

**Meeting Minutes**  
**State College Borough Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, July 15, 2019**

The State College Borough Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, July 15, 2019 in the Municipal Building, 243 South Allen Street, State College, PA 16801. Mayor Hahn called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**Present:** Donald M. Hahn, Mayor  
Evan Myers, Council President  
David J. Brown  
Janet Engeman  
Theresa D. Lafer  
Dan Murphy

**Absent:** Jesse L. Barlow  
Catherine G. Dauler

**Also Present:** Thomas J. Fountaine, II, Borough Manager; Terry J. Williams, Borough Solicitor; Sharon K. Ergler, Assistant Borough Secretary; John A. Gardner, Chief of Police; Deborah A.S. Hoag, Public Works Director; Dwight Miller, Finance Director; Douglas Shontz, Communications Specialist; P. Rick Ward, Parking Director; Craig Bowser, Chief Technology Officer; Amy J. Kerner, Borough Engineer; media and interested Borough residents.

**Items of Information from Council Members**

Mr. Brown stated he was pleased that State College Police Department (SCPD)'s Lieutenant John Aston was acknowledged as an outstanding law enforcement officer in Centre County. He said it was a wonderful achievement, but he raised some concerns and a proposal for the SCPD to Council consider during the next voting meeting. He said the SCPD was the largest single unit of municipal employees with 65 sworn officers, 10 full-time civilians and a 30-vehicle fleet with a policing area including the State College Borough and Harris and College Townships with a \$10 million budget. He said the Borough's police officers were most likely to incur liabilities and were consistently in the news in the past few months. He said there were accusations, strong statements, blaming and harsh demands for recrimination. He indicated that the morale of Borough's officers was at a very low ebb because some officers expressed that Council did not do anything to defend them or help them or know who they were and what they do. He stated it was probably true that some Council members knew very little about the SCPD except for the annual budget hearings, brief reports from Chief Gardner, and information from Mr. Fountaine about officer-involved incidents. He asked how many Council members knew about the various divisions and functions, the specific trainings, how police leadership worked, and even about the CIT training. He asked how many Council members did a ride-along on a shift or had done a station tour or received a briefing from a unit head. He said Council had a responsibility to learn more and understand more about the SCPD in collaboration with Chief Gardner, Mr. King, Captain Wilson and Captain Fishel. He said Council was responsible to the public and officers in terms of understanding how law enforcement operations worked in the Borough.

Mr. Murphy discussed an article published on May 9, 2019, the day after the report released by the Centre County District Attorney (D.A.)'s office by American Public Media, titled "When Tasers Fail." He said the article and accompanying podcast said that tasers were found unreliable up to 40 percent of the time especially at short distance. The article stated that between 2015 to 2017, there were 258 cases where tasers failed to subdue someone that was eventually shot and killed by police. The article in the investigation went on to look at police reports and whether police officers were equipped with the tools needed to help them do their job and whether community members were not on the receiving end of inadequate equipment. He said the article was shared with police leadership by staff and members of Campus and Community in Unity (CCU). He said steps were taken to examine whether the manufacturers of the tasers, Exxon, in the report were an issue of concern for the Borough. He said he

wanted to hear how the conversation about the article played out in terms of how the Borough approached training or how officers were equipped.

Ms. Lafer stated she knew about the officer-involved shooting at around the same time as everyone else found out about it from the newspaper and from social media. She said that she would not tell people what exactly happened because she was not there. She stated that a trusted, popular and new DA was turned on by community and branded as a corrupt politician. She said she found that infuriating when most people voted for him. She said she supported the SCPD because they were trained and spent a lot of time learning and teaching other communities about community-based policing. She stated the report from the DA and Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) was less to do with police training and more about serendipity, mental illness and bad luck. She said she felt that the families of the officers should not be harassed by angry family members of the victim and members of the community. She said the children of those officers should not have rocks thrown at them at school because their dad was a "murderer." There was no good outcome sometimes and there was certainly no good outcome here unless the Borough continued to improve the mental health system and police training system. She said it would be expensive and the community needed to stand by police officers unless they were found guilty of a crime. She said she stayed silent about it because she only knew what everybody else knew. She said she took the tour downstairs, did a ride-along and chatted with officers occasionally. She said she came from an area where the police were known to be corrupt, so to feel comfortable with the SCPD was a real change and one she did not take lightly. She hoped Council would work with the suggestions and asked people to dial back the attacks and push forward on the concerns in order to do more.

