

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Silverton City Council Workshop
Held Thursday, September 1st, 2005

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a workshop in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7pm on Thursday, September 1st, 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		
Joyce Glover	Council	Present		
Mary Shea	Clerk- Treasurer	Present		

Councilman Smith made a motion for council to authorize executive session to discuss personnel issues after the workshop discussion items were complete, and was seconded by Councilman Quarry. All voted aye. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. On-Street Parking on Montgomery Road

Silverton business owner Alan Sheff addressed council regarding on-street parking on Montgomery Road. Mr. Sheff is requesting that council consider allowing limited on street parking near Mr. Sheff's properties located at 6717 and 6721 Montgomery Road. Mr. Sheff added that the parking would help the small business owners in the area, as well as slow traffic down on that portion of Montgomery Road. Mr. Sheff is planning on opening a coffee shop and community center in the building located at 6721 Montgomery. Mr. Sheff is asking that the hours the parking be allowed be limited, as well as a restriction on overnight parking. Councilman Quarry asked Mr. Wendling if Chief Daudistel had any concerns regarding the issue. Mr. Wendling reported that Chief Daudistel was slightly concerned about safety issues; he did agree that the parking would slow traffic down in the area. Mr. Wendling reiterated that safety is the City's biggest concern. Mr. Sheff told council he was willing to work with them on the issues and thanked council for hearing him.

Silverton business owner Bill Traylor also addressed council regarding the issue of on-street parking. Mr. Traylor has owned and operated Bill's Barber Shop for several years in Silverton. Mr. Traylor agreed that the on-street parking is beneficial to businesses in the area and would like to see the parking on Montgomery Road reinstated. Mr. Traylor also agreed that on-street parking would help to slow traffic in the area. Mr. Traylor feels strongly that the businesses need the parking to survive.

Councilman Sylvester added that when he goes to the barbershop it is often difficult for him to find a place to park. Councilman Quarry voiced concerns that other businesses in different sections of Montgomery Road would then want parking on Montgomery Road. Mr. Wendling stated then they would have to petition council for their parking requests.

Council agreed they would discuss the issue further and would make a decision in the future.

2. 2005 Capital Improvement Program

Mr. Wendling informed council that Adleta Construction began saw-cutting some areas on Silverton Avenue this week. Mr. Wendling reported that the full project should begin on September 12, 2005. Mr. Wendling also reported that the utility pole located on the Sampson Lane cul-de-sac should be moved by September 7, 2005 and that the full project would also begin soon.

Mr. Wendling stated that the City received a \$75,000 check today from the Hamilton County Engineer for the Plainfield Road engineering study. Councilman Quarry asked if we would be considering any other street projects next year. Mr. Wendling answered that we will only be focusing on Plainfield Road due to the size and expense of the project. Councilman Sylvester asked if the service department could grind down some of the bad spots on Plainfield Road. Mr. Wendling answered that it would not be advisable to do that until we find out about the funding.

3. TEL Amendment

Mr. Wendling notified council of a proposed constitutional amendment that may appear on the ballot in November of 2006. Secretary of State Ken Blackwell is sponsoring the TEL Amendment, which would limit municipalities and the state to spending no more than 3% above their previous year's fiscal budget. If this issue were to pass, the only way for a municipality would be permitted to spend above the 3% would be to get 50% of the total electorate to approve the spending. Getting such a majority would be extremely difficult since it is rare that 50% of the electorate turns out at the polls. Mr. Wendling just wanted to make council aware of this pending issue, as it would be detrimental to local governments.

4. Collection of Delinquent Taxes

Mr. Wendling reported that we have collected \$20,000 in delinquent taxes, and have another \$65,000 set up in payment plans.

5. Special Projects Fund Ordinance

Mr. Wendling reported that we are looking into passing an ordinance to increase our court costs to include a special projects fund for Mayor's Court. The fund's uses would include courtroom enhancements (i.e. carpet, blinds, furniture) and can also be used to pay courtroom staff. Mayor Court Clerk Meredith George reported that there are other ways we can enhance our court costs to re-coup some of the expenses created by Mayor's Court. She will look into it and make a presentation to Mr. Wendling.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilwoman Glover motioned to adjourn executive session and was seconded by Councilwoman Thompson. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION TO RECONVENE MEETING:

Councilman Smith motioned to reconvene council, and was seconded by Councilman Quarry. 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