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Borough Council

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[ARCHIVED] Recent Action Report: Monday, February 5, Borough Council Regular Meeting

Public Hearing

The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED) made HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds available for the first time to HUD's HOME Participating Jurisdictions, such as State College Borough. Borough Council received public comment during a public hearing on the views of residents, public agencies, and other interested parties for the current needs and uses of these funds.

Special Business/Reports

[A. Moment of Remembrance for Two Memphis Sanitation Workers](#)

Mayor Donald Hahn read a proclamation he issued on Monday, January 22. The proclamation urged the community to participate in a nation Minute of Reflection on Thursday, February 1, at 4:30 p.m. in remembrance of two city sanitation workers from Memphis, Tennessee, whose deaths sparked the walkout of 1,300 sanitation workers and lead to a movement towards better workplace safety.

[B. City of THON](#)

Mayor Hahn also issued a proclamation renaming State College the "City of Thon" beginning Friday, February 16 through Sunday, February 18.

You can view all issued proclamations at <http://www.statecollegepa.us/2953/Proclamations>.

[C. Design and Historic Review Board](#)

Eric Boeldt, Chair, of the Design and Historic Review Board (DHRB), provided Council an update on the DHRB's recent activities. You can download a brief list of these activities here: [2017 DHRB Activities](#).

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Consent Items

The Council approved the following items:

- Approved (with conditions) the use of various Borough sidewalks, as well as Sidney Friedman Park, on Sunday, April 8, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for the annual National Eating Disorders Association Walk.
- Approved (with conditions) the closing of South Allen Street, starting in front of the Municipal Building to Foster Avenue, along with the use of various sidewalks, on Saturday, April 7, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., for the annual Center for Alternatives in Community Justice's 5k Run.
- Approved (with conditions) the closure of South Allen Street, from the Municipal Building to Foster Avenue, along with other various streets, and sidewalks, as well as the use of the Municipal Building Lobby and Room 112, on Saturday, April 14, 2018, from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the annual Autism Speaks 5k Race/3k Walk.
- Accepted the resignation of Jared DeLoof, with regret, from the LGBTQ Advisory Committee, effective immediately.
- Award the contract to provide professional services for an evaluation of the MUNIS ERP software system be awarded to Plante Moran, in a not to exceed an amount of \$30,000.

General Policy and Administration

A.132 South Garner Street Conditional Use Permit Discussion and Decision

A public hearing was held on the Application for Conditional Use Permit for the 132 South Garner Street lot at Council's January 8, 2018, meeting.

The Council approved the 132 South Garner Street Conditional Use Permit.

B. Conversion Therapy Ordinance

The Borough received a request from several citizens for the Borough to adopt a Conversion Therapy Ordinance similar to Conversion Therapy Ordinances adopted in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and other Pennsylvania cities. Staff researched various Conversion Therapy Ordinances and worked with the Solicitor to develop an ordinance for consideration by Council. The draft ordinance was presented to the Borough's LGBTQ Advisory Committee on October 3, 2017. The LGBTQ Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the ordinance. The Borough Council unanimously voted to adopt the Conversion Therapy Ordinance.

Parking

In April of 2017, Borough of State College staff was approached by the Highlands Civic Association (HCA) with a draft recommendation related to overnight parking restrictions during Penn State Home football weekends. The HCA proposal was submitted to Council on July 6, 2017. After reviewing and discussing the proposal, Council directed Staff to collect data on parking during

the 2017 Penn State home football season. On Monday, February 5, Staff presented the data [see presentation below] to Council and proposed the following four options:

- Option 1: Make no changes to current practices
- Option 2: Do not waive restrictions on lawn parking, but make no other changes
- Option 3: Adopt the Highlands Parking Proposal
- Option 4: Move towards permitting on-street parking during event weekends

Council referred this matter to the Transportation Commission for their review and recommendation.

STAFF REPORT ON EVENT PARKING WEEKENDS

Highland Parking Proposal

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