

Meeting Agenda
State College Borough Council
Work Session
Monday, August 8, 2011

The State College Borough Council met on Monday, August 8, 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
Peter Morris
James L. Rosenberger

Also present: Thomas J. Fountaine, II, Borough Manager; Amy R. Miller, Recording Secretary; Roger A. Dunlap, Assistant Manager; Brendan McNally, UPUA Representative; Charles J. DeBow, Parking Manager; Mark A. Whitfield; Public Works Director; members of the media; and other interested observers.

Public Hour. There were no comments from the public.

Regional Issues

Centre Region Land Use Map. In July of 2010, the Centre Regional Planning Agency (CRPA) presented Council with an updated draft of the future land use map for the State College Land Area Plan, which included revisions requested by Council. In general, Council felt there was too much multi-family development being depicted on the future land use map and the existing single family neighborhoods were being impacted by this illustration. CRPA amended the map which Council acknowledged, but the map was still not acceptable to Council and CRPA staff continued to work on future land uses for the Borough of State College.

Jim May, CRPA Director, and Eric Vorwald, Regional Planner, were present to answer Council's questions on the newest version of the land use map.

Mr. May explained that both College and Ferguson Townships have accepted the land use map and policy document; Borough Council has accepted only the policy document at this time. He added that Council was concerned the map was not cohesive with the Borough's strategic initiatives; however, Mr. May said the map is not related to strategic initiatives. Mr. May continued and said the map is a graphic land use of the area and is not related to zoning issues. He added that the map is part of the Multi-municipal plan and it should be incorporated into the planning process for the Comprehensive Plan. He then asked Council for their comments.

After a lengthy discussion, Council agreed the following changes should be made to the Land Use Map:

- The west side of North Atherton Street in College Heights across from the school is currently listed as a mixed use neighborhood, but should remain R2.
- The Pugh Street area on the map is listed as multi-family; Council requests an additional category for multi-family be added for better description.
- South Atherton Street (behind the Autoport) is listed as mixed use commercial. Council does not want this designation expanded into the neighborhood behind Atherton and Garner Streets.
- Aikens Place should remain R2.

COG Capital Improvement Plan. Joe Viglione, the COG's Finance Director, prepared a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for COG, which was referred to all Centre Region municipalities for review and comment. Mr. Viglione was not in attendance, but Mr. Steff was present to address Council's questions; however, Council had no additional comments and agreed with Staff's recommendations for the plan.

COG Program Plan. The COG General Forum received the 2011 COG Program Plan and referred it to all Centre Region municipalities for review and comment. Staff provided their written comments to Council prior to the meeting.

Council discussed and recommended the following comments on the Plan:

- Removing the justification comment for the fire administrator's position.
- Removing last sentence referring to the Senior Centre remaining downtown. Council agreed the seniors should be asked where they want the Centre located.
- Obtaining a decision from Centre Regional Parks and Recreation (CRPR) about replacement of the CRPR building currently located on Osmond Street.

Council also discussed the Regional Technology Committee and COG's request for a designated half-time position for IT support and regional code software so that all municipalities have access to code records.

Projects Report/Open Agenda

Projects Report. Mr. Whitfield presented an overview of the Beaver Avenue Fraser Street Realignment Project. He also explained that the Borough benefited from the contractor inadvertently removing the trees along Beaver Avenue. Mr. Whitfield noted that the trees were scheduled to be replaced with more suitable trees; each tree was valued at approximately \$4500.

Mr. Daubert asked why a lane of Fraser Street is closed in front of the church; Staff responded that this is the first time hearing a comment on the lane closure and would look into why the lane is closed.

Open Agenda. Mr. Morris would like a discussion added to a future work session regarding a possible pedestrian mall on Allen Street.

Mr. Daubert would like to include a discussion on the importance of the various ABCs and he would also like to review Council's Procedure Manual.

Mr. Filippelli would like to talk about proposed parking changes.

Council will hold an Executive Session following this meeting
to discuss personnel matters and litigation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to an executive session to discuss personnel matter at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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