TV Grout Truck.

Mr. Fountaine told Council that bids for a TV grout truck for use in the Borough's sanitary sewer maintenance operation were opened on May 7. The truck will be used for inspecting and remotely sealing sewer mains and lateral pipe lines. The truck consists of a complete closed-circuit television system and all necessary grout mixing and sealing equipment. Nine vendors picked up the specifications for review; two submitted bids:

Fox & James, Incorporated	\$ 203,933.00
Duncansville, PA	
Golden Equipment Company	\$ 209,180.00
Mars, PA	

Mr. Fountaine stated the bid submitted by Fox & James complies with all specifications. Funding for this award is available in the Sanitary Sewer Budget (Account 08-429-750).

Upon motion from Ms. Knauer and a second from Mr. Humphrey, Council voted unanimously in favor of awarding the bid for the TV grout truck to the low bidder meeting specifications, Fox & James, Incorporated, in amount \$203,933.00.

ABC RECOMMENDATIONS

Changes to Regulations Governing the Testing of Police

Mr. Fountaine advised that the Civil Service Commission met on April 29 and made several changes to the rules and regulations governing the testing of candidates for the position of police officer, and one minor change in the regulations for promotion testing. He said changes in civil service regulations are subject to the approval of Council. The changes proposed by the Commission are:

Passing Score on the Written Test. Current regulations provide that the top 100 scorers on the written examination proceed in the process. In addition to this cutoff, the test manufacturer recommends a passing score of at least 70 percent on each of four parts of the exam.

Physical Agility Testing. To make sure that officers are able to meet new fitness standards promulgated by the Municipal Police Officer Education and Training Commission, agility testing is to be added to the process for selecting entry-level officers.

Composition of Oral Board. Interviews for entry-level officer candidates will be conducted by officers from the Department and, for promotion ranks, the service will be purchased from the Pennsylvania Association of Chiefs of Police. This change is being recommended because candidate appeals are heard by the Civil Service Commission, so the Commission

members should not be involved in the testing process. This is the only change proposed in the promotion regulations.

Ms. Knauer moved to approve the changes recommended by the Commission by enacting Resolutions 857 and 858. The motion was seconded by Mr. Humphrey and Council voted unanimously to approve it.

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

Ordinance Vacating Highland Alley, Fraser Street to the East Side of F Alley.

An ordinance, drafted to vacate Highland Alley from Fraser Street to the rear of 220 South Fraser Street (which terminates near the east side of F Alley), was distributed by Mr. Fountaine. He noted that the vacation of Highland was initiated by Council to make way for the construction of a parking garage at that location. As required by law, the subject of vacating this right-of-way was forwarded to the Centre County Planning Commission, the Centre Regional Planning Commission, and the State College Planning Commission on February 2nd. The agencies had 45 days in which to comment on the proposal. The County did not comment on the closing. On March 4, the Regional Planning Commission voted to recommend that the Alley be vacated, and included a comment that the CRPC said it would reevaluate its opinion if the traffic impact study revealed that closing Highland would create traffic problems at other downtown intersections. Preliminary information from the consultant suggests that this will not be the case when the garage opens in 2005. State College's Planning Commission recommended that Council proceed with the vacation.

Upon motion by Ms. Dauler and second by Mr. Kern, Council voted 7-0-0 to proceed with this vacation and enact Ordinance 1782.

Revised Façade and Review of a Ground Floor plan for the Beaver Avenue Parking Garage

Robin Neff, Project Manager for the Beaver Avenue Parking Garage, and Ed Rahme, Project Architect, presented a revised façade for the parking garage and ground floor plan in accordance with changes requested by Council. Ms. Neff stated that restroom facilities were added as well as bike racks. Mr. Daubert thought the business area seemed smaller. Ms. Neff responded it did reduce somewhat because District Justice Prestia will not be located there.

Ms. Goreham said she has been looking at the costs and questioned the original cost \$12.6 million, which is now about \$13.6 million. Mr. Fountaine said those figures were correct; costs are now about \$1 million more. About \$2.5 million of this is not expected to be long term debt because of the commercial space. About \$407,000 is to realign the intersection, which was not included in original estimate. Relocation of utilities has also grown from about \$250,000 to about \$750,000.

Ms. Goreham asked if the changes in the design affected the cost. Ms. Neff replied the design change costs were minimal. Mr. Daubert said that discussions at this meeting were not to speak to the budget. Ms. Goreham asked if costs went up because of speeding up the project. Mr. Fountaine said a normal construction time was allotted. Mr. Daubert suggested moving ahead with the design because interest rates are going up.

