

**Meeting Minutes**  
**State College Borough Council**  
**Regular Meeting/Work Session**  
**Monday, April 19, 2010**  
**7:30 p.m.**

The State College Borough Council met on Monday, April 19, 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  
Tom Daubert  
Donald Hahn  
Theresa Lafer  
Peter Morris  
James Rosenberger  
Silvi Lawrence  
Absent: Ronald Filippelli

Also present: Terry J. Williams, Borough Solicitor; Thomas J. Fountaine, II, Borough Manager; Thomas R. King, Chief of Police; Carl R. Hess, Planning Director; Sharon K. Ergler, Recording Secretary; Amy J. Story, Borough Engineer; Mark A. Whitfield, Director of Public Works; Norma J. Crater, Accounting Supervisor; Charles DeBow, Parking Manager; Thomas S. Kurtz, Assistant Borough Manager for Community Services; and Roger A. Dunlap, Assistant Manager for Budget and Administration.

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

**PUBLIC HOUR** – No one was present to speak about items not on the agenda.

Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month Proclamation - Mayor Goreham presented Hal Hallock, the State Director of Safe-A-Life, with a proclamation declaring May 2010 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

Student Reports – Dr. James Strauss, the Faculty Advisor of Beta Theta Pi, reviewed for Council his fraternity's interest on the student alcohol issues, membership, scholarships, service and philanthropy. Three fraternity members, Jeff Ruckle, David Adewami and Drew Mahorick, all spoke on their involvement within the fraternity.

Mayor Goreham and members of Council thanked them for coming, wished them well, and applauded their efforts.

Community Arts Collective – Mural project – Ms. Natalie Pilato and Elody Gyekis, from the Community Arts Collective, a community mural project along Calder Way.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Mr. Rosenberger made a motion to approve the consent items listed below. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- Approve vouchers for the month of March 2010 in the amount of \$2,023,745.65.
- Approve the use of South Allen Street from Beaver Avenue to Foster Avenue on Saturday, May 1, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the Centre Region Bicycle Coalition's street fair.
- Approve the use of the 100 block of South Allen Street from College Avenue to Calder Way on Thursday, May 6, from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. for Downtown State College Improvement District's 2nd concert in the First Thursday's Concert Series. The concert itself is from 6:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- Approve the use of various downtown sidewalks on Sunday, May 9, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. for a Mother's Day Parade for Peace.
- Approve the use of College Avenue from Garner Street to North Burrowes Street on Friday, October 8, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. for The Pennsylvania State University's Homecoming Parade.
- Approve the use of West Prospect Avenue from South Barnard Street to South Gill Street on Sunday, May 2, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the Centre Region Community Tennis Association's block party.

## **GENERAL POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION**

### 2010 Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts

Ms. Lafer made a motion to pass Ordinance #1946 to permit the 2010 Arts Festival. Mr. Rosenberger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### Transportation Commission's 2010 Work Program

Mr. Rick Hirsch, Transportation Commission Chairman, was present to discuss the TC's 2010 work program.

Following Council's discussion, Mr. Hahn moved to approve the 2010 Transportation Commission's work program. Mr. Morris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING**

### Rezoning Request for 254 East Beaver Avenue (HFL Corporation)

Mr. Daubert made a motion to refer the rezoning request for a student incentive zoning district and rezoning of 254 East Beaver Avenue to the Planning Commission for review and comment. There was no second to the motion.

Ms. Lawrence suggested referring the proposed student incentive zoning for review and recommendation but leave out rezoning of 254 East Beaver Avenue.

Staff indicated that both the student incentive overly and the rezoning of 254 East Beaver Avenue should be referred back to the Planning Commission.

Council members discussed whether the two subjects should be separate or together.

Mr. Pat Gordon of 225 East Foster Avenue inquired about the impact of the proposed zoning on other fraternities on Beaver Avenue.

Mr. Daubert moved to refer the proposed student incentive zoning and rezoning of 254 East Beaver Avenue to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation.

Mr. Hahn offered an amendment to add the word “modify” to read “review, modify and recommend.” Ms. Lawrence seconded the amendment. The motion passed 5-1 with Ms. Lawrence voting against the motion.

#### Kemmerer Road Property Acquisition

Mr. Daubert made a motion that Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in concept and authorize the Acting Council President to execute the MOU on behalf of the Borough. Ms. Lafer seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-1 with Mr. Hahn voting against the motion

### **OFFICIAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor's Report – Mayor Goreham reminded everyone today is the last day to register to vote for the May 2010 election.

President's Report – Mr. Hahn reported that Borough Council held an Executive Session on April 16 to discuss real estate.

#### Regional Liaison Reports

Parks Capital – Mr. Rosenberger reported that a regional parks proposal will be on the General Forum's agenda for next week.

Public Services and Environmental – Mr. Morris reported they met on April 7<sup>th</sup> with Professor Tom Richard from Penn State to get an update on environmental and sustainability issues.

Public Safety – Ms. Lawrence said the Public Safety Committee met on April 14 and heard an overview of Mount Nittany Medical Center's Emergency Room Department.

Staff/Committee Reports - None

### **ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

Mr. Hahn recessed the meeting to a work session to discuss the following:

GENERAL POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

2011-2015 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) - Council discussed the Streets and Storm Water projects included in the Plan.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sharon K. Ergler, Assistant Borough Secretary