

**Meeting Minutes  
State College Borough Council  
Regular Meeting  
October 1, 2012**

The State College Borough Council met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 1, 2012, in the State College Municipal Building, 243 South Allen Street, State College, PA. Mayor Goreham called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Also present: Terry J. Williams, Borough Solicitor; Thomas J. Fountaine, Borough Manager; Sharon K. Ergler, Assistant Borough Secretary; Carl R. Hess, Planning Director; Mark A. Whitfield, Director of Public Works; Courtney Hayden, Communications & Grants Coordinator; Amy Kerner, Borough Engineer; Charles DeBow, Parking Manager; and members of the media and interested PSU journalism students.

**Public Hour** – No one in the audience wished to speak about items not on the agenda.

### **Reports**

Penn State Marketing Association – Ms. Hayden introduced Amy Waldron, Penn State Marketing Association's (PSMA) Philanthropy Chair. Ms. Waldron explained that the PSMA is looking to perform philanthropy events at a local level. She said the PSMA continues to do clean-up events on Sundays after home football games. On October 28, the PSMA is teaming up with State College High School's Future Business Leaders Association and the Delta Program to do another clean-up event.

Affordable Housing Coalition (AHC) – Mr. Paul Spring, a member of the Coalition, expressed the Coalition's appreciation for the good work Council does on behalf of the community. Mr. Spring said the AHC is a group of approximately 40 civic-minded county residents who are concerned about affordable housing. He said it is becoming increasingly difficult for service providers (i.e. barbers, secretaries, etc.) to find affordable housing. He said on October 25, the AHC is holding their 5<sup>th</sup> annual housing summit. This year's summit will be held at Foxdale Village.

### **Public Hearing**

Consolidated Annual Action Plan 2013 – Mayor Goreham opened the hearing on the 2013 Consolidated Annual Action Plan at 7:35 p.m. There was no one in the audience who wished to speak at the hearing. She closed the hearing at 7:37 p.m.

### **Consent Items**

Mayor Goreham said she received a request to remove Items D and H from the list of Consent Items for further discussion.

Mr. Filippelli made a motion to approve the other Consent Items. Mr. Hahn seconded the motion.

- Approve the closing of the 200 block of South Allen Street, from Beaver Avenue to Foster Avenue, on Saturday, October 13, 2012 from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the Downtown State College Improvement District's Annual Fall Festival.

- Approve the closing of Highland Avenue, from South Pugh Street to Locust Lane, on Friday, October 5, 2012, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. for the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Tailgate Toss Tournament to benefit Penn State's "One Heart" organization.
- Award the Pugh Street Garage 2012-2013 Maintenance Contract to Nathan Contracting, L.P., the low bidder, in the amount of \$252,888.
- Appoint Marcia Patterson to the CDBG Citizens' Advisory Committee with a term ending on December 31, 2015.
- Appoint Rick Bryant to the Design Review Board with a term ending on December 31, 2013.
- Approve the use of University Drive, from East College Avenue to South Atherton Street, on Sunday, October 14, 2012, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 60 Mile 6 Pack relay race, which benefits Fit for Funds.

Mr. Rosenberger made a motion to approve Consent Item D, which was to award the Unified Parking Management System bid to T2 Systems, Inc., the low bidder, in the amount of \$255,684. Mr. Daubert seconded the motion.

Mr. Daubert said staff's recommendation does not explain clearly what the Borough is getting with this contract.

Mr. Fontaine said this project was previously reviewed and approved as part of the 2012 Operating Budget for the parking software and license plate recognition software. He said the T2 contract has been reviewed by the Parking Manager, IT staff, the Purchasing Manager, and by the Assistant Manager and himself before submission to Council for approval. He noted that the T2 bid meets the standards and bid specifications.

Mr. Rosenberger asked if this software will assist the Parking Office in collecting additional income the Borough is not able to collect now.

Mr. Fontaine answered yes. This system should offer a payback within 12-18 months. He stated this project was reviewed more thoroughly as part of the Capital Improvement Plan when we reviewed the cost analysis and the payback period.

Mr. Rosenberger asked if this software was required for the Schlow Centre Region Library to change their parking system. Mr. Fontaine said the Library would have the option to piggy back on top of this; however, staff is still working on these details because the hardware would have to be purchased by the CRCOG for the library's use.

Mr. Daubert said he would appreciate it if future project awards would include where additional information can be found, such as the CIP Project Number, or where in the Operating Budget so Council can find additional information or identify the page number where the item is listed.

Mr. Hahn said he did recall discussing this before, but it was listed in the CIP as Project #IT-122 and the estimate at that time was \$60,000.

Mr. Fontaine said two projects were combined. The first was the IT portion and the other is an asset replacement in the Parking Budget.

The motion to approve the Unified Parking Management System bid to T2 Systems, Inc. passed unanimously.

Mr. Rosenberger made a motion to approve the minutes for the month of August, 2012 but made a correction on the August 6, 2012 minutes. The correction appeared on page 3 in the tenth paragraph. The word "incriminating" should have been "discrimination." Mr. Morris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## **Public Works**

Ordinance Amending Vehicle & Traffic Regulations – Mr. Filippelli made a motion to enact the ordinance amending the Vehicle and Traffic regulations. Mr. Hahn seconded the motion.

Mr. Daubert asked why there are so many changes being made in one amendment.

Mr. Fontaine said staff is attempting to bring the housekeeping amendments forward. He added that there are a number of things staff is doing right now to update the codification. He said, specifically in the Vehicle and Traffic section, there are a number of places where regulations have been changed and/or approved and staff is attempting to make certain the information in the codification matches the signs that are on the streets.

The motion to approve Ordinance #2001 passed unanimously.

## **Regional Issues**

Centre Regional Recreation Authority/Centre Region COG Refunding Project – Mr. Fontaine said the Council is being asked to reaffirm and enact Ordinance #2000 approving the guaranty of the Borough's agreed portion of the \$6,128,000 loan of the Centre Regional Recreation Authority to refinance its 2008 loan that financed the Centre Region COG's Park Forest and Welch Pool projects, including related documents and actions. Mr. Fontaine said the reason Council is being asked to ratify is because the legal notices incorrectly listed the location of the General Forum meeting.

Mr. Rosenberger made a motion to reaffirm and enact Ordinance #2000. Mr. Hahn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Items of Information**

Mayor's Report – Mayor Goreham said she had nothing to report.

President's Report – Mr. Hahn noted that staff has completed the Neighborhood Sustainability Report and the report has been posted on the Borough's website. He urged those who are concerned with the neighborhoods, to read the recommendations included in the report. Secondly, Mr. Hahn said he recently took a trip to Baltimore and he was impressed to see Penn State students canning there for THON. He said he appreciated the reminder of all the great things Penn State students do.

Staff Reports – Mr. Fontaine said two property tax appeals were recently filed. He said the appeals will go to the County Appeals Board. The Manager said he would update Council once the Appeals Board has rendered their decision on the appeals.

Student Representative – Ms. Petrulionis said the UPUA has been continuing their efforts to get all students registered to vote. On October 8 in the Pattee Mall, there will be lecture classes on the political parties. She said this will be a fun environment for students to learn about politics.

Ms. Goreham encouraged everyone in the audience to register to vote because she said local ordinances can have impact on one's personal life.

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sharon K. Ergler  
Assistant Borough Secretary