

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of the Silverton City Council Workshop  
Held Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a workshop in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7pm on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 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		
Mark Quarry	Council	Present		
Mike Morthorst	Council	Present		
Idella Thompson	Council	Absent		
Joyce Glover	Council	Present		
Mary Shea	Clerk- Treasurer	Present		

Mayor Siegel notified council that Councilwoman Thompson was out of the state and was not able to attend tonight's meeting. Councilman Quarry moved to excuse Councilwoman Thompson's absence and was seconded by Councilman Smith. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**CITY MANAGER'S WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Accounting Software

Mr. Wendling advised council that he and Accountant Sheri Rausch had revisited the BUCS accounting software sold through the Donald Frey Company. The City used BUCS in the late 90's, but went away from it when Frey stated it had no intention of converting the software to a Windows format. The City has been using the City Wide accounting program sold through Capital Software for the past several years. It has not performed up to expectations and does not enhance overall productivity. The BUCS program will allow Ms. Rausch to print checks directly from the computer rather than typing them by hand, will automatically reconcile into Excel, permits batch printing of purchase orders, etc. Mr. Wendling stated he feels the program will greatly enhance productivity. The cost of the program is approximately \$14,000, which he proposed to spread over two years. Mayor Siegel suggested that we might want to pay the entire amount this year as we do not know when construction of the new Silverton Paideia School will commence. The city will lose the income tax revenue generated by the school for at least half a year during construction. Mr. Wendling stated that we should have a better idea of the school district's construction schedule by year-end and we could pay the balance at that time if necessary. Mr. Wendling also noted that so far this year income tax collection is \$72,000 ahead of same period last year. No increase in income tax revenue was budgeted for 2005. Mr. Wendling stated that he felt the purchase of the BUCS program could be absorbed into the 2005 budget. Council assented agreement.

2. Sampson Lane Improvement Project

Mr. Wendling reported that he, Service Foreman Rick Lehmkuhl, and City Engineer Dave Emerick attended a pre-construction meeting with Adleta Construction concerning the Sampson Lane Improvement Project. Adleta expects to commence construction the week of July 4, 2005, with completion expected no later than August 31, 2005.

3. Community Development Block Grant Program

Mr. Wendling informed council that he has received notification from the Hamilton County Community Development department that it is time to reapply for participation in the community development block grant program. The cooperation agreement would be for the period March 1, 2006 through February 28, 2009. He suggested that the city might consider submitting an application for a streetscape program. Council will be presented with an ordinance authorizing the city manager to enter into a participation agreement at the May 19, 2005 council meeting.

4. Water Service Rates

Mr. Wendling brought to council's attention a letter received from Sharonville Mayor Virgil Lovitt regarding the water service rate agreement between the City of Cincinnati and outlying suburbs. Silverton must renew no later than 2010 in order to extend the current agreement that expires in 2017. Mr. Wendling stated that he would obtain more information regarding the agreement prior to presenting legislation to council.

5. Operating Levy

Mr. Wendling noted that the electors passed the operating levy renewal at the May 3, 2005 primary election. Mayor Siegel and council thanked the electors for their support.

6. Codification

Mr. Wendling reported that he has received the updated codification from American Legal Publishing. The City Solicitor is currently reviewing it. Council was asked to bring in their codebooks so that they may be updated. An ordinance approving the codification will be presented at the May 19, 2005 council meeting.

7. Sexually Oriented Offenders Statute

City Solicitor Pacheco noted that the General Assembly recently passed legislation that prohibits sexually oriented offenders from living within 1,000 feet of a school or a facility leased by a school. He will attend a seminar offered by the County Prosecutor detailing the nuances of the new law and report back to council at the May 19, 2005 council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Mary F. Shea  
Clerk Treasurer

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James L. Siegel  
Mayor

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Mark T. Wendling  
City Manager