

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Silverton City Council Public Hearing
Held Thursday, November 3, 2005

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a public hearing in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 6:30 pm on Thursday, November 3rd, 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 discuss the application of the Community Development Block Grant and the Downtown Silverton Revitalization Project.

Mr. Wendling noted that all council members had a packet containing a description of the project. Mr. Wendling noted that we have areas of the city, particularly north of Montgomery Road, that qualify for funding under the CDBG program guidelines. Mr. Wendling reported that we have done a downtown revitalization study sponsored by Silverton Development, Inc., that a downtown streetscape is the recommended project. The project would include making the area aesthetically pleasing, as well as re-aligning Plainfield Road at the Montgomery Road intersection. The estimated total cost of the project is \$850,000 and we are applying for a grant in the amount of \$225,000.

Mayor Siegel noted that over the years the most we have ever received is \$150,000. Mr. Wendling noted that Dave Emerick reported that generally they do not give more than around \$100,000 per project. Mr. Wendling also added that he would try to get the funding for the third year, so we would have more time to research additional funding options. Mr. Wendling stressed the importance of the streetscape project, as the downtown area is struggling. Mr. Wendling also indicated he would like to further investigate the National Main Street program.

Mayor Siegel asked if there were any public comments or questions. There were none.

Mr. Wendling also added that it would be very beneficial to get the business owners on board with the project.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Siegel

Clerk-Treasurer Shea

City Manager Wendling