

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Silverton City Council Public Hearing
Held Tuesday, November 1, 2005

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a public hearing in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 5:00 pm on Thursday, November 1st, 2005. Councilman Sylvester led the prayer and Mayor Siegel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Siegel called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the public hearing was to present the city's proposed project for the 2006-2008 cycle of the Community Development Block Grant program.

Mr. Wendling noted that the hearing was to inform the public that Silverton would be making application to the program. Mr. Wendling reported that grant would be used for the revitalization of the downtown area and the amount we will be applying for is \$225,000. Mr. Wendling stated that the total cost of the project is estimated at \$850,000. The project includes new sidewalks on Montgomery Road between Home and Ohio Avenues, new lighting fixtures, pavers or stamped concrete on some sidewalks and crosswalks, and re-alignment of the Plainfield and Montgomery intersection.

Councilman Sylvester asked about the grant requirements and Mr. Wendling reported that the quadrants north of Montgomery Road meet programs low-income requirements.

Councilman Morthorst asked about sidewalk and street repair. Mr. Wendling said that the sidewalks would probably be replaced throughout the downtown area in order to keep them uniform. Mr. Wendling added that our project would be similar to the project recently completed in Mount Washington. Mayor Siegel added that if the city were to utilize pavers they would require a great deal of maintenance. Councilman Sylvester noted that the foundation is the most critical element of a successful paver project.

Councilwoman Thompson asked about the maintenance of traffic line item in the expense documentation. Mr. Wendling responded that is a labor cost for traffic direction that would be needed during the completion of the project. Mr. Wendling also added that the flaggers would be hired by the contractor.

Mr. Wendling added that the project also includes some decorative trees in the downtown area and replacement the traffic signal mast arms at the Plainfield and Montgomery Road intersection. Mr. Wendling added that one of the goals is to bring focus down from the utility lines to street level be and provide year round aesthetic appeal.

Mr. Wendling said that this is a long term project and he would recommend that we take the CDBG funding in the third year, so that he may research other grants and also so that council could decide how to fund the remainder of the project. Mr. Wendling also noted that there are some recommendations from SDI, Inc. that will be included in the project.

Mayor Siegel asked the audience if there were any public comments regarding the budget. There were no comments.

Councilman Smith moved to excuse Councilwoman Glover and Councilman Quarry from the hearing, and was seconded by Councilwoman Thompson. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilman Smith. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Siegel

Clerk-Treasurer Shea

City Manager Wendling