Mr. Myers discussed a portion of the President's Report related to the remarks of his colleagues. First, he said that the specifics of the officer-involved shooting were still under a separate internal review by the SCPD in addition to the DA's report. He noted the part that Council would not ignore was the angst and fear of people of color who came forward over the past several months. He said Council must address it even if the shooting did not occur. Second, he discussed that if something was unclear before, it was clear now that President Trump waged assault against immigrants, people of color, women and others. He said that the Borough took a stand to be a welcoming place, but there was plenty of work to be done. He said silence equaled acceptance. He said he joined with others during a vigil held last Friday evening that called for the end of the camps at the border that break families apart. He noted that President Trump pushed for adverse policy changes impacting immigrants and verbally attacked several Congresswomen of color. He said that several people advised Council members to back off from making statements, but he affirmed he would not stay silent and in the darkness about the reality of racial inequity nationally and in the community.

## **Special Business**

### Resolution to Support the Restoration of Local Control and to Support 5G Deployment

Mr. Fountaine explained that S. 2012, Restoring Local Control over Public Infrastructure Act of 2011, was introduced in the US Senate and HR 530 was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. Both bills support a return of local governments' ability to balance competing interests for the use of the public rights-of-way by overturning actions of the FCC in August and September of 2018. Council previously supported deployment of 5G and acted to establish local control of rights-of-way. He noted Council supported legislation in both the Pennsylvania General Assembly and the US Congress to restore local control of rights-of-way as set forth in this legislation. He said Council was asked to act on the resolution to support legislation to restore this local control.

Ms. Lafer motioned that Council supported the resolution and stood for supporting the expansion of 5G. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Brown seconded the motion.

Ms. Engeman stated she was pleased to see this was not just Council putting a seal of approval on this. She stated the safety of 5G be investigated in the future.

The motion passed unanimously.

## Public Hour – Hearing of Citizens

Melanie Morrison, a resident from Millheim, said many organizations came forward in the months following the officer-involved shooting to fight for justice and reform to create accountability for police officers in communities of color and the county mental health system. She said there was a mental health forum at the county level. She said she continued to face increased harassment and intimidation as a result of her participation in advocating for justice and reform. She said that while at an appointment in State College on June 5, 2019, someone broke off a pair of scissors on her car tire. She said it was not an accident. She said while it was costly and inconvenient, it would not affect her commitment to speak out against injustice. She stated she wanted to reassert the needs of the community and in the sphere of Council's influence and power. She said there were people who felt afraid to call 911 if they had an emergency because nothing was done to ensure transparency and police officers were back policing areas of town. She said the community heard rumors that Officer 1 claimed harassment and left the State College area. She asked about progress about the proposed taskforce and the fate of Officer 1. She said the community asked for a community oversight board and not a taskforce, which was also a recommendation made in 2016. She noted the community advisory board would allow for community members to be heard and be able to investigate concerns of bias not sufficiently handled by police. She said the police cannot police themselves without accountability. She said the organizations hoped that the Borough's progress would have been publicized by now but were not. She said some replies were unavailable on the website and information was unclear. She asked for an update from Council about their actions.

Mr. Fountaine said there would be an update at the end of the meeting.

Mayor Hahn asked where the incident regarding Ms. Morrison's tire occurred. Ms. Morrison noted it occurred in Hills Plaza. Mayor Hahn noted it was in College Township but was in the jurisdiction of the SCPD. Chief Gardner asked if Ms. Morrison reported the incident to police. Ms. Morrison said she did not report it. Chief Gardner asked if she wanted to report and felt that she should. He said an officer could absolutely take a report and it was terrible that that happened to her. Ms. Morrison noted she still had the piece of scissor that the mechanic gave back to her. Chief Gardner stated that before she left the meeting, he would arrange for an officer to speak to her about it.

A gentleman approached the podium and asked why he needed to identify himself. Mayor Hahn stated it was to facilitate a response. The gentleman asked if he chose not to identify himself. Mr. Fountaine stated it was established by Borough policies and procedures and that Council would be unable to respond to him without a name and address.

