

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a workshop in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7pm on Thursday, March 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	Bryan Pacheco	Solicitor
Frank Sylvester	Council	Present	Meredith George	Admin Clerk
Mark Quarry	Council	Present		
Mike Morthorst	Council	Present		
Idella Thompson	Council	Present		
Joyce Glover	Council	Present		
Mary Shea	Clerk- Treasurer	Present		

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

Mr. Wendling introduced four items of new legislation: (1) 05-455 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with King Wrecking for the Demolition of a Condemned Structure Located at 6857 Stewart Road, (2) 05-456 A Resolution Requesting that the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Ohio Attorney General Enforce the Removal Order Dated May 2, 2003 Regarding the Illegal Tri-Vision Billboard Erected by Performance Tool, Inc and Mr. Todd Helton Located at 5909 Stewart Road, Silverton, Ohio. (3) 05-547 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with the Baldwin Group for the Purchase and Maintenance of Software Related to Mayor's Court. (4) 05-3191 An Ordinance Placing a Lien Against Property Located at 6857 Stewart Road and Declaring an Emergency.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING NEW BUSINESS:

None

READING OF PENDING LEGISLATION:

Clerk-Treasurer Shea gave the reading of 05-455 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with King Wrecking for the Demolition of a Condemned Structure Located at 6857 Stewart Road. Councilman Smith motioned for adoption of the legislation and was seconded by Councilman Quarry. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Shea gave the reading of 05-456 A Resolution Requesting that the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Ohio Attorney General Enforce the Removal Order Dated May 2, 2003 Regarding the Illegal Tri-Vision Billboard Erected by Performance Tool, Inc and Mr. Todd Helton Located at 5909 Stewart Road, Silverton,

Ohio. Councilwoman Glover motioned for adoption and was seconded by Councilwoman Thompson. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Shea gave the reading of 05-547 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with the Baldwin Group for the Purchase and Maintenance of Software Related to Mayor's Court. Councilwoman Thompson motioned for adoption and was seconded by Councilman Sylvester. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Shea gave the reading of 05-3191 An Ordinance Placing a Lien Against Property Located at 6857 Stewart Road and Declaring an Emergency. Councilman Morthorst motioned for adoption and was seconded by Councilman Quarry. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried. Councilman Smith motioned to suspend the rules. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

BUDGET REPORT:

Mr. Wendling gave the 2004 year end report and was happy to inform council the General Fund came in 2.6% under budget. Councilman Quarry inquired about the recycling fund. City Manager Wendling explained that it is a restricted fund, for promotion of recycling programs or the purchase of recyclable materials only. Mr. Wendling reported the funds are a grant from the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services. The grant amount awarded is based upon a community's total curbside recycling tonnage. Councilwoman Thompson asked about the Fire Hydrant Fund and Mr. Wendling reported that we took out a loan to replace about 20 antiquated fire hydrants and the fund was to repay the loan, as well as replaced other fire hydrants as needed. Councilman Quarry then asked about the Fire District Fund and Mr. Wendling said he would need to look into the function of said fund. Councilman Smith motioned to accept the 2004 year end budget report and was seconded by Councilwoman Thompson. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Wendling then gave the January 2005 budget report. Councilwoman Thompson motioned to accept the report and was seconded by Councilman Quarry. All voted aye. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Website Development

Mr. Wendling reported the city is moving forward with our website development and explained that a website, rather than a webpage, would be extremely beneficial to the city in that it would promote the city and enhance productivity. Mr. Wendling also reported that he has chosen a company call E C Link to develop our site. E C Link has been in business for 10+ years and is affiliated with the Center for Local Government. Councilman Quarry asked if he had spoken with any other companies. Mr. Wendling reported that he had, but E C Link has a great deal of experience with government sites and also was cost effective.

2. Silverton Avenue

Mr. Wendling reported that we are still waiting to hear from the County Engineer's office about SCIP funding for Silverton Avenue. Mr. Wendling asked council to consider two options: either put the project out for bid, or wait for county funding. Mr. Wendling recommended that we consider eliminating Home Avenue from the project.

Mr. Wendling also recommended that we go ahead and have the engineering portion done, so if SCIP funding is awarded we are ready to proceed. Council was in agreement that, due to the condition of Silverton Avenue, the city proceed with the repairs this year even in the county funding does not materialize. Councilman Quarry made a motion for the city to proceed with the engineering for Silverton and Home Avenues and was seconded by Councilwoman Thompson. All voted aye, motion carried.

3. Federal Disaster Declaration

Mr. Wendling reported that the city would be receiving approximately \$3900.00 of the \$4800.00 back from FEMA for the costs incurred cleaning up after the winter storm in December 2004.

Councilwoman Thompson wanted everyone to be aware that the effort to move Silverton School to Kennedy Heights is picking up momentum again. Mr. Wendling noted that this needed to be a "grass roots" effort and encouraged council to start attending Cincinnati Public School Board Meetings. Shirley Hackett reported that she attended the last CPS board meeting and there is indeed an effort from some to combine Pleasant Ridge, Kennedy Heights and Silverton in to one elementary school. Councilman Smith noted that he has spoken with Principal Dendy and she assured him that Silverton School would not be closed and would notify us of any change in status. Solicitor Pacheco advised council to take another copy of Resolution 04-438 to a CPS board meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

MOTION TO RECONVENE WORKSHOP:

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

Councilman Quarry made a motion giving the City Manager the authority to negotiate with Tom Schwartz regarding the purchase of property on Stewart Road. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Thompson. All voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Mary F. Shea
Clerk Treasurer

James L. Siegel
Mayor

Mark T. Wendling
City Manager