

Meeting Minutes
State College Borough Council
Work Session
Monday, May 10, 2010
7:30 p.m.

The State College Borough Council met in a work session on Monday, May 10, 2010, in the State College Municipal Building, 243 South Allen Street, State College, PA. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Ronald Filippelli, Council President
 Tom Daubert
 Donald Hahn
 Theresa Lafer
 Silvi Lawrence
 Peter Morris
 James Rosenberger

Also present: Thomas J. Fountaine, II, Borough Manager; Thomas R. King, Chief of Police; Carl R. Hess, Planning Director; Amy J. Story, Borough Engineer; Mark A. Whitfield, Director of Public Works; Norma J. Crater, Accounting Supervisor; Thomas S. Kurtz, Assistant Borough Manager for Community Services; and Roger A. Dunlap, Assistant Manager for Budget and Administration; Timothy Grattan, IT Director; Michael S. Groff, Finance Director; Edward C. Holmes, Public Services Manager; Sheila Carl, Recording Secretary.

Public Hour – Johan Zwart, 420 S. Burrowes Street, spoke regarding concerns he has with a recently sold neighboring property that will likely become a student rental. He would like if this property could remain a single family dwelling.

Report from the Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA). Hugh Mose, Executive Director for CATA, attended the meeting to address questions and concerns on the 2010-2011 budget. Mr. Mose reported there are no sufficient changes to the budget. The CATA Board is evaluating a fair increase and expanding the van pool service.

Council was pleased with the budget and gave their general support of the budget.

Request from Residents of Regency Square to Permit Parking on Highland Avenue. Howard Moore, resident and member of Regency Square Condo Association, requested, on behalf of the Association, a change in the current parking regulations to allow for permit parking along Highland Avenue. Mr. Moore attended the meeting to discuss his request.

Borough staff advised the width of Highland Avenue was not wide enough causing a concern for allowing on-street parking in this area. Another option would be to make Highland Avenue a one-way street but a street study would need to be completed before any further consideration could be given to this option. Staff did review the parking already in place and reported there is currently adequate parking available.

Council discussed the request and advised Mr. Moore they would be no way to insure the change to the parking regulations would result in more parking for the condo residents because the parking would be available to all residents and visitors of the Borough.

Conditional Use Application for Foxdale Village Expansion, 500 East Marylyn Avenue. Council was asked to review the written decision drafted by the Borough's Solicitor, Terry Williams, and provide staff with input to any changes they would like made prior to Council rendering a decision at the May 17, 2010 meeting.

Council advised that they would like to move forward with the conditional use application and vote on this item at the May 17 meeting.

2011-2015 Capital Improvement Plan. Council continued their review of the 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Program and discussed the Buildings & Parks and Information Technology sections.

Council discussed the following projects and issues:

- Central Garage Floor Replacement
- Municipal Building Geothermal Heating and Cooling System Addition
- Addition of a second pavilion at Orchard Park
- Construction of a trail at High Point Park Trail to accommodate people with disabilities
- Replacement of tables and benches at Sidney Friedman Park
- Upgrade to the current downtown video surveillance system
- Temporary hold on the Code and Ordinance Enforcement System
- Progression of the Integrated Operations Management System
- Redesign of the Borough web page

Projects Report/Open Agenda. Council was provided with an updated list of projects currently in progress and anticipated.

Council proposed an item for the next Council work session to discuss the appointment of a subcommittee to review and consider solutions to the nuisance gathering ordinance.

Council also requested the temporary use ordinance be moved to an earlier agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. to an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon K. Ergler, Assistant Borough Secretary