Following these discussions a motion was made by Mr. Kern and seconded by Mr. Meyer, to approve the Beaver Avenue parking garage design and floor plan and authorized the Tim Haahs Engineers/Architects to proceed with the final design. Four others voted for the motion. Mr. Kern, Ms. Goreham, and Ms. Knauer opposed the revised facade. Council also reviewed the 60 percent project construction cost estimate and asked for recommendations from the project engineers on options to reduce costs. These recommendations will be considered at a special Council meeting on May 21, 2004.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Restrict the Hours During Which Lighting May be Used at Athletic Fields

Mr. Fontaine reminded Council that on May 3, while discussing a proposal to modify regulations governing lighting at Memorial Field, Council voted to add a provision that would restrict the hours during which the field lights could be used. The restriction was to "*discontinue use of the lights at 11:00 p.m., unless a game was in progress.*" In subsequent discussions with the Arts Festival staff, it was brought to the Borough's attention that Memorial Field is used as a performance venue during the Arts Festival and First Night. In both cases, use of the stadium lighting is needed past 11:00 p.m. Staff changed the ordinance to reflect the limit set by Council and "other activities approved by Council or the Manager." Following the May 3 meeting, the Solicitor determined that the amendment was a substantial change, one that would have to be reprocessed before action could be taken on it. Additional discussions have taken place between the Solicitor and staff concerning the appropriateness of incorporating regulations such as the limitation on hours of operation in the zoning ordinance. There is general agreement that this regulation, which, in reality, regulates behavior or conduct, would be more appropriately placed in Chapter V of the Codification under "Conduct."

Upon motion by Mr. Meyer and second by Ms. Dauler, Council voted 3-4-0 to table the ordinance. Mr. Daubert, Ms. Goreham, Ms. Knauer and Mr. Kern opposed the tabling.

Mr. Daubert said the school district is using the field for other functions and the noise ordinance is not enforced. Chief King said they use the state law governing disorderly conduct because it is more effective in prosecuting through the District Justices. Mr. Meyer said that after new lights are installed there will be a lot less light leakage into the surrounding neighborhood and until lights are in operation, Council would not know how lights will affect residents. Mr. Daubert argued that, if Council puts the issue off, it will be put off until the fall or winter.

Peter Weiss, 333 South Allen, representing the Allen Street Condo Association, said having lights on implies activity which in turn promotes noise. He also stated concerts are no longer held there now that the field was remodeled; therefore there was no need for an ordinance. Ms. Knauer responded to Mr. Weiss, stating the Arts Festival and First Night are talking about using the field even more than they do currently. Ed Proprik, Director of Physical Plant, State College Area School District, said he cannot speak for the Arts Festival but as far as he knows the Arts Festival is not planning to use the field as a stage; however, they will use it for other events.

After discussion Mr. Daubert moved, Ms. Goreham seconded, and Council voted 5-2-0 to enact Ordinance 1783. Mr. Meyer and Ms. Dauler opposed enactment.

Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to Prohibit Rooming Houses in the Urban Village (UV) District.

Mr. Fontaine reported that the Planning Commission and Design Review Board expressed concern with the design density of rooming house proposals they received and the number of occupants proposed to be housed in them. In its recommendation to Council on limiting infill housing in the UV, the Planning Commission proposed that Council also prohibit rooming houses. On April 19, Council directed staff to prepare an amendment that would prohibit rooming houses as a permitted use in the UV zoning district.

Upon motion from Mr. Kern and second from Ms. Goreham, Council voted 3-4-0 to defeat the motion to conduct a public hearing on this amendment, thereby reversing a previous decision to conduct the hearing. Ms. Dauler, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Kern and Mr. Meyer voted against the hearing.

Council asked that this be put off to a future work session in June.

Ms. Dauler felt students want this kind of housing; they do not want the commitment of a full apartment. Ms. Knauer agreed with Ms. Dauler and said rooming houses are a great use of

space as long as they are built safely and inspected. Mr. Meyer said the code for a rooming house states there must be 200 square feet of living space per occupant, which means 10 people must have 2,000 square feet. Ms. Dauler said she sits on the Planning Commission and students have commented that bedroom areas are not the areas they care to see enlarged but rather the living areas.

Mr. Meyer thought the UV district was the perfect place for rooming houses; if not there, where will they be allowed. Mr. Fontaine stated he asked the Planning Commission to look at the Urban Village zoning in a more comprehensive way but, at the same time to bring back a proposal to prohibit rooming houses while that review was going on so that any new applications that come through are governed by this amendment.

2004-2005 Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) Budget.

Mr. Fontaine recalled that the Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) requested municipal comments on the proposed CATA budget by May 18.

