

Meeting Agenda
State College Borough Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 4, 2011
7:30 p.m.

The State College Borough Council met on Monday, April 4, 2011, in the State College Municipal Building, 243 South Allen Street, Room 304, State College, PA. Mayor Goreham called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

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

Also present: Thomas J. Fountaine, II, Borough Manager; Sharon K. Ergler, Assistant Borough Secretary; Roger A. Dunlap, Assistant Borough Manager; Anne Messner, Planner/Zoning Officer; Alan Sam, Borough Arborist/Environmental Coordinator; Mark A. Whitfield, Director of Public Works; Amy Story, Borough Engineer; Ben Pugh, UPUA Student Representative; Charles DeBow, Parking Director; Michael Groff, Finance Director; interested members of the media and concerned residents.

Public Hour - Hearing of Citizens

Ms. Kate Doe, AmeriCorps Member and Neighborhood Coordinator introduced James Hampson, the outgoing Off-Campus Student Union President. Mr. Hampson then introduced the new OSCU President Arlene Rivera; Administrative Vice President Nathan DeTurk; Vice President of Development Casey Vorvay; and Vice President of Programming Joe Nichisti.

Proclamation for Bicycle Awareness Month – Mayor Goreham presented Paul Rito, the Centre Region Bicycle Coalition's President and Brian Dempsey, Past President, with a proclamation declaring May as Bicycle Awareness Month.

Mr. Rito thanked the Mayor and Borough Council for their support of the Coalition's past activities, especially the Allen Street bike path and for maintaining the bike paths over the winter months for year round access.

Reports

Westerly Parkway Wetland Education Center Design - Mr. Rick Johnston, Skelly & Loy Engineering Firm, discussed the design of the Westerly Parkway Wetland Education Center. He briefly explained with the grant secured in 2009 from DCNR, what improvements will be made to the site.

ABC Reports

Report from the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) – Chairman Shelton Alexander reported on the CAC's activities over the past year. He said it would be detrimental if funding is cut because there is such a demand for these services in State College.

Report from the Historic Resources Commission (HRC) – Mr. Rick Bryant, Chairman, of the HRC reviewed the Commission's latest activities.

Mr. Daubert asked if the HRC could provide assistance to churches and other interested property owners located downtown about the process of getting their properties on the National Historic Register. Mr. Bryant said he would be glad to provide assistance.

Ms. Lawrence asked that the next time the HRC looks to expand the College Heights historic properties to please consider including her property. She noted several around her that have been included.

Council members applauded the HRC's efforts, especially on the updated information on the website and the beautiful walking brochures.

Consent Items

Ms. Lawrence made a motion, Ms. Lafer seconded, to approve the following consent items:

- Approve the closing of Locust Lane (with conditions), between East Fairmount Avenue and East Nittany Avenue, on Sunday, April 17, from 12 Noon until 6 p.m., for a Beach Volleyball Philanthropy Tournament to benefit the Donald J. Horowitz Blood Cancer Research Fund.
- Approve the use of various downtown sidewalks on Sunday, October 23, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for a 3.2 mile Crop walk to benefit Church World Services and the State College Food Bank.
- Approve the closing of East Fairmount Avenue (with conditions), between Fraternity Row and Locust Lane, on Friday, April 22, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the Greek Week Chariot Race.
- Approve the use of Sidney Friedman Park (with conditions) on Saturday, April 23, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for the National Association for Advancement for Colored People (NAACP)'s annual fish fry.
- Award the 2011 Contract Tree Pruning bid for Block A to Dincher and Dincher, in the amount of \$6,715 and for Blocks B, C, D and E to Good's Tree Care, in the amount of \$29,505.
- Approve a Resolution and Authorize the President of Council to sign a Grant Agreement Application with the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a Green Facilities Upgrade at Sidney Friedman Park.

- Award the bid for the Bituminous Patch Material for the 2011 season to HRI, Inc., the low bidder meeting specifications, in the total amount of \$66,395.00 for all items 1-8 of the bid.

The motion passed unanimously.

General Policy and Administration

2011 Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts – Mr. Hahn made a motion to enact Ordinance #1964, which allows the festival to take place on downtown streets and designates the festival zone. Ms. Lafer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Executive Director Rick Bryant thanked Borough Council for their support.

PLCM Central District Meeting Resolutions

Mr. Hahn made a motion to approve the submission of three resolutions for consideration by the Central District Meeting of the PA League of Cities and Municipalities. Mr. Filippelli seconded the motion.

Resolution #1046 urges the Commonwealth of PA to amend the laws of the Commonwealth to increase fines for certain offenses related to the consumption of alcohol, to establish mandatory fees for enforcement and alcohol prevention accounts, and to grade certain offenses as misdemeanors of the third degree.

Resolution #1047 requests the PA League of Cities and Municipalities to support legislation to amend the laws of the Commonwealth to allow a 10% tax on the retail sales of alcohol and tie revenues from said tax to public safety services related to alcohol use.

Resolution #1048 requests the PA League of Cities and Municipalities support legislation in the General Assembly of the Commonwealth to amend the laws of the Commonwealth to authorize municipalities to prohibit the possession of firearms in municipality owned parks and municipal buildings.

The motion passed unanimously.

Official Reports and Correspondence

Mayor's Report – Mayor Goreham said she recently participated in a panel on the impacts on the proposed cuts by the Governor's budget. She also reported she and Councilman Peter Morris recently attended a rally at Old Main in support of students concerned about financial aid being cut. Mayor Goreham said many of these students will be driving to Harrisburg tomorrow to take part in a rally on Capitol Hill.

Staff Report – Staff briefly provided background information and reported on the allocation of funding for the Beaver Avenue/Fraser Street Realignment project. Because of conflicts between PennDOT regulations and CDBG and the Federal Highway Administration and the use of disadvantaged goals and HUD enterprises goals there is an issue that cannot be resolved, which precludes the use of both funding sources.

Student Representative Report – Mr. Pugh said UPUA recently held their Student Body Election and T.J. Bard was elected President and Courtney Lennartz was elected as the Vice President. He also reported the UPUA's first assembly meeting will be held on April 6, which is the meeting where the UPUA will elect or recommend their new UPUA Student Representative. He encouraged Council to come and to provide input.

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon K. Ergler
Assistant Borough Secretary