Ms. Lafer motioned to waive this singular condition under that Council would be unable to answer his questions if he did not identify himself. The motion passed unanimously.

The gentleman identified himself as "H" and said he had been in and out of this community since 1979. He stated he was not just a man of color in the community. He said he waited to come before Council in fear of retribution or paybacks. He said the fact that Ms. Morrison rushed through her remarks about what was not done saddened him. He said he sent a second email to the Borough and to Mr. Myers. He said that had no problem referring to President Trump as a racist, but that President Trump was no more racist than anybody else because racism was part of the climate of the times. He said President Trump brought forward the underlying issues. He acknowledged that police officers were not supported and there were good, bad and excellent police officers. However, he suggested that the bad police officers needed to be off the streets.

Mayor Hahn asked when the email was sent to Council. "H" stated he sent the email an hour before the meeting and said he did not identify himself because he was not breaking any law that required him to identify himself. Mayor Hahn said self-identification was part of the Borough's ordinance.

Mr. Myers said he received the email from "H" and would read it over and get back to him.

Ms. Lafer asked if Mr. Fontaine could provide the information early regarding the taskforce update from the Manager's Report before any people in the audience left.

Mr. Fontaine provided a portion of the Manager's Report. He noted that a taskforce addressing the issues of race was not widely supported at this time. He said a taskforce addressing issues of race was considered redundant and the concept dropped from the proceeding. He said there were multiple Borough officials including Council members and Borough staff at the community conversation on June 27, 2019. He said the meeting proceeded other meetings with Centre County officials to address appointments to the taskforce. He said the Borough and Centre County discussed members of the taskforce, its mission and tasks in terms of reforming the mental health system. He noted the Borough had another follow-up meeting scheduled with County officials next week. He hoped that there would be a recommendation for Council and the County Commission in August to formally appoint and chart the taskforce on mental health. He stated the taskforce consisted of a wide-range of citizens, service providers, law enforcement and others. He said the Borough had several conversations about an advisory committee with several subject matter experts, but unfortunately, the commitment stalled, and Borough staff were unable to get in touch with the contacts after repeated attempts. He said the Borough reached out to another individual to attempt to re-engage that discussion, which would eventually become a long-term work group to evaluate issues of race, ethnic and cultural backgrounds in the community and work extensively on addressing the issue of race and equity overall. He said the Borough continued to work with the National League of Cities and the REAL leadership staff to refine a proposal that included an appropriation for funding for recommendation by Council in August. The third item was the work of the Campus and Community in Unity (CCU) to help and move forward with the healing process with other groups like SURJ, the 320 Coalition, FOBA and many others. He said the Borough consulted with REAL to identify potential facilitators of community conversations. He mentioned that the past practice in the Borough was not to name officers named in use of force. He said the Borough expected to review that policy as part of the ongoing project and if changes were recommended, the Borough and community would work through those changes. He acknowledged that the work would not occur as quickly as many hoped.

Mr. Myers stated that himself, Mr. Murphy, Mayor Hahn, Mr. King and others attended the mental health forum held by the County. He clarified that the reason the Borough decided not to do another taskforce was because there was already a taskforce in 2016 that made recommendations looking into the same issues that existed prior to the shooting. He said the Borough looked at the information from the first taskforce like issues of humanity in policing, changes in policy and establishment of equity initiatives. He said the Borough needed to move beyond having another taskforce and begin prioritizing the recommendations more quickly.

Mr. Fontaine noted that the internal review was progressing and would reach its conclusion very soon. He said the Borough would issue a report at that time. He said that the SCPD consistently held itself accountable when officers acted inappropriately. He added that the conduct of the officers involved were not inappropriate based on information provided by the DA. He said that the Borough initiated the use of body cameras this past week.

Mr. Brown stated he did not attend the mental health forum due to getting surgery earlier that day but did watch the proceedings on TV. He said he felt uncomfortable with the recurring language of "mental health" because he felt it was about mental ill health. He said mental ill health meant a major thinking disorder like schizophrenia that made people dangerous to themselves or to others. He said it would be difficult to get away from having an armed or police person present to handle situations with individuals living with mental illness who were considered threatening and dangerous to themselves or others. He said the availability or lack of resources were a major problem and mental health services were less affordable and less accessible. He said labeling things as just "mental health" were not enough and tackling the issue required more nuance and subtly.