CATA's proposed operating budget:

- increases municipal contributions by 5 percent in the next fiscal year, from \$339,230.00 to \$356,192.00; [This increase is consistent with the direction taken three years ago when rider fares were raised by 25 percent. This is the third year for municipal increases of 5 percent.]
- uses the Miller Formula to allocate costs so that the increases are not equally distributed among the municipalities but varies from -6.51 percent to 20.97 percent; [The Borough's share of the operating budget increased 17.63 percent over last year.]
- remains unchanged in its charges to passengers;
- limits personnel changes to one part-time position made a full-time position and adds one new supervisory position, which was recommended by the state-mandated performance review;
- shows revenue from fare paying passengers down 10 percent from last year;
- indicates the federal formula funds are flat [the Governor's budget provides a 3 percent increase while two other state grant programs decreased slightly]; and
- uses all but \$150,000.00 of its fund reserves during this fiscal year.

Of concern to the Finance Committee is the drawdown of reserves. If the reserves are exhausted in two years, CATA may be forced to significantly reduce services, increase fees, or a combination of the two.

CATA's capital budget:

- requests municipal contributions of \$60,000.00. [This amount was developed to implement a capital reserve account that would even out the large year-to-year fluctuations in local shares for capital expenditures.]

According to the Miller formula, the Borough will owe \$68,824.00 to support the operating budget and \$11,593.00 to provide sufficient reserves for capital expenditures.

Upon motion from Ms. Goreham and second by Mr. Meyer, Council voted 6-1-0 (Mr. Kern opposing) to provide the following comments for consideration:

- Council will approve the 2004-2005 CATA budget as presented.
- Council recommends that COG and CATA review the current funding formula to determine if a more equitable distribution formula can be developed for future CATA budgets.
- Council recommends that COG and CATA review the current funding arrangements with Penn State. Although Council recognizes the value in the Penn State Park and Ride Program, there is concern that this program has a negative impact on ridership for other CATA routes, thus, increasing municipal contributions.

Mr. Kern was troubled by CATA's decreasing ridership. Fares went up and ridership went down. Mr. Meyer suggested it was because of Penn State's Park-and-Ride Program. Residents would rather pay \$5 per month to Penn State than more money to ride the bus. Mr.

Fontaine said now was the time to submit comments to COG because Penn State is encouraging people to drive and park their cars rather than ride the bus.

Ms. Dauler reiterated Penn State's master plan has been working to reduce congestion with traffic; Council should not be surprised because this was part of that plan.

Ms. Knauer moved to study the relationship between the Park-and-Ride Program and the effect it has had on municipal traffic. Mr. Daubert seconded the motion and it was approved by a 6-1-0 vote. Ms. Dauler opposed.

VOUCHERS

Ms. Knauer moved to receive vouchers for the month of April totaling \$2,312,681.31 and, acting as agent for the Centre Region Council of Governments, vouchers totaling \$429,237.70. Ms. Goreham seconded the motion and Council unanimously agreed.

MINUTES

Ms. Knauer moved to approve minutes of previous meetings (Ms. Goreham seconded) as follows:

- A. Work Session, April 2, 2004, as submitted;
- B. Regular Meeting, April 5, 2004, as submitted;
- C. Work Session, April 12 2004, as submitted;
- D. Regular Meeting, April 19 2004, as submitted; and
- E. Work Session, April 23, 2004, change the closing time of the meeting to 2:00

pm.

Ms. Knauer's motion was approved 7-0-0.

OFFICIAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

PLCM Conference

As a member of PLCM, Mr. Daubert suggested nominating Mr. David Humphreys to serve as second vice president of PLCM for 2004-2005. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dauler. Council voted 7-0-0 in favor of nominating Mr. Humphreys.

Mr. Meyer stated that, because this might be the last meeting where all Council members are present before the conference begins, he wanted to discuss the conference budget because there is no money in the budget for this conference. Specifically, Mr. Meyer wanted to know where the money will come from. Mr. Daubert replied that Council voted for and signed a contract with PLCM to hold this conference. The Borough is obligated to provide certain event services. Money will have to be pulled from the budget because contributions are about \$10,000 short. Mr. Meyer felt taking money from the Borough budget was wrong.

Mr. Meyer moved to have Council indicate whether or not to authorize the Manager to pay the shortfall up to \$10,000 for this conference. This motion was seconded by Mr. Kern. Council voted 3-4-0 in opposition with Mr. Kern, Mr. Meyer, Ms. Knauer and Ms. Goreham opposing the use of Borough funds for the conference.

Mr. Daubert then agreed to approach PLCM's board of directors and let them know the conference budget is short in hopes they will contribute.

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Natalie
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Assistant Borough Secretary