

Meeting Minutes
State College Borough Council
Special Meeting of the Outgoing Council
Monday, January 6, 2020

The State College Borough Council met in a special meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020 in the Municipal Building, 243 South Allen Street, State College, PA. Mayor Filippelli called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Present: Ronald L. Filippelli, Mayor
 Evan Myers, Council President
 Jesse L. Barlow
 David J. Brown
 Catherine G. Dauler
 Janet P. Engeman
 Theresa D. Lafer
 Dan Murphy

Also present were: Terry J. Williams, Borough Solicitor; Thomas J. Fountaine, II., Borough Manager; Sharon K. Ergler, Assistant Borough Secretary; John A. Gardner, Chief of Police; Ed LeClear, Director of Planning; Roger A. Dunlap, Assistant Borough Manager/Chief Financial Officer; Dwight Miller, Finance Director; Thomas R. King, Assistant Borough Manager for Public Safety; Douglas Shontz, Communications Specialist; Deborah A.S. Hoag, Director of Public Works; Leann Shaw, Human Resources Director; Craig Bowser, Information Technology Manager; Edward C. Holmes, Purchasing/Risk Manager Director; Kevin Kassab, Community Engagement Manager; Kayla Irvin, Community Engagement Assistant; Greg Garthe, Senior Planner; Isabel Storey, Planner; Thomas Brown, Facilities Supervisor; and members of the media and interested citizens.

Public Hour

There was no one in the audience who wished to speak during the public hour.

Consent Items

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the following Consent Items. Ms. Lafer seconded the motion which passed unanimously in favor.

- Approve minutes for the following meetings held in August, September, October, November and December.

August 5, 2019	Regular Meeting
August 12, 2019	Work Session
August 19, 2019	Regular Meeting
September 9, 2019	Regular Meeting
October 14, 2019	Regular Meeting
October 21, 2019	Regular Meeting
October 25, 2019	Special Meeting
October 29, 2019	Work Session
October 30, 2019	Special Meeting
November 6, 2019	Special Meeting
November 8, 2019	Regular Meeting
November 12, 2019	Regular Meeting
November 18, 2019	Regular Meeting
December 2, 2019	Regular Meeting
December 9, 2019	Regular Meeting
December 16, 2019	Regular Meeting

Special Reports and Recognition of Outgoing Mayor and Council Members

Mr. Myers bid farewell to outgoing Council members David Brown and Catherine Dauler and Mayor Donald Hahn.

Mr. Myers said Mr. Brown served one term on Council and he also served on the State College Community Land Trust and as the Borough's representative to the COG Human Resources Committee. Mr. Brown was recently appointed to the Schlow Centre Region Library Board. My Myers said he would miss Mr. Brown's wise advice.

Mr. Brown said as he departed from Council, he said much like the Farmers Insurance ad "I've seen a thing a two". He said the Borough had a lot of good policies and practices and as a Council, they accomplished a lot together. He also noted the fine caliber of Borough staff. He said the Police and others make our lives much better for it.

Mr. Myers commented that Ms. Dauler had a long history of community involvement. She had worked on the Downtown Strategic Plan, served on the Centre Area Cable Consortium, she was Council's representative on the Downtown State College Improvement District, she was part of the Dr. Martin Luther, King Jr. Advisory Committee and also served on the National League of Cities REAL Committee.

Ms. Dauler thanked Mr. Myers for his kind words. She said much like David Brown, she appreciated the Borough's professional staff who always reminded Council when they were straying from the path of righteousness. She added that she was grateful to her colleagues, both past and present. She said it was a great joy to be a part of each of the Councils she had served on. She commented that she had appreciated the different perspectives, the decision making, and the voters who elected her four times. She also thanked her husband and daughter and the campaign promise she made to them many years ago, which was to always cook dinner for the family.

Mr. Myers said former Mayor Don Hahn had left office as State College's Mayor; however, he had not left public service since he had become the newest District Judge. He noted that Mr. Hahn had been involved as a former member of the Planning Commission, the CDBG Citizens' Advisory Committee, and served several terms as a member of Council and one term as Council President. He said he appreciated Mr. Hahn's perspective as he had grown up in State College as a man of color and how he strived for equal rights for all community members. He thanked Mr. Hahn, who was not present, for his invaluable service to the community.

Mr. Brown said he also wanted to thank an unsung hero of his, Sharon Ergler. He said he admired her and the duties she performed for the Borough and Council.

Adjournment

Ms. Lafer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 p.m. Ms. Dauler seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon K. Ergler
Assistant Borough Secretary