Stacy Garbrick, a resident from Madisonburg, stated that being mentally ill was not a crime and neither was being black. She said a lot of folks were making this about mental health, but it was also about race.

She said there were a lot of white people who get served 302 warrants every day and were not killed. She reiterated the question Ms. Morrison asked about the fate of Officer 1 claiming harassment and leaving the area. She said that answer would go a long way to know that Office 1 was not going to be out on the street.

Mr. Fontaine stated that Officer 1 was not currently working in the SCPD pending the conclusion of the internal investigation. He said he would not comment where he was located.

Mayor Hahn commented about moving forward the body cameras and stated the County needed to take the lead on mental health. He said working in mental health was a profession that needed more people going into it and that was a greater problem than just in the community. He asked about the timeline of the equity officers. Mr. Fontaine stated he did not have a timeline for the equity officers and would revisit that as the Borough approached budgets.

### **Consent Items**

Mr. Brown motioned to remove Item C: Award Project 2B-2019 for Street & Alley Resurfacing to HRI, Inc., the low bidder, in the amount of \$517,996.00.

Mr. Myers motioned to approve the remaining Consent Items. Ms. Engeman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Approve, *with condition*, the closing of the 200 Block of South Allen Street, between East Beaver Avenue and East Foster Avenue, on Sunday, October 6, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., for the Annual Food Truck Rally.
- Approve the closing of the 100 Block of South Allen Street, between East College Avenue and East Beaver Avenue, on Saturday, August 3, 2019, from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., for the Downtown State College Improvement District Annual Sidewalk Sale.
- Award Project 2B-2019 for Street & Alley Resurfacing to HRI, Inc., the low bidder, in the amount of \$517,996.00
- Award Project 1R-2019 for Sidewalk Replacement to Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc., the low bidder, in the amount of \$260,750.00
- Approve Payroll and Accounts Payable vouchers for the month of June 2019 totaling \$3,005,689.09.
- Award Professional Services contract for the 2019 update to the Parking Supply and Demand Study to Kimley-Horn in the amount of \$69,600.00.

Mr. Brown asked if the bidder for Item C was the same company that the Borough had trouble with on Westerly Parkway a few years ago. Mr. Fontaine stated it was not the same contractor. Mr. Brown withdrew his objection and motioned to approve Item C. Ms. Engeman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **General Policy and Administration**

#### Application for Intermunicipal Liquor License Transfer Request

Mr. Fontaine stated Council received an application to transfer a "Restaurant" liquor license from Moerschbacher Enterprises, Inc., located at 2280 Commercial Boulevard, College Township, Centre County, PA 16801 to 138 & 142 East College and 114 South Pugh Street, State College, Centre County, PA 16801. He said the Borough held a public hearing on July 1, 2019, and Council reviewed the testimony and exhibits from the public hearing and provided comments to Mr. Williams to prepare a

resolution and agreement for Council's consideration at the July 9, 2019 work session. During the work session review, Council discussed potential conditions applied to the transfer approved, but the applicant requested that the application be approved by Council with no conditions. He added that staff recommended the application be approved with either no conditions or with conditions, including a requirement for the restaurant to maintain a food/beverage ratio. He noted the food/beverage ratio must be resolved by Council and the final resolution and agreement acted on at the meeting, or by no later than August 5, 2019.

Mayor Hahn stated the record officially closed at the public hearing and Council was not allowed to consider additional oral or written comments. He said this was an exception because Council must follow state law in considering the request.

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the resolution and agreement as presented except for striking Item 1, the food/beverage ratio, from the agreement. Mr. Brown, Mr. Myers and Ms. Engeman seconded the motion.

Ms. Lafer stated she was sorry and that she was going to vote against it. She said she believed the insurance company did just enough to cover their butts. She said she knew that the Borough did not used to have this problem, that the Borough did not have almost 50,000 undergraduates and 150,000 people in the area surrounding State College. She thought it was a lovely idea for a restaurant and would be perfectly happy if it included a realistic ratio that did not turn it rapidly into a tavern or bar. She said if Council eliminated the first restriction out then there was no reason for the owners to not sell beer by the pitcher to any undergraduate group. She said the owners took what looked like a really nice place and making it exactly like every other place in town before they even opened. She said she was not going to be able to put in a reasonable percentage because there was already a quorum. She hoped the owners would surprise her.

