

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Silverton City Council Workshop
Held Thursday, October 6th, 2005

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a workshop in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7pm on Thursday, October 6th, 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		

Councilwoman Thompson 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 Sylvester. All voted aye. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Silverton School Reconstruction

Mr. Wendling informed council that he and Mayor Siegel had recently met with Darlene Kamine from Cincinnati Public Schools to discuss the reconstruction of Silverton School. Ms. Kamine stated that the school district would like to work with Silverton to make the school reconstruction a community project. Because the planning phase is just beginning, Ms. Kamine wants to get Silverton involved in the planning process, as CPS would like to make the school a center for the community. Ms. Kamine is asking for a committee of 8-10 people comprised of Silverton residents, business owners and 1-2 council members to get on board with the project. Mayor Siegel added that the key is offering our input now, while the project is in the planning stages. Councilwoman Thompson asked when Ms. Kamine would like the names of the recommended individuals to serve on the committee. Mr. Wendling stated she would like the names by the end of the month.

2. 5K Race

Jean Quarry and Abby Miller addresses council about a 5K Race they are trying to plan for next fall. The Sweet Pea Garden Society is on board to help with organizing the event and Mrs. Miller has been in touch with a race coordinator. Mr. Wendling stated he had a possible route for the race. Mayor Siegel asked about the old route that they used to run, and Mr. Wendling stated that because that route crossed Montgomery Road he felt it was unsafe. Mrs. Quarry stated that she thought that possibly the race could be coordinated with Benken's fall festival. Council was in favor of pursuing the race and all were in agreement that it was a good idea.

3. Bus Shelter at Montgomery and Siebern

Mr. Wendling reported he looked into getting a bus shelter at Montgomery and Siebern, per the request of Ann Roulhac from St. Theresa Village who addressed council at the last business meeting. Metro does not place the shelters; they are contracted by Lamar Industries. Mr. Wendling asked council to consider if we want to have the shelters or not. As far as zoning goes, it is basically up to the city whether or not we want to allow the shelter. Mr. Wendling noted that one problem with the shelters is they are repeatedly vandalized; however, Lamar Industries fixes them at no cost to us when we report the damage. Councilman Morthorst questioned if there was enough room on the sidewalk at Montgomery and Siebern. Mr. Wendling noted that was a valid point, and that maybe Montgomery and Belkenton would be a better location for the shelter. Mayor Siegel asked Mr. Wendling to gather information from other communities that have the shelters and report back to council before a decision was made.

4. Mayor's Court Special Projects Fund

Mr. Wendling reported that we were looking into replacing the Mayor's Court Computer Fund with a Special Projects Fund. The Computer Fund is a restricted fund which presently carries a balance of approximately \$35,000 and can only be spent on computers and the supplies they require. The Special Projects Fund has a broader usage, including computers, and can also be used for remodeling the courtroom or even building a new one. The city will continue to collect the same amount; the money will just be placed in the new fund. Council was in agreement with the change and Mr. Wendling noted he will begin working on the necessary legislation to implement the change.

5. CDBG Funding

Mr. Wendling reported that CDBG applications for 2006-2008 are due in November. Mr. Wendling recommends that we application for a downtown streetscape, including possibly re-aligning Plainfield Road at Montgomery Road to make the intersection safer and more efficient. Councilman Quarry asked about the signage along Montgomery Road. Mr. Wendling stated that could be incorporated into the downtown project. Councilman Quarry also

asked about the sidewalk repair program. Councilwoman Glover added that she felt the timing was not right. Mr. Wendling warned council that sidewalk repair programs can become very controversial. Mayor Siegel noted that the streetscape would be a large project and could be done in stages as the city has several options for the redevelopment.

6. Sampson Lane Tree Removal

Mr. Wendling informed council that 16 trees will be removed on Sampson Lane as part of the street repair project. Several of the trees are diseased; however there are a few large, healthy trees that will be taken down. If we were to leave the trees and their roots were cut during the road project they could die and have to be removed at the homeowner's expense. Mr. Wendling said he expected a few residents to be upset and wanted to let council know they may receive some complaints regarding the tree removal. Councilman Smith advised telling the residents that this is just what has to happen. Mr. Wendling said he will send all the affected residents a letter explaining what is happening and why.

7. 2005 Capital Improvement Program

Mr. Wendling brought council up to date on the progress of the street projects. The Silverton/Home curbs are finished and Adleta Construction is expected to start milling and sub-grade repair next week followed by the finish coat. Mr. Wendling stated he expected the concrete crew to be on Sampson Lane in 1-2 weeks.

8. Collection of Delinquent Taxes

Mr. Wendling informed council that as of today there is \$100,000 of delinquent taxes in payment plans, and \$70,000 of the delinquent taxes has already been collected.

9. Eastern Corridor Study

Mr. Wendling reported that he continues to attend the Eastern Corridor Study even though he feels it is unlikely to promise much benefit for Silverton. Mr.

10. Question and Answer Session

Councilwoman Thompson asked if there was an abandoned car ordinance. Mr. Wendling reported that if a car sits idle for more than 72 hours it can be towed. The proper procedure is to notify the police department so that they may mark the tires and they will follow up in 72 hours to see if the car has been moved. At that time they will determine if the vehicle is in violation.

Councilwoman Thompson also asked about the parking on Montgomery Road that some business owners have asked for. Mr. Wendling reported he will start working on an ordinance to allow the on-street parking in the area previously discussed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

MOTION TO RECONVENE MEETING:

Councilman Morthorst 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