

**Meeting Minutes
State College Borough Council
Regular Meeting
June 4, 2012**

The State College Borough Council met in a regular meeting on Monday, June 4, 2012, in the State College Municipal Building, 243 South Allen Street, State College, PA. Mayor Goreham called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Council present: Elizabeth A. Goreham, Mayor
Donald M. Hahn, President of Council
Catherine G. Dauler
Ronald L. Filippelli
Sarah Klinetob
Peter Morris
James Rosenberger
Absent: Thomas E. Daubert

Also present: Terry J. Williams, Borough Solicitor; Roger Dunlap, Assistant Manager; Sharon Ergler, Assistant Borough Secretary; Carl Hess, Planning Director; Mark Whitfield, Director of Public Works; Thomas R. King, Chief of Police; Laurel Petrulionis, UPUA Student Representative; Charles DeBow, Parking Manager; Norma Crater, Manager of Financial Services; Amy Story, Borough Engineer; and interested members of the media.

Public Hour – No one in the audience wished to speak on matters not on Council's agenda.

Public Hearing on 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Plan – Mayor Goreham opened the hearing on the 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Plan and there was no one who wished to speak during the public hearing.

Consent Items -

Mr. Hahn made a motion to approve the following consent items. Mr. Filippelli seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- Approve vouchers for the month of May in the amount of \$2,018,646.41.
- Award Project #4-2012-CDBG (Corl Street Reconstruction Project) to Maxwell Trucking, Inc., the low bidder, in the amount of \$896,789.

Regional Issues

CATA Budget for 2012-2013 – Mr. Filippelli made a motion to enact the resolution approving the 2012-2013 CATA Budget. Mr. Rosenberger seconded the motion.

Mr. Hahn commended Mr. Rosenberger for his work on the COG Finance Committee. The Borough's \$75,100 contribution for all the services the residents receive from CATA is quite a good bargain.

The motion passed unanimously.

Official Reports and Correspondence

Mayor's Report – Mayor Goreham said she had been out of town the last couple of weeks and she is rested and ready to get back to work.

President's Report – Mr. Hahn reported that following this meeting Council will hold a brief Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Staff/Committee Reports – Mr. Fontaine said staff has nothing to report.

UPUA Student Representative – Ms. Petrulionis said she had nothing to report.

Items of Information – Council recessed to a work session at 7:37 p.m. to continue its review of the 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Plan.

2013-2017 Capital Improvement Plan

Council reviewed the matrix of comments made the previous time Council reviewed the CIP. Seeing no changes and/or corrections, staff presented the Streets Section of the CIP.

Mr. Whitfield stated that Easterly Parkway has risen to the need of reconstruction. Staff has delayed the South Garner Street construction project until 2013. Oneida Street and O'Bryan Lane have been bumped out until the State College School District knows what changes they are making to their campus. Mr. Whitfield said several streets and alleys are being scheduled for resurfacing. These are maintenance type projects and they do not require a complete excavation.

Mr. Whitfield said the Public Works staff recently reviewed the matrix of streets and updated our pavement conditions. In 2009, 80% of the Borough's streets were in satisfactory or good condition. The last pavement rating shows that only 64% of the Borough's streets are meeting those criteria now. He said we need to reverse this trend or it could have a snowball effect if we do not begin to address it now. He is proposing to have a microsurfacing project next year, which will go a long way to preserving the pavement and a street's useful life.

Mr. Whitfield noted that the CBD Street lighting and Atherton Street Corridor projects are still proceeding, as is the pedestrian fencing and streetscape improvements, ADA improvements and replacement of the traffic signal mast arms. Streetlight steel poles have continued to deteriorate in the 100 blocks throughout the downtown and this will only continue with the loss of CDBG funding. While the funds continue to get smaller, the need continues to rise.

This fall, the Public Works staff is proposing a Traffic Signal Improvement Project. This will create the opportunity to improve the traffic signal timings. The first element of this project is an Engineering Traffic Signal Study this fall. In the spring of 2013, staff will begin implementation of this project.

Mr. Filippelli asked if the Pugh Street Streetscape Project proposed for 2013 includes curb, street resurfacing and streetlights. Mr. Whitfield said yes staff is only looking at the streetscape. Of the \$800,000 proposed only \$200,000 is slated for streetscape improvements. He added that the improvements made on South Fraser Street are similar to what staff is proposing on South Pugh Street.

Mr. Filippelli asked if we will lose any on-street parking spaces. Mr. Whitfield said the Transportation Commission is looking at putting a turning lane at Beaver Avenue and if this were to occur we would lose five spaces in order to do that. Mr. Filippelli said the Borough needs to be careful about the piecemeal removal of parking downtown.

Mr. Rosenberger said the CIP calls for covered bicycle racks in the downtown this year. Mr. Whitfield said staff was proposing the installation of these bicycle racks this summer; however, they have been delayed. Staff has received objections raised due to loss of parking spaces or other aspect such as what will they look like and will they block the name(s) of businesses. He indicated that his staff needs to do a better job of educating business owners about what they bicycle racks will look like.

Mr. Rosenberger said he would recommend moving forward with enhancing the bicycle facilities downtown.

Ms. Klinetob raised a question about the proposed traffic signal improvement. Are the proposed lights LEED traffic lights? Also, what are lane control signs, which are slated for Hillcrest Avenue. Mr. Whitfield said the safer method to alert drivers of the intersection is to install a mast arm indicating which lane a motorist needs to be in prior to the intersection.

Mr. Hahn said the Street Projects cover sheet in the proposed CIP does not have the bicycle facility improvements listed. He asked that it be added. He also asked if the Pugh Street Streetscape and the resurfacing and pavement conditions are also going to be added to the CIP.

Mr. Whitfield moved on to review Storm water Projects. He said there are only two projects proposed this year and they are the Memorial Field Project, which includes the installation of filters and stormceptors that precedes the sinkhole at Memorial Field. The second project is to slipline a storm sewer pipe, which is deteriorating. The problem is the pipe is located underneath the Ramada Inn. He said the pipe is okay; however, it needs to be sliplined in order to preserve the integrity of that pipe. By sliplining the pipe, we are able to get 30 to 40 more years out of the pipe. This project is slated for 2013.

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon K. Ergler
Assistant Borough Secretary