Ms. Engeman noted that Council could revisit the agreement in a year if there were any problems.

Mr. Williams stated that once you adopted the agreement without the ratios, it was hard to renegotiate to add a ratio. If it was not working, the operative license holder used an escape clause. He said that once you struck a paragraph, it was hard to replace it with another one.

The motion passed 4-1 and Ms. Lafer voted against the resolution.

#### Approve the Golden Basket Finals and Request for an Exception to the Open Container Ordinance

Mr. Fontaine stated Travis Lesser applied for a Special Activity Permit to close a portion of the 100 block of South Fraser Street, use of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza (Dr. MLK Plaza) and a request for an open container exception for this location on Saturday, August 2, 2019 from 1 p.m. to 1 p.m. for the Golden Basket Finals to benefit Appalachian Food Works. He noted that, as required by the open container exception ordinance, the Downtown State College Improvement District (DSCID) was co-sponsoring the event and recommended approval of the open container exception with conditions. The ticketed event was a local food cooking competition and dinner that promoted local agriculture and culinary arts. The organizer currently awaited confirmation for service from Elk Creek Café to serve beer and non-alcoholic beverages. He said staff recommended that Council approve the application contingent on satisfying multiple requirements for the open container ordinance.

Ms. Engeman motioned to approve the event and request for an exception to the open container ordinance. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Approve the Havana Fest and Request for an Exception to the Open Container Ordinance

Mr. Fontaine stated that Anthony Ghaffari applied for a Special Activity Permit to close a portion of the 100 block of South Fraser Street, use of MLK Plaza and a request for an open container exception for this location on Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. for Havana Fest. He noted that DCISD

co-sponsored the event as required by the open container exception ordinance and approved of the open container exception with conditions. The event was a Caribbean-themed festival with artisanal vendors, music, live demonstrations, catering provided by Jax Bar & Kitchen and Qdoba and alcohol and non-alcoholic beverages provided by Hawstone Hollow Winery and Otto's Pub and Brewery. He stated there were two requirements for an open container ordinance waiver approval: 1) sponsorship or co-sponsorship by the DSCID, and 2) the location must be within the Downtown boundaries established by 2098 in addition to the completion of other requirements. He said staff recommended that Council approve the event, grant the applicant an open container ordinance waiver request and approve the noise ordinance waiver request with the conditions listed above.

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the event and request for an exception to the open container ordinance. Ms. Engeman seconded the motion.

Mr. Myers said that when the Borough created the MLK Plaza, it was to commemorate Dr. King and his visit to Penn State. He said the plaza was a public gathering space for many kinds of events including different types of civic festivals and felt glad the community and Borough were put it to use as envisioned.

Mr. Brown asked what was highlighted in this event. Mr. Ghaffari stated the event consisted of live bands, arts, craft and food, but it was something different in State College. He said there was nothing significant being celebrated and nothing special about the date. Mr. Brown asked if there was anything politically related. Mr. Ghaffari clarified that it was a Caribbean-themed festival and had no political ties.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### Adoption of the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan ("Plan")

Mr. Fontaine said Council received the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) on June 3, and a public hearing was held to receive comments on the CIP on July 1, 2019. He noted Council received the proposed projects on June 3, June 10, June 17 and July 1, and conducted a final wrap-up and review session on July 8. He said Council received feedback and asked questions about the CIP. He explained Council needed to conclude its review, including consideration of any comments, and move to adopt the CIP at the meeting, including any modifications and amendments. He said staff recommended Council approve the 2020-2024 CIP as proposed.

Mr. Myers motioned to adopt the CIP. Ms. Lafer seconded the motion.

