

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Silverton City Council Workshop
Held Thursday, January 6th, 2005

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a workshop in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7pm on Thursday, January 6th, 2005. Mayor James Siegel called the meeting to order.

OPENING REMARKS:

Mayor Siegel opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Sylvester led the prayer.

ROLL CALL:

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

ALSO PRESENT:

James Siegel	Mayor	Present	Mark Wendling	City Manager
James Anderson	Council	Present	Bryan Pacheco	Deputy Solicitor
John Smith	Council	Present	Meredith George	Admin Clerk
Frank Sylvester	Council	Present		
Mark Quarry	Council	Present		
Mike Morthorst	Council	Present		
Idella Thompson	Council	Present		
Mary Shea	Clerk- Treasurer	Present		

CITY MANAGER'S WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Snow Removal Issues

City Manager Wendling explained the many factors that hindered snow removal from the storm that began December 22, 2004. A combination of heavy snow fall, ice in addition to the snow, below freezing temperatures, faulty equipment, and cars being parked on the street all contributed to making the snow removal more challenging than normal. A discussion ensued and all council members were in favor of passing a snow emergency ordinance that will prohibit one street parking of cars during a significant snowfall. Council also voiced their support of the Service Department and thanked them for working around the clock to battle Mother Nature.

2. Tax Review Board

Mr. Wendling reported that he had two of the three members of the tax review board in place, with a third candidate in mind. Mr. Wendling also asked for any suggestions from council for the final member.

3. First Suburbs Consortium/Greater Ohio Action Agenda

Mr. Wendling noted that the First Suburbs Consortium/Greater Ohio Action Agenda was placed in council members mailboxes. Mr. Wendling asked Council to review the information because he will be presenting council with a support resolution in the near future.

4. Charter Review Committee

Councilman Morthorst reported that the Charter Review Committee has been working on a couple of issues for the May primary. One issue that will likely be on the ballot is an

amendment to abolish the Clerk-Treasurer position. The Mayor and existing employees will assume the duties of the Clerk-Treasurer.

5. State Capital Improvement Program

Mr. Wendling reported that the Hamilton County SCIP Integrating committee did not award first round funding for the City's Silverton Avenue resurfacing project, but he is confident that funding will be awarded in the second round.

6. Operating Levy Expiration 12-31-05

Mr. Wendling reminded Council that it will be presented with an ordinance at our next meeting to have the Operating Levy put on the May ballot, since our Operating Levy expires at the end of this year.

7. Call for Newsletter Articles

Mr. Wendling reported that he is putting the final touches on the newsletter and asked council for any other ideas for the newsletter. Councilman Quarry suggested we publish the news about our Snow Emergency ordinance.

8. Public Comments – Chris Draper of 3925 Orchard Avenue

Mr. Draper addressed council regarding a debris problem at the Woltz building on the corner of Ohio and Montgomery. Mr. Draper complained that there is a large amount of garbage on the property, in and around the dumpster and on the sidewalk. Mr. Draper stated the dumpster overflows on a regular basis and presently there is a couch and box spring on the sidewalk. Mr. Wendling thanked Mr. Draper for voicing his concerns and advised him the city is not responsible for removing the garbage; however we would take the appropriate action against the property owner in an attempt to have the problem rectified.

9. Reading Pending Legislation

Clerk-Treasurer Shea gave the reading of Ordinance 05-3183, An Ordinance Adding Section 76.20 to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Restricting Parking on All City Rights-of-Way During an Established Snow Emergency and Declaring an Emergency. A motion was made to accept the resolution by Councilwoman Thompson and was seconded by Councilman Morthorst. A roll call vote was taken. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Shea gave the reading of Resolution 05-451, A Resolution Requesting the County Auditor to Make Tax Advances During the Year 2005 Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Section 321-34. Councilman Smith motioned to approve the resolution and was seconded by Councilman Anderson. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried. A motion was made by Councilman Quarry to suspend the rules and was seconded by Councilman Sylvester. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

10. Service Department Invitation to Council

Long-time service worker Darryl Jinks invited all council members to ride with our workers, so they have a better understanding of what our service department workers are up against in the midst of a snowstorm. Council was receptive to the invitation and thanked Darryl and the entire service department for their continued hard work.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Quarry motioned to adjourn to executive session and was seconded by Councilwoman Thompson. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION TO RECONVENE WORKSHOP:

Councilman Morthorst motioned to reconvene the workshop meeting and was seconded by Councilwoman Thompson. All voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilwoman Thompson made a motion for adjournment, which was seconded by Councilman Quarry. All voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Mary F. Shea
Clerk Treasurer

James L. Siegel
Mayor

Mark T. Wendling
City Manager