

Meeting Agenda
State College Borough Council
Work Session
Monday, November 14, 2011
7:30 p.m.

The State College Borough Council met on Monday, November 14, 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
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; Roger A. Dunlap, Assistant Borough Manager; Beth A. Johnston, Human Resources Director; Carl R. Hess, Planning/CDBG Director; Courtney E. Hayden, Grants & Communication Coordinator; Charles J. DeBow, Parking Manager; Anne Messner, Planner/Zoning Officer; Mark A. Whitfield, Public Works Director; Thomas R. King, Chief of Police; Brendan McNally, UPUA Student Representative; Norma J. Crater, Accounting Supervisor; Katherine M. Doe, Neighborhood Services Coordinator; Sheila Carl, Recording Secretary; interested members of the media and concerned residents.

Public Hour - Hearing of Citizens - No comments were made.

Report from the Design Review Board - Zoe Boniface, Chair of the Design Review Board, attended the meeting to present the DRB's 2012 work program. Council was provided with a copy of the proposed work program.

Ms. Boniface reviewed the work plan highlighting a few areas, such as student behavior and interaction with residents, which the Board suggests discussing. The Board will continue to work on routine activities as well as explore Green Design Initiatives.

Council will be asked to approve the work program at a future meeting.

Report from the Planning Commission – Planning Commission Chairman, Evan Myers, attended the meeting and presented the Planning Commission's 2012 work program. Council was provided with a copy of the proposed work program.

Mr. Myers reviewed the work program stating the Commission would start to look at areas that are named for redevelopment, parking reduction, the Urban Village and Green Planning.

When asked by Council which items were top priority Mr. Myers responded the Commission will look at parking reduction first and later the Urban Village after coordinating with the Townships, Penn State and other ABCs. The Planning Commission also plans to review the area of Calder Way in connection with their review of the downtown area.

Council will be asked to approve the work program at a future meeting.

Transportation Commission Report – The Transportation Commission Report was postponed because the Chairperson was unable to attend the meeting.

State College Borough Water Authority - Max Gill, Authority Manager, and Emory Enscore, Borough Member, of the State College Borough Water Authority attended the meeting and provided Council with an overview of the Water Authority's recent activities.

Mr. Gill noted the Authority was recognized, for the fourth year, by DEP for excellent water quality and the Authority continues to serve the community well while keeping rates low.

Mr. Gill stated the Authority and the Borough continue to work together on joint projects successfully completing the projects.

University Area Joint Authority – Cory Miller, Executive Director, of the University Area Joint Authority, attended the meeting and provided Council with an overview of the Authority's recent activities.

Mr. Miller reviewed major projects the Authority completed this past year and discussed the pump station that will be completed at Fox Hollow Road. He also explained how the unusually wet weather has affected the Authority. The Authority will also be working to upgrade their computer system providing for better response times and decision making.

Earned Income and Net Profits Tax Ordinance - Staff discussed the model Earned Income Model Tax Ordinance presented by the Centre County Tax Collection Committee for adoption by the municipalities and school districts in the County in conjunction with countywide collection of the tax beginning on January 1, 2012. The model ordinance sets forth the tax rates and collection processes in conformance with the provisions of Act 32.

Council will be asked to adopt the ordinance at their meeting on November 21, 2011. This will need to be done to meet annual filing requirements with the PA Department of Economic & Community Development.

Third Quarter Budget Report - Staff discussed the budget performance report for the 3rd Quarter 2011, including the General, Parking, Sanitary Sewer and Refuse Collection Funds. Ms. Crater reported operating costs were up six percent due to the cost of fuel but all other aspects of the budget were in line.

2012 Operating Budget - Staff distributed and presented the 2012 Operating Budget. Staff provided a brief summary of key issues and highlights of the proposed budget. Council discussion and review of the budget will begin at the November 18, 2011 work session and the first 86 pages of the budget will be reviewed.

Mr. Fountaine reported the budget team did a good job preparing the budget.

Mr. Dunlap added the budget has a new design and look and is also available electronically.

Items of Information – Brendan McNally spoke on behalf of the vast majority of the students and apologized for the recent riot downtown. He thanked the Borough staff and police officers for doing an outstanding job with managing the situation.

Mr. Fountaine added that Mr. McNally left him a similar voicemail message. Mr. Fountaine appreciated his comments and also recognized a group of students who helped with the clean-up.

Council added they appreciated the gesture and felt the candlelight vigil was nice and was the true spirit of Penn State.

Chief King reported a task force has been established to review evidence related to the riot and would be working with the District Attorney's office in filing the proper charges.

Mr. Fountaine and the Chief commended the response of our police department as well as the Centre Region police departments and State Police.

Mr. Whitfield also announced the school district would be meeting with the architect in relation to the Memorial Field reconstruction and would like to hold a dual meeting with the Borough to continue discussions.

Mr. Filippelli announced Council would adjourn to an Executive Session to discuss personnel.

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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