Mr. Myers thanked Borough staff who presented and spoke about the CIP. He said their presentations were thorough and answered Council's questions.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Official Reports and Correspondence**

Mayor's Report – First, Mayor Hahn congratulated Mr. Fontaine on the success of the 2019 International Town and Gown Association (ITGA) City and University Relations Conference. He read a card from the ITGA Planning Committee who thanked the Borough for helping make the 2019 ITGA Conference a success. The card gave some positive comments from attendees who stated that conference was well-organized, the times investments of Penn State and the Borough were evident, world class and impressive, how it was a privilege to see town-gown collaborations of the highest order, and how everything was a hit including hotels, tours, food, featured speakers, panels and other special touches. Second, he congratulated Rick Bryant and his staff for another successful Central PA Festival of the Arts. He said he saw a lot of great art and heard a lot of compliments from people. Third, he welcomed the Pennsylvania State Mayor's Association for holding their annual conference in State College. He said State College in the summer was an underappreciated jewel. Finally, he thanked Chief Gardner and his department for over the past few months. He did not comment about the events of March 20, but stated that since that time, during some difficult times, the SCPD exceeded his highest expectations. He said the

SCPD avoided provocation and patiently listened to angry complaints and insults while deescalating tensions and continuing to do their jobs in a calm and courtesy manner. He said the SCPD often go unnoticed and underappreciated because not everyone is well-suited for the job, so they deserve thanks and commendation for those who do a good job. He said the Borough needed to prepare for the marathon-like task ahead and work together without assigning blame. He said Mr. Fontaine provided an update and gave an opportunity to act and react.

President's Report – Mr. Myers noted he gave most of his report earlier. He added that race, mental health and policing were all tough issues, but Council needed to talk about them all and address them or they will consume everyone.

#### Regional Liaison Reports

- *Executive* – Mr. Myers said the Committee would meet next week in preparation for the next COG meeting.
- *Finance* – Mr. Myers said the Committee discussed the COG Program Plan for 2020, and the General Forum would receive that plan and refer it to the Centre Region municipalities to review. He said other additional comments were to be referred to the COG Executive Director by 8:00 a.m. on August 16, in preparation for the 2020-2024 plan. He said the Committee also discussed the 2020-2024 COG Capital Improvement Plan and recommended that the General Forum receive that and refer it to the other municipalities for review. He noted additional comments were due to the COG Executive Director by 8:00 a.m. on August 16. He stated there were a lot to cover in both of those. He said Committee discussed the relocation of the Parks office.
- *Human Resources* – Mr. Brown said the Committee's July 3 meeting was cancelled.
- *Parks Capital* – Ms. Engeman stated the Committee did not meet.
- *Public Safety* – No report.
- *Public Services* – No report.
- *Transportation and Land Use/MPO* – Ms. Lafer said the Committee did not meet last month but would meet in August. Ms. Kerner went to the Land Use/MPO meeting but did not have anything to report.
- *Ad-Hoc Facilities* – Mr. Murphy stated the Committee reviewed the proposed lease terms for the Parks and Recreation office's relocation. He said there was a property available with adequate space and information about the lease terms would be available for the General Forum soon.
- *Centre Area Cable Consortium (CACC)* – Mr. Fontaine said the CACC met last week and discussed local origination points. He said the CACC agreed to a policy related to the municipalities which did not already have local origination points. The CACC discussed the final franchise agreement with Comcast and he noted they continued to progress toward getting a franchise renewal.
- *Regional Fire Safety Program Steering Committee* – Mr. Murphy stated the Steering Committee met to review and provide feedback for an RPF for a consultant for a fire safety program. He said the review focused on how the Borough could maximize volunteer participation and transition to a professional fire department while maximizing service value to the taxpayer and treating everyone with respect and acknowledgement. He said that the direction the Steering Committee headed in and noted there were other funding models out there to consider.

Manager/Staff Reports – Mr. Fontaine noted there was an error on the blue sheet for the second event listed. He said the correct rain date for that event was August 10 and not August 3 and asked for Council to approve the rain date change for that event.

Mr. Myers motioned to approve the correct rain date change. Ms. Lafer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fontaine noted a second item how about nine additional police officers completed the CIT training, bringing the total number of SCPD officers with the CIT certification to 54 officers. He said that Chief Gardner noted that CIT represented the gold standard for mental health response. He reminded Council

of the work session scheduled for July 29 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. on the initiation of the operating budget process.

**Adjournment**

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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