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Borough Council

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Proclamations

Mayor Hahn issued the following proclamations:

- **Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day and Month** — This proclamation declared September as Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month and Monday, September 10, as Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day.
- **Multicultural Unity Day** — This proclamation declared Saturday, September 22, 2018, as Multicultural Unity Day.

You can view these proclamations at:

<https://www.statecollegepa.us/2953/Proclamations>.

Consent Items

Council approved the following items:

- Approved the closing of Holly Alley (between Holly Court and Hetzel Street) and High Street (between East Foster Avenue and Holly Alley) on Saturday, September 8, 2018, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., for the annual East Highlands Neighborhood Block Party.
- Approved the closing of the 200 block of South Allen Street (after the Schlow Library parking entrance to East Foster Avenue), the Bill Welch

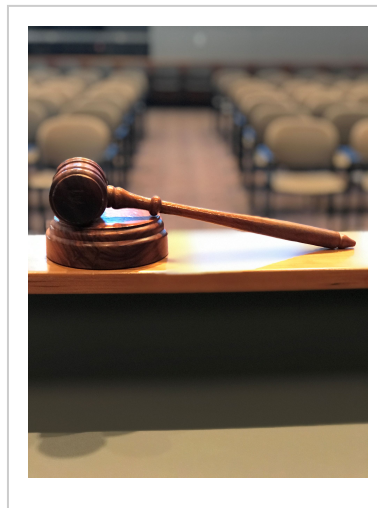
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Plaza, several Municipal Building meeting rooms, and the Sidney Friedman Park (with conditions), on Saturday, September 22, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., for the Multicultural Unity Fair.

- Approved the use of 14 parking spaces along the 100 block of South Allen Street, between East Calder Alley and East Beaver Avenue, (with conditions), on Friday, September 21, 2018, from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for Park(ing) Day.
- Approved the closing of South Garner Street (between Nimitz Avenue and Easterly Parkway) on Saturday, October 6, 2018, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., for the annual State College South Neighborhood Block Party.
- Approved the closing of the 200 block of South Gill Street (between Highland Alley and West Foster Avenue), on Sunday, September 9, 2018, from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m., for the annual Holmes-Foster Potluck and annual meeting.
- Approved the use of various Borough streets (standard PSU 5K route) on Sunday, October 21, 2018, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., for the annual Penn State Dance Marathon 5k.
- Approved Payroll and Accounts Payable vouchers for the month of July in the amount of \$2,407,669.83.
- Approved the closing of the 100 block of South Allen Street (between East College and East Beaver Avenues), on Monday, October 8, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., for the Penn State Homecoming Allen Street Jam.
- Appointed David Gaines to the CDBG Citizen's Advisory Committee with a term ending date of December 31, 2020. J. Approve the extension of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee members terms to December 31, 2018.
- Approved the change order of the Beaver Avenue Streetlight Project in the amount of \$42,692.39.
- Approved the closing of the 1800 block of South Allen Street on Sunday, September 2, 2018, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., for the annual South Allen Street Neighborhood Picnic and Block Party.
- Approved minutes from the meetings held in April, May and June:
 - April 2, Regular Meeting
 - April 9, Work Session
 - April 16, Regular Meeting
 - May 7, Regular Meeting
 - May 14, Work Session
 - May 21, Regular Meeting/Work Session
 - June 4, Regular Meeting
 - June 11, Work Session
 - June 18, Regular Meeting/Work Session

General Policy & Administration

A. Review and Consideration of Borough Ordinance Fines

Annually, staff in the various Borough departments review the fines set by ordinance to determine if it is appropriate to recommend adjustments to the fines to Council. In the past, this review was done as part of the annual operating budget review and adoption. In 2017, Council began to consider any possible fine adjustments in advance of and outside of the cycle for the preparation, review and adoption of the annual operating budget. Borough staff has reviewed all existing fines set by ordinance. Included with the [agenda](#) (download) is a document listing the most common fines, of these, the ordinance violation, current fine amount and the fine amount recommended effective September 1, 2018.

Council adopted the ordinance amending the fines set by ordinance.

Planning & Zoning

A. HARB Design Guidelines

On December 18, 2017, Borough Council passed Ordinance 2104 that adopted the Local Historic District and the Historic and Architectural Review Board (HARB). The Ordinance would regulate only the addition to or demolition of contributing buildings, or any new construction, in State College's Holmes-Foster/Highlands and College Heights Historic Districts. The consultants for the Heritage State College Project, Winter & Co., have drafted a set of Design Guidelines for the HARB implementation. Council received the Design Guidelines during their April 16, 2018, meeting. During the May 14, 2018, Council meeting, Winter & Co. provided a presentation on the Design Guidelines and answered Council's questions.

A memo prepared by Winter & Co. outlining the changes made between the Public Review Draft (April 2018) and the Adoption Draft (June 2018) is attached in the [agenda](#) (download). Also, a resolution setting the application fee for Certificate of Appropriateness is attached. The fee is proposed to be set at \$50.

Council adopted the resolution approving the Design Guidelines, establishing the application fee and setting an implementation date of October 1, 2018, for the Historic and Architectural Review Board. Learn more about the full process in the [agenda](#) (download).

Parking

A. Parking Study (Overnight Parking Restrictions Request from Highlands Civic Association)

In April 2017, the Highlands Civic Association presented a proposal to change the practice of not enforcing the "2:00 A.M. – 6:00 A.M." parking restrictions and lawn parking on Penn State Football Weekends as a pilot program for the 2017 football season.

On April 16, 2018, Council approved the policy proposal that staff prepared based on the direction from the April 9, 2018 work session, with modifications to continue past practice except for the Highlands neighborhood. Council approved a pilot program for the Highlands that provides a permitting system and fees for parking permits. The pilot program for the Highlands was approved as follows:

- The “2:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M.” parking restriction will be enforced at all times, with limited exceptions for public safety or construction mitigation.
- A permitting system will be developed to allow residents to obtain parking permits for their guests on those streets with overnight parking restrictions.
- An additional fee will be charged for overnight parking permissions set forth in Number 2 above during Penn State Football Weekends and the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts.
- These changes will be in effect for an eighteen-month pilot period beginning October 1, 2018, with warning and information during the month of September 2018.
- Measures will be identified to assess the pilot.

During Monday’s meeting, the Council approved an ordinance ratifying this parking enforcement policy that was approved at the April 16, Regular Meeting.

*Note: an additional provision is recommended by staff to prohibit parking permissions for the use of guests at short-term rentals on any street with a “2:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M.” parking restriction. This was included in the ordinance.

Learn more about this agenda topic in the [agenda](#) (download).

Mayor Hahn notified Council that he will be vetoing the ordinance when it is presented to him. Council scheduled a special meeting on Monday, August 27 at 4:30 P.M. in Council Chambers for the purpose of considering the Mayor’s veto of the ordinance.

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