

Meeting Minutes
State College Borough Council
March 8, 2010
Regular Meeting/Work Session
7:30 p.m.

The State College Borough Council met on Monday, March 8, 2010, in the State College Municipal Building, 243 South Allen Street, State College, PA. Ms. Goreham called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Elizabeth A. Goreham, Mayor
Ronald Filippelli, President of Council
Tom Daubert
Theresa Lafer
Donald Hahn
Peter Morris
Silvi Lawrence

Absent: James Rosenberger

Also present: Thomas J. Fountaine, Borough Manager; Terry J. Williams, Borough Solicitor; Mark Whitfield, Director of Public Works; Carl R. Hess, CDBG/Planning Director; Sharon K. Ergler, Assistant Borough Secretary; Charles DeBow, Parking Manager; and Thomas K. Kurtz, Assistant Manager for Community Services; Rita Simbeck, Jack Schreck, interested media and journalism students.

Ms. Goreham began with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HOUR

Mayor Goreham presented a proclamation to Dr. Ernest Bergman honoring the State College Kiwanis Club on their 85th year in the community.

ABC REPORTS

Schlow Centre Region Library Board

Tom Hettmansberger, member of the Library Board, reported on the 2009 activities at the Library. He also reported the Library's Director Betsy Allen is returning in April.

Centre County Solid Waste Authority

Joanne Shafer, Deputy Executive Director, outlined the Authority's activities that have occurred since last fall. Ms. Shafer added the Household Hazardous Waste Event will be held on April 30 and May 1.

New Robotic Cameras in the Council Room

Cynthia Hahn, C-NET's Director, reported on the new state-of-the-art cameras were installed over the weekend.

CONSENT ITEMS

Ms. Lafer made a motion to approve the consent items listed below. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion.

- Approve the vouchers for the month of February 2010 in the amount of \$2,591,134.42.
- Approve the use of Fairmount Avenue between Locust Lane and Garner Street for the Greek Week Chariot Races on Friday, April 23, 1010, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., conditioned that the street will not be closed until 3:00 p.m.
- Approve the closing of Hiester Street, from East College Avenue to Wilson Alley, on Thursday, April 1, 2010, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the Downtown State College Improvement District's First Thursdays Concert Series, which begins at 7:00 p.m.
- Authorize the Officers of the Borough to sign a 902 Recycling Grant from the PA Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$302,289 for the purchase of processing equipment and compost pad installation to enhance the Borough's regional composting facility, as part of CIP Project #C0082.

The motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

Transportation Commission's 2010 Work Plan

Staff reported that the Transportation Commission recommended adding to their work plan a study of closing the 100 block of South Allen Street and making the area into a pedestrian mall.

Ms. Lafer made a motion not to add this study to the Transportation Commission's work plan. Mr. Filippelli seconded the motion.

The motion passed 4-2 with Messrs. Morris and Hahn voting against the motion.

OFFICIAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor's Report – Ms. Goreham reported that the Complete Count Census Committee has been meeting regularly.

Ms. Goreham also reported that she spent the day in Harrisburg with Don Hahn and other elected officials from the PA League of Cities lobbying for the optional one percent sales tax for local governments and schools.

President's Report – Mr. Filippelli announced that Council will hold an Executive Session following this meeting to discuss real estate and personnel matters.

Regional Reports

Public Safety Commission – Ms. Lawrence reported that the Public Safety Commission met this past Wednesday.

Finance Committee – Mr. Hahn reported the Finance Committee meets on Tuesday to discuss the Library Capital Budget and to review the Finance reports. Public Services & Environmental Committee – Mr. Morris said the Public Services & Environmental Committee met last Wednesday and discussed the bulk purchase of electricity by municipalities; maintenance of the storm pipe running underneath Atherton Street; and the capacity of UAJA's treatment plant.

Transportation & Land Use Committee – Ms. Lafer reported this Committee will be meeting next week. She said the Committee will be looking at various forms of funding for road and bridge projects.

Parks Capital Committee – Mr. Daubert said he attended for Mr. Rosenberger and he reported that a grant applied for for the Oak Hall Regional Park, was not obtained. The Committee also discussed the Whitehall Road Master Regional Site

Staff/Committee Reports

Staff said they would be polling Council with various dates for a joint meeting with the Planning Commission to discuss the West End Zoning.

Mr. Morris asked when the Human Relations Commission's charge will be on Council's agenda. Staff indicated this will not take place until the second half of the year.

Items of Information

Mr. Hahn reported that the PA League of Cities Municipalities is holding their National – Conference in Washington, DC, March 13-17th; the Central District meeting is scheduled for April 21st, which conflicts with the Borough's ABC Dinner; and the PLCM's Convention is scheduled for June 22 – 25 in Bethlehem, PA.

Council recessed to a work session at 8:13 p.m.

Consider the Renaming of a Street or Other Public Facility in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Staff provided Council members with a list of streets, buildings, parks and plazas that could be renamed. Staff indicated they were contacted by Ferguson Township about the

proposed renaming policy and their supervisors will be discussing the Borough's policy next week at their meeting.

Council discussed naming something in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. There was no consensus among Council members on this issue.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Review and Discussion of Council's Comments to the Planning Commission on the West End Zoning Proposal

Mr. Hess reviewed the Planning Commission's questions they asked Council wanted clarification on before they proceeded with refining the West End Zoning proposal.

Council provided examples to staff about what they would like to see included in the West End zoning proposal in terms of the scale of buildings, height restrictions, desired uses, inclusionary and/or work-force housing, high end student housing, incentives, retail space, boundaries for a commercial core, uniform development/design standards, and green building standards.

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon K. Ergler
Assistant Borough Secretary