

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Silverton City Council Workshop
Held Thursday, February 3rd, 2005

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a workshop in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7pm on Thursday, February 3rd, 2005. Mayor James Siegel called the meeting to order.

OPENING REMARKS:

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

ROLL CALL:

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

ALSO PRESENT:

James Siegel	Mayor	Present	Mark Wendling	City Manager
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		

Mayor Siegel informed council that Councilman Anderson had tendered his resignation due to health issues. Mayor Siegel noted the years of dedicated service Mr. Anderson had given to the city and stated that he will be missed. Mayor Siegel indicated that the Silverton Democratic Central Committee will appoint a replacement and the appointment will need to be made by the first meeting in March.

REVIEW MEETING AGENDA:

The approval of the minutes was deleted from tonight's agenda.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND GUESTS:

Mr. Wendling gave a brief description of the Tax Review Board and introduced Mrs. Joyce Glover and Councilman Mike Morthorst as the initial appointees. Mayor Siegel then swore them in.

Mayor Siegel introduced Mr. Michael Cox and swore him in to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Wendling also noted that we were still in need of one additional citizen to serve on the Tax Review Board.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

Mr. Wendling introduced two items of new legislation: (1) 05-3188 An Ordinance Submitting Amendments Revising Article III, Sections 1, 3, 4, and 5; Article V, Sections 1, 2, and 5; Article VI, Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; Article VII, Section 3; Article X, Section 2; and Article XVII, Section 1 of the Charter of the City of Silverton and Declaring an Emergency and (2) 05-3189 An Ordinance Declaring in Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation and Declaring an Emergency.

Councilman Morthorst explained the changes that would be brought about by the charter amendments if passed by the voters. Basically, the Clerk-Treasurer position would be abolished and current city employees would absorb the responsibilities of the position. Also, we would no longer need to notify citizens of ballot issues by direct mailing. Instead, we could notify them through the Board of Elections and also on our website.

The other legislation for the May ballot is the renewal of our operating levy, which will take us through 2009. Generally, the voters have supported this and their taxes will not be increased if the issue is passed by the voters.

Mr. Wendling asked if there were any questions regarding the new legislation, and there were none. Clerk-Treasurer Shea read 05-3188 An Ordinance Submitting Amendments Revising Article III, Sections 1, 3, 4, and 5; Article V, Sections 1, 2, and 5; Article VI, Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; Article VII, Section 3; Article X, Section 2; and Article XVII, Section 1 of the Charter of the City of Silverton and Declaring an Emergency. Councilman Smith motioned to accept the new legislation and was seconded by Councilman Sylvester. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried. Councilman Smith motioned to suspend the rules and was seconded by Councilwoman Thompson. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Shea then read 05-3189 An Ordinance Declaring in Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation and Declaring an Emergency. Councilman Smith motioned to accept the new legislation and was seconded by Councilman Quarry. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried. Councilwoman Thompson motioned to suspend the rules and was seconded by Councilman Morthorst. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mr. Wendling reported that the city will be reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a portion of the costs of the snow storm in December 2004. We can choose a consecutive 48 hour period within 5 days of the event, and submit it to FEMA for reimbursement. The reimbursement covers labor, materials and equipment. Mr. Wendling also noted that we are budgeting to purchase or lease a new truck this year. Our "newest" truck is 12 years old.

Mr. Wendling also reported to council that he has scheduled a meeting with Chris Smith of the Governor's Economic Development Office to discuss options for further enhancement of Silverton's downtown area. Additionally, Mr. Wendling reported that Silverton's percentage of rental properties is 44.8%, which is much higher than the national average.

Councilman Sylvester asked about the issue of cars left on the street for extended periods of time. Mr. Wendling noted that the police department marks the tires of the reported vehicles and begins issuing citations if they have exceeded the 72 hour limit. Councilman Sylvester was advised to notify the police department if he sees any cars sitting for long periods and the police would mark the tires and take the appropriate action if the vehicle is in violation.

Councilman Sylvester also asked about the status of the Lighthouse property. Mr. Wendling noted that the family is unsure of what they want to do with the property. Mr. Wendling also noted that the problem dumpster has been removed by Waste

Management, Inc. Mr. Wendling stated he would check into the progress of the fire damage repairs.

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 Smith motioned to reconvene the workshop meeting and was seconded by Councilman Quarry. All voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Mary F. Shea
Clerk Treasurer

James L. Siegel
Mayor

Mark T. Wendling
City Manager