

State College Borough Council
Special Meeting
August 30, 2004

The State College Borough Council met in a special meeting on Monday, August 30, 2004, in the Council Chambers of the State College Municipal Building, 243 South Allen Street. Mayor Welch called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Present: Bill Welch, Mayor
 Thomas E. Daubert, President
 Catherine G. Dauler
 Elizabeth A. Goreham
 Craig R. Humphrey
 Janet K. Knauer
 Jeffrey H. Meyer

Absent Jeffrey R. Kern

Also present: Thomas J. Fountaine, II, Borough Manager; Terry J. Williams, Borough Solicitor; Ronald A. Davis, Assistant Borough Manager; Thomas R. King, Chief of Police; Carl R. Hess, Director of Planning/Community Development; Mark S. Henry, Health Officer; Timothy Grattan, Director of Information Systems; Edward C. Holmes, Parking/Facilities Coordinator; Amy R. Miller, Recording Secretary; members of the media; and other interested observers.

PUBLIC HOUR. There were no comments from the public

TAKE ACTION ON BIDS RECEIVED FOR ASBESTOS REMOVAL

Mr. Fountaine said bids for Project 20-2004, asbestos removal from Beaver Avenue garage properties, were opened on August 27. The availability of bid packages was advertised in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinance. Eleven contractors received bid specifications. Seven contractors attended the mandatory pre-bid conference on August 20 to tour the buildings, estimate quantities, and review the bid specifications. Of those seven, five submitted bids as follows:

S & S Environmental Services, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	\$18,100.00
Chippewa Hazardous Wastes Tridelfhia, WV	20,900.00
Canfield Development Corporation Pittsburgh, PA	33,758.00
PDG, Inc., Durms, PA	36,527.00*
Alt-Chem Environmental Services South Hampton, PA	67,500.00

*Bidder included an unsolicited alternate price of \$41,800.00 including payment of Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage rates. Because the low bid meeting specifications is below \$25,000.00, payment of Prevailing Wage rates is not required.

The low bidder meeting specifications is S & S Environmental Services, a licensed asbestos abatement contractor in the City of Philadelphia. The bid price is within the budget estimate for this phase of the Beaver Avenue parking structure project.

Ms. Goreham inquired when the project would be completed. Mr. Holmes stated the contractor was given 17 calendar days from the day they receive notice to proceed. Mr. Meyer moved to award Project 20-2004 to S & S Environmental Services, Incorporated, and the motion was seconded by Ms. Goreham. Council voted unanimously to award S&S Environmental Services the contract.

APPROVE A WAIVER FOR THE STATE COLLEGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CONDUCT A FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Mr. Fountaine described an application for a waiver to the Borough's fireworks ordinance to permit a display in conjunction with the rededication of Memorial Field on September 17. The fireworks show will occur during half-time. The fireworks company is Starfire Corporation, and they have provided a certificate of insurance naming State College Borough as an additional insured along with State College Area School District and others. He noted that the School District was not aware until last week that fireworks are prohibited by Borough Ordinance and require a waiver by Borough Council.

Ms. Dauler asked if the field was flammable, because First Night fireworks were prohibited. Dan Barker, professional pyrotechnician, explained there are two different types of fireworks. The fireworks proposed for Memorial Field are a much lower grade and fallout is almost nonexistent. These fireworks are used specifically in professional stadiums on artificial turf and their maximum height is 60 feet. Mr. Welch asked if Mr. Barker was sure no one would get injured. Mr. Barker replied there are no guarantees, but the committee met with all local fire and safety officials and they, too, supported the fireworks.

Ms. Goreham moved to approve the fireworks in Memorial Field and Ms. Knauer seconded the motion. Council voted 5-1 in favor of the fireworks with Mr. Daubert opposing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to a work session at 1:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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