

**Meeting Agenda**  
**State College Borough Council**  
**Work Session**  
**Monday, June 13, 2011**

The State College Borough Council met on Monday, June 13, 2011, in the State College Municipal Building, 243 South Allen Street, Room 304, State College, PA. Council President Filippelli called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Peter Morris

Also present: Thomas J. Fountaine, II, Borough Manager; Amy R. Miller, Recording Secretary; Roger Dunlap, Assistant Manager; Brendan McNally, UPUA Representative; Alan Sam, Arborist and Environmental Coordinator; Lu Hoover, Senior Planner; Mark Whitfield, Public Works Director; Carl Hess, Planning Director; members of the media; and other interested observers.

**Public Hour.** There were no comments from the public.

**ABC Reports**

Report from the Centre Regional Planning Commission (CRPC). Centre Region Planning Director, Jim May, provided Council with an overview of CRPC's activities. He also reviewed the CRPC staff and regional contributions from other municipalities.

Mr. May primarily gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan. He said a regional resident survey will be mailed in July, which will hopefully obtain important feedback from regional residents, with final results provided to the municipalities in late September. Mr. May added that the Borough is the last municipality that has not yet approved the Land Use Map. Council agreed that CRPC should again present Council with an update on the Land Use Map in the near future.

Council questioned how COG is funded. Mr. May said funding is based on the standard COG funding formula.

Council then questioned the need for another survey when the Borough has just completed a very successful survey. Mr. May replied that this survey would be a regional survey and results will be specific by municipality. Another Council member pointed out that a regional survey has not been completed since 1986.

Report from the State College Planning Commission. Planning Commission Chairman, Evan Myers, provided Council with an overview of the Commission's recent activities as well as the history and status of the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. Mr. Myers concluded with a highlight of ongoing items the Commission continues to work on such as neighborhood planning and proposed revisions to the student home rule by removing graduate students from the definition.

Council briefly discussed inclusionary and workforce housing but Council President Filippelli said this evening's meeting was not to discuss the housing issue.

Council requested an updated report on inclusionary housing and the topic be added to an upcoming agenda. Staff agreed and said the topic would be included on an agenda sometime in July.

Council emphasized the importance of providing affordable housing and sustaining the neighborhoods. Mr. Myers agreed and said the Planning Commission's main concern is to address affordable housing and sustain all neighborhoods.

### **General Policy and Administration**

Fair Housing Ordinance Amendment. Staff explained that in May 2011, Council voted to amend the mediation section of the Anti-Discrimination Ordinance as follows: "If the parties elect mediation, the Commission shall select a mediator, a volunteer from the community, or a contracted mediation service. The Commission shall use cost-free volunteer mediators only, unless funds are approved for contracted mediation services by Borough Council, or are obtained from an outside funding source." Staff prepared a similar amendment to the mediation section of the Fair Housing Ordinance for Council's consideration. Council concurred with the amendment and agreed to add the item to an upcoming regular meeting for formal adoption.

### **Public Works**

South Allen Street Rain Gardens. Borough Arborist Alan Sam provided a progress report on plans for the South Allen Street Rain Gardens. Funds for this project were appropriated in the 2011 Operating Budget. Staff explained that the project addresses several of the Borough's sustainability goals as provided in Resolution 944 and the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Strategy. The project is scheduled to begin immediately following the Arts Festival in July. Staff added that they will provide a presentation of the proposed rain gardens to residents.

Council agreed the rain gardens will be aesthetically pleasing.

### **Projects Report/Open Agenda**

Project Report. Staff explained the projects report is not detailed and added that the projects do not affect the recently adopted 2012 CIP.

Council questioned the video surveillance project; Staff explained that the project is delayed due to staffing issues in the IT Department and the project may not progress this year because of these issues.

Council Agenda. Council members had the following questions; staff responded respectively.

Mr. Daubert asked why the Fraser Centre update was delayed until mid-July. Staff responded July was chosen due to Council vacation schedules as well as coordinating the update with the Fraser Centre Quarterly Report.

Mr. Hahn said he was pleased that the future agenda schedule is presented more frequently.

Mr. Rosenberger said at the June 20 meeting the ERP contract system is expected to be awarded. Staff replied that vendors have been narrowed down to two, but would not be included on the June 20 agenda because final decision has not yet been made.

Mr. Rosenberger and Ms. Lafer also requested that overnight parking on streets be discussed and why enforcement is lifted on holiday and football weekends. Staff indicated the topic could be added to future agenda items.

Staff noted the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and the rezoning of 254 East Beaver Avenue will most likely be included on the July 11 agenda for discussion and then scheduled at a future meeting for formal vote.

Staff also added that the Welch Plaza dedication is tentatively scheduled for October 1 to coincide with the Community Resource Fair. The dedication is planned for 9:30 a.m. with the fair beginning at 10 a.m. Staff indicated the vendor provided pricing and a rendering of the statue as well as details about fundraising. Staff recommends authorizing the expenditure for a small scale model which can be used for additional fund raising. Mr. Daubert said Council did not vote on such a statue. Other Council agreed the statue was included as part of the plaza. However, after an informal vote, Council agreed to move forward with a statue of Mayor Welch. Mr. Rosenberger suggested the bench be made from wood as in the original photo that was presented.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to an executive session to discuss personnel matters at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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