

Meeting Minutes
State College Borough Council
Work Session
Friday, November 20, 2009

The State College Borough Council met on Friday, November 20, 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
James L. Rosenberger
Ronald L. Filippelli

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; Tim Grattan, IT Director; Amy Story, Borough Engineer; Eric L. Brooks, Operations Manager; Edward C. Holmes, Public Services Manager; Sheila Carl, Recording Secretary; members of the media; and other interested observers.

Public Hour. There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

Long Range Transportation Plan 2040. Mr. Fountaine explained the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) is in the process of updating the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2040 which is scheduled to be adopted September 2010. Council was provided with a table including the projects that are on the current LRTP. The Planning Commission commented on all projects at their November 12 meeting. The Transportation Commission looked at the existing projects and the potential new projects at their November 10 meeting. Council was provided a summary of the comments from these meetings. All projects are to be submitted to the CCMPO by December 11, 2009 along with projects that are high and low priority.

Council reviewed and discussed the list of projects and instructed staff to prepare a memo for the MPO based on the discussion.

Review Borough's Depreciation and Equipment Replacement Policy.

Council was provided with a copy of the depreciation equipment replacement policy and additional background information. Mr. Dunlap reviewed with Council the policy and how depreciation is calculated.

Council questioned when the best cost was last analyzed. Mr. Fontaine stated it is analyzed annually and vehicles are replaced once the useful life expires and it costs more to maintain the vehicle than to replace.

2010 Operating Budget. Council was provided with staff presentations of the Parking and Public Works budgets.

Staff stated there would be an increase in expenditures for the parking fund due to structural repairs for Fraser Street garage and the McAllister Deck and the cost is more than projected in the CIP.

Council questioned the increase in the electricity shown in the proposed budget. Staff explained there is a projected 11% increase in electric rates from 2009 to 2010 but staff is reviewing the possibilities of using more energy efficient lighting.

Council adjourned to an executive session to discuss personnel matters at 1:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon K. Ergler
Assistant Borough Secretary