Borough Council

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Consent Items

Council approved the following items:

- Approved Payroll and Accounts Payable vouchers for the month of March in the amount of $2,582,181.82.
- Approved the use of Locust Lane, from East College Avenue to Wilson Alley, for the Downtown State College Friday Farmers' Market, to be held every week beginning May 4 through November 16, 2018, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with the following exception: No market on July 13, 2018 (Central PA Arts Festival).
- Approved minutes from the meetings held in January:
  - January 2, 2018–Special Meeting
  - January 2, 2018–Organizational Meeting
  - January 8, 2018–Regular Meeting
- Awarded the Beaver Avenue Streetlight Replacement Project Base Bid and Alternate A to M and B Services, LLC, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of $168,339.32.
- Appointed Zachary Barone to the Real Estate Advisory Committee with a term ending December 31, 2020.
- Accepted the resignation of W. Bond Reinhardt, with regret, from the Design & Historic Review Board, effective immediately.

General Policy & Administration
A. Parking Study (Overnight Parking Restrictions Request from Highlands Civic Association)

The Highlands Civic Association presented a proposal in April 2017 regarding changing the practice of lifting enforcement of 2:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. parking restrictions and lawn parking on Penn State Football Weekends. Staff brought this issue to Council, and on staff's recommendation, data was collected during the 2017 Penn State Home Football Season to determine the number of cars parked on the street, on lawns and in Borough parking garages during these weekends. Data was presented to Council on February 5, and the matter was referred to the Transportation Commission. The Transportation Commission requested additional information about the occupancy rate of parking spaces at Penn State. The State College Borough Police Department also compiled a report that included pedestrian and vehicle crashes in neighborhoods potentially affected by this policy change from both home football weekends and non-home football weekends. The Transportation Commission made a recommendation to enforce the ordinance as it is written and not grant permission to park between 2:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. for any special events or at any other time.

Council discussed this issue during the April 2, 2018, Regular Meeting and again at the April 9, 2018, Work Session. Since several of the options identified are not mutually exclusive of another option, at the April 9, 2018 work session Council discussed considering two options for approval as a pilot program. Council took a straw poll at that time and directed the Manager to prepare a proposal that would incorporate the full enforcement of the overnight parking restrictions at all times, while providing a program to provide a permit system that would allow residents to obtain permits for overnight parking. Council also indicated that it would also consider a fee for the overnight permits.

Staff presented this proposal to Council during the April 16, 2018, Regular Meeting. Council took action to amend the proposal to be implemented only in the Highlands Neighborhood. Council then approved the proposal for an 18-month pilot period.

You can download a copy of the presentation here.

B. University Park Undergraduate Association’s Representative to Council

On October 18, 2010, Council adopted Resolution 1030 approving a Non-Voting Student Representative to Council.

The University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) met and voted to nominate Thomas Dougherty III, a representative from the student government, to serve as the Non-Voting Student Representative to State College Borough Council. UPUA President, Cody Heaton, submitted a letter requesting Council approve their nominee as the UPUA Non-Voting Student Representative to Council.

Council approved the nomination of Thomas Dougherty III, as the Non-Voting Student Representative.
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