

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Silverton City Council Workshop
Held Thursday, April 7th, 2005

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a workshop in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7pm on Thursday, April 7th, 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	Absent		
Idella Thompson	Council	Present		
Joyce Glover	Council	Present		
Mary Shea	Clerk- Treasurer	Present		

Councilman Morthorst was ill and not present. Councilman Quarry motioned to excuse Councilman Morthorst and was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Passing of Councilman Anderson

Mr. Wendling advised council of Councilman Anderson's funeral arrangements. The wake is scheduled for Sunday, April 10th at St John AME Zion Church, 425 Forest Avenue in Avondale from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. The service is at the church immediately following the wake.

2. Silverton School

Mr. Wendling reported that the Cincinnati Public School Board is ready to make a decision about the future location of Silverton School. The future of the school is identified in the next capital project phase. The next school board meeting is Monday, April 11th, 2005 at 7pm. Mr. Wendling encouraged council to attend to show Silverton's support for keeping the school in Silverton. Mr. Wendling noted that the CPS Board of Education is our highest withholding account and from a financial standpoint we can not afford to lose the school. Councilwoman Thompson asked why the issue of Silverton School was gaining so much momentum again after the school board had already ensured council that Silverton School would, in fact, stay in Silverton. Councilwoman Glover explained that the Kennedy Heights Community Council has been rallying citizen support to have the school moved to the corner of Montgomery Road and Kennedy Avenue. Councilwoman Glover also pointed out that even though the school board said they would keep the school in Silverton, with the movement from the Kennedy Heights Community Council, the school board may

consider moving the school and it is time for Silverton to express how much we want to keep the school here. Council motioned, by acclamation, to have Mr. Wendling represent the city's position on the Silverton School at the April 11 Board of Education meeting.

3. Municipal Parking Lot Restrictions

Mr. Wendling informed council he was considering removing the two hour parking restriction from the municipal parking lots in order to accommodate the parking needs of downtown businesses. The city manager has the authority by ordinance to remove the restriction if he deems it necessary. Additionally, Mr. Wendling pointed out the restriction has not been enforced.

4. Zoning Code Revisions / Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Wendling reported that he would like to form a committee through Silverton Development, Inc. to update Silverton's zoning code and to develop a comprehensive plan for the city. Mr. Wendling noted he was going to address the issue to SDI at its next meeting.

5. Operating Levy

Mr. Wendling reminded council that the renewal of our operating levy will appear on the May 3rd primary ballot and is approaching fast. Various options of getting the word out to the citizens were discussed. Council agreed to distribute information to the electors.

6. Silverton Avenue

Mr. Wendling reported that the Silverton Avenue Street Improvement project will go to bid in May and be awarded in June. Council agreed to have Home Avenue bid as an alternate. Councilman Quarry asked if an additional catch basin would be added. Mr. Wendling said he would mention it to Dave Emerick.

7. Plainfield Road MRF Funding

Mr. Wendling reported that the county has approved a \$75,000 funding award to the city for the engineering phase of the Plainfield Road Street Improvement project. Mr. Wendling stated that he is optimistic that the project will receive State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) funding in 2006.

8. Sampson Lane

Mr. Wendling reported that the Sampson Lane Street Improvement bids came in and they were all under the estimate from CDS. Mr. Wendling noted that Adleta Construction was the low bidder, and he has been pleased with the work they have done for us in the past.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

Mr. Wendling introduced 05-460 a Resolution Awarding the Contract for the Sampson Lane Improvement Project to Adleta Construction.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING NEW BUSINESS:

Mary Wright reiterated her support and appreciation of our service department. Ms. Wright also asked about the sink hole by the memorial at the train station. Mr. Wendling reported that Hartmann Smith is scheduled to repair the problem in the next couple of weeks and it will be fixed in time for the Memorial Day parade. Ms. Wright also noted

that the Train Station will be open to the public the second and fourth Sunday of every month from 2 – 5 pm until September.

Mr. Wendling reminded council we will soon be taking pictures for the new website and we will let them know when. He also discussed the idea of having both an individual of each member and a group picture.

Councilman Quarry noted that Silverton School and St. John's School are coordinating a Student Government Night and we will hopefully have that scheduled for our May business meeting.

Councilman Quarry also noted the activity of the newly formed Silverton Sweet Pea Garden Society. The organization was instrumental in the first annual Easter Egg Hunt; they plan on participating in the Great American Clean-up in May, and will also have a display at the Cincinnati Flower Show.

READING OF PENDING LEGISLATION:

Clerk-Treasurer Shea gave the reading of 05-460 A Resolution Awarding the Contract for the Sampson Lane Improvement Project to Adleta Construction. Councilman Smith motioned for approval and was seconded by Councilman Sylvester. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Quarry motioned to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel issues and was seconded by Councilman Sylvester. 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 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