

Meeting Minutes
State College Borough Council
Work Session
Friday, November 6, 2009

The State College Borough Council met on Friday, November 6, 2009, in the State College Municipal Building, 243 South Allen Street, Room 304, State College, PA. Elizabeth Goreham called the meeting to order at noon.

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

Also present: Thomas J. Fountaine, II, Borough Manager; Roger A. Dunlap, Assistant Manager for Budget and Administration; Thomas S. Kurtz, Assistant Manager for Community Services; Mark A. Whitfield, Director of Public Works; Thomas R. King, Chief of Police; Michael S. Groff, Finance Director; Carl R. Hess, Planning Director; Beth A. Johnston, Human Resources Director; Norma J. Crater, Accounting Supervisor; Charles J. DeBow, Parking Manager; Sheila Carl, Recording Secretary; members of the media; and other interested observers.

Public Hour. Mr. Fountaine introduced the new parking manager Charles DeBow.

2010 Operating Budget. Roger Dunlap explained the 2010 budget has a new look and format. The debt refinancing that was done early in the year has been a great help in balancing the budget and decreasing expenditures. Mr. Dunlap reviewed the high points of the budget stating:

- The budget does not include a tax increase.
- The fund balance is being maintained.
- The budget does include an increase in sanitary sewer charges.
- Some money will be needed from the unreserved fund to pay the 2010 pension obligation.
- The budget proposed a 1.5% COLA and step increases for non-union employees.
- The budget includes positions for interns and part-time employees.
- Some big savings have been in energy and prudent purchasing.
- The 2011 budget forecast is showing a million dollar deficit; and that does not account for the pension obligation.

Some Council members suggested a slight tax increase to help close the deficit for the 2011 budget but other Council members disagreed. Council mentioned something needs to be done to close the gap if services are to remain at the

same level and maybe a gradually increase in taxes and cuts in other areas could help.

Council requested a list showing where substantial savings have been made including the savings in personnel.

Mr. Fontaine reminded Council that they would need to have comments on the COG budget to COG by Friday, November 13, 2009.

Council asked for an update on the Fraser Centre. Mr. Fontaine stated the earliest that work is expected to start would be the second quarter of 2010.

There being no further comments, Council adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon K. Ergler
Assistant Borough Secretary