

Meeting Minutes
State College Borough Council
Work Session
September 25, 2009

The State College Borough Council met in a work session on Friday, September 25, 2009, in the State College Municipal Building, 243 South Allen Street, State College, PA. Ms. Goreham called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m.

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

Also present: Thomas J. Fountaine, II, Borough Manager; Carl R. Hess, Planning Director; Thomas S. Kurtz, Assistant Borough Manager for Community Services; Roger Dunlap, Assistant Borough Manager for Budget and Administration; Norma Crater, Accounting Supervisor; Sharon K. Ergler, Assistant Borough Secretary; Thomas R. King, Chief of Police; Michael Groff; Finance Director; Beth A. Johnston, Human Resource Director; Karen M. Martin, Interim Parking Manager; Amy Story, Borough Engineer; Chelsea Puff, Intern; Debra Thompson, President of Strategy Solutions, Inc.; and a journalism student.

Public Hour. There were no comments from citizens.

Monthly Budget Report. Staff presented the August 2009 monthly budget report, which included both year-to-date and 2008 versus 2009 budget performance analysis.

Benefit Costs. At Council's request, staff presented a Five-Year Forecast of employee benefits and expenditures. This Forecast included cost breakdowns projections and for employee benefits by type from 2009 through 2014.

Strategic Planning. Council continued the strategic planning process. Debra Thompson of Strategy Solutions was present to guide the discussion. Ms. Thompson reviewed the Interview Summary conducted earlier in the year and the plan's priorities.

Council members agreed that their number one priority was to maintain safe, stable and attractive neighborhoods. Other priorities included partnerships with Penn State, commercial regionalization, revitalization, operational systems, and providing housing opportunities.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sharon K. Ergler
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