

Meeting Minutes
State College Borough Council
September 14, 2009

The State College Borough Council met on Monday, September 14, 2009, in the State College Municipal Building, 243 South Allen Street, Room 304, State College, PA. President Goreham called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Elizabeth A. Goreham, President of Council
Ronald L. Filippelli
Donald M. Hahn
Theresa D. Lafer
Silvi Lawrence
Peter Morris
James L. Rosenberger

Also present: Roger A. Dunlap, Assistant Manager for Budget and Administration; Terry J. Williams, Borough Solicitor; Carl R. Hess, Planning Director; Amy R. Miller, Recording Secretary; Tony Marusiak, Assistant Borough Engineer; Herm Slaybaugh, Zoning Officer; Anne Messner, Planning Technician, members of the media; and other interested observers.

Ms. Goreham began with a moment of silence in honor of Mayor Welch, who passed away on September 4, 2010. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC HOUR: There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

ABC REPORTS

Emergency Management/Public Health Update on H1N1. Council received a report from Centre Region Emergency Management Coordinator Shawn Kauffman and Penn State's University Health Services Clinical Director Evan Pattishall on the status of the H1N1 pandemic planning and preparations at Penn State and in our community.

Centre County Solid Waste Authority/2009 Waste Watcher Award. Council received a report from Joanne Shafer, Centre County Solid Waste Authority's Deputy Executive Director/Recycling Coordinator on the activities of the authority and presented Council with the 2009 Waste Watcher Award for recycling, waste reduction, reuse and composting programs that have exhibited exemplary performance. This award is sponsored by the Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania, the Department of Environment Protection and the Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association. This is the 10th year that the Borough has received this award.

Planning Commission. Council received a report from Evan Myers, Chair of the Planning Commission, on the activities of the Commission.

CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Rosenberger moved and Mr. Hahn seconded the motion to approve the following consent items. The motion passed unanimously.

- Referred the College Township Official Map to the Planning Commission for comment.
- Use of the 200 block of South Allen Street from the Library entrance to East Foster Avenue for the Penn State Car show on Saturday, October 24 from 12 noon to 6 p.m.
- Use of Central Parklet on Saturday, October 3 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the DID's Fall Festival.
- Use of East Irvin Avenue from South Pugh Street to Berry Alley on Sunday, September 27, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. for an East Irvin Avenue Block Party.
- Use of the Orchard Park bike path and surrounding streets for a 5K race to benefit the Schlow Memorial Library Children's Department and the Tom Kleban Recovery Fund on Sunday, October 11, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- The closing of 400 & 500 blocks of West Prospect Avenue for the SCASD home tennis matches on September 15, 18, 19, 29, 30 and October 8.
- Bid award for Project 8B-CDBG-2009 for the Barnard Street Reconstruction to Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc., the low bidder, for a total amount of \$158,720.15.
- Use of the courtyard/plaza area in front of the municipal building for puppet show on Thursday, October 1 from 4:30-5: 30 pm in conjunction with the First Thursday activities offered through the Schlow Centre Region Library.

General Policy and Administration

Council Selection of Interim Mayor. Council considered the process for selection of the interim mayor. Council agreed to change the word 'revered' to 'respected" in the qualifications.

Mr. Rosenberger moved and Ms. Lafer seconded the motion to approve the process for selection of the interim Mayor as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Tony DeVito, a student with the WTAJ Centre County Report, questioned the timeline for nomination submissions and the selection process. Council responded that nominations would be accepted until October 5 and the Home Rule Charter states that a new mayor must be appointed within 45 days.

PLANNING & ZONING

West End Zoning District and Design Guidelines and Development of Regional Impact Application. Council continued its discussion of the West End, a new zoning district slated to replace the current Urban Village District, as part of the implementation strategy set forth in the West End Revitalization Plan.

Rosalie Bloom-Brooks, 812 West Beaver Avenue, spoke on the rich variety of residents and homes currently in the West End and urged Council to consider a mixed use area and preserve the current housing. She added that, like her neighbors, she is opposed to high density student housing.

Council continued discussion of their individual views regarding the proposed plans for the West End. Staff then presented an overview of the West End zoning and how it relates to the revitalization plan.

OFFICIAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

President's Report. Ms. Goreham reported on the Mayor's memorial, "A Celebration of Life."

Regional Liaison Reports. Mr. Morris reported that the COG Public Safety Committee met jointly with the COG Public Services & Environmental Committee and discussed the use of emergency personnel.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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