

**Meeting Minutes**  
**State College Borough Council**  
**Regular Meeting/Work Session**  
**Monday, September 13, 2010**

The State College Borough Council met on Monday, September 13, 2010, in the State College Municipal Building, 243 South Allen Street, Room 304, State College, PA. Mayor Goreham called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Also present: Thomas J. Fountaine, II, Borough Manager; Sharon K. Ergler, Assistant Borough Secretary; Michael Groff, Finance Director; Thomas King, Police Chief; Roger Dunlap, Assistant Borough Manager; Mark Whitfield, Public Works Director; Charles DeBow, Parking Manager; Carl R. Hess, Planning/CDBG Director; Herman Slaybaugh, Zoning Officer; members of the media; and other interested observers.

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

**Special Presentations**

Proclamation – Mayor Goreham presented a proclamation to the Technology, Entertainment, and Design (TEDxPSU) representative, Steve Garguillo. The event will be held on October 10, 2010.

Student Intern Report – Jinghao Lu, Administrative Intern, presented Council with a report on the projects he worked on during his internship.

Student Report – Drew Mohoric, Jon Tornetta, and Student Advisor Dr. John Gardner discussed their InnoBlue proposal, which includes acquiring lab space for students to work on creative ideas in an incubator setting.

**Public Hour**

**ABC Reports**

Design Review Board – Ms. Zoe Boniface, Design Review Board Chair, reviewed the DRB's recent activities.

**Consent Items** – Ms. Lafer made a motion to approve the following consent items:

- Approved the use of East Irvin Avenue, between Apple Alley and Berry Alley, for the Highlands Neighborhood Watch Block Party on Sunday, September 26, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Approved the closing of downtown Borough streets for the SCASD's Homecoming Parade on Thursday, September 30, from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Approved the use of the Sidney Friedman Park on Saturday, October 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the DID's Fall Festival.
- Approved the use of Allen Street, from Beaver Avenue to Foster Avenue, for the Downtown State College Fall Festival & Chili Cook-off on Saturday, October 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Approved the use of sidewalks in the Greentree neighborhood on Thursday, October 7, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for a Walk-a-Thon to benefit Our Lady of Victory School.
- Approved the use of the Orchard Park bike path and surrounding streets for a 5K race to benefit the Schlow Memorial Library Children's Department on Sunday, October 10, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Approved the use of various downtown sidewalks for a walk to promote animal welfare on Saturday, October 16, from noon to 5 p.m., which benefits the Farm Sanctuary.
- Approved the use of Sidney Friedman Park and various downtown sidewalks for a Dog Walk-a-Thon to benefit Centre County PAWS on Saturday, October 23, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Approved an agreement with the PA State Police to provide for the joint exercise of the powers of both the PA State Police and the Borough in the operation and access to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC).

Mr. Rosenberger seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **Policy and Administration**

**Permit Extension Fees** – Staff explained that in accordance with Act 46 of 2010, an amendment to the fee schedule is included. This amendment covers fees for all building permits that may be extended up to five years. The proposed fee schedule amendment will automatically expire on July 2, 2013.

Ms. Lafer made a motion to approve the fee schedule amendment. Mr. Rosenberger seconded the motion.

Mr. Daubert pointed out that some of the fees listed in the fee schedule were incorrect. Staff explained an incorrect document was used; however, the correct fees will be included in the fee schedule that will be prepared for signatures. The motion passed unanimously.

**West End Zoning** – Mr. Daubert made a motion for Council to schedule a public hearing on the West End Zoning on November 1, 2010. Mr. Rosenberger seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Letter of Support for the PA Community Transportation Initiative Grant (PCTI) – Staff explained that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is again opening applications for PCTI grants. The project of interest is a joint effort involving the Borough, Ferguson Township and Penn State University to obtain funding to complete the design of the streetscape between North Atherton Street and Blue Course Drive.

Mr. Rosenberger made a motion to have Council approve a letter of support for this project. Ms. Lafer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Ms. Lawrence said she did not want this approval to reflect that Borough Council in any way approves what Ferguson Township is doing with their zoning changes.

### **Items of Information**

Mr. Hahn said in the spirit of bi-partisanship, he wished to thank the Senate Republican Party Committee who recently held a public hearing to discuss alcohol violations and fines. He said he personally wanted to thank Senator Jake Corman and those who testified, which included: Ron Filippelli, Thomas Fountaine, Chief Tom King, Perry Babb, Pat Daugherty, Jennifer Zangrilli, Bobby Ryan, and Christian Ragland.

Next, Council recessed the regular meeting to a work session to discuss the Neighborhood Sustainability report and Community Survey.

Carl Hess, Planning Director, presented Council with a brief overview of the report. Mr. Hess said this year 3,000 surveys were mailed to residents in the different Borough neighborhoods.

Council members commented on different parts of the report, such as the number of Borough residents who participate in the recycling program; the number of people who are willing to volunteer their time to help others; the demand/need for affordable housing within the Centre Region.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sharon K. Ergler  
Assistant Borough Secretary