

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a workshop in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7pm on Thursday, December 1st, 2005. Mayor John Smith called the meeting to order.

OPENING REMARKS:

Father Tom Espelage from St. John the Evangelist in Deer Park led the prayer and Mayor Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

ALSO PRESENT:

John Smith	Mayor	Present	Mark Wendling	City Manager
Joyce Glover	Council	Present	Bryan Pacheco	City Solicitor
Mike Morthorst	Council	Present	Meredith George	Admin Clerk
Mark Quarry	Council	Present		
Frank Sylvester	Council	Present		
Idella Thompson	Council	Present		

OATH OF OFFICE FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

1. Councilman Quarry motioned to appoint Shirley Hackett as Vice-Mayor and Councilwoman Thompson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.
2. Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge Cheryl Grant administered the Mayoral Oath of Office to John Smith.
3. Judge Cheryl Grant administered the Oath of Office to all the newly elected council members: Joyce Glover, Shirley Hackett, Mike Morthorst, Mark Quarry, Frank Sylvester and Idella Thompson.
4. Judge Cheryl Grant administered the Vice-Mayoral Oath of Office to newly installed Councilwoman Shirley Hackett.
5. Judge Cheryl Grant administered the Oath of Office to all the newly appointed and reappointed city officials: Mark Wendling - City Manager, Bryan Pacheco - City Solicitor, and Meredith George - Clerk of Council.

CITY MANAGER'S WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. City Commission and Board Vacancies

Mr. Wendling reported that there were several vacancies and/or reappointments on various boards and commissions that would need to be addressed by the end of the year. The vacancies/reappointments are as follows: Deer Park - Silverton Joint Fire District - Fire/Public Safety Representative, Citizen Representative, and Legislative Representative; Charter Revision Committee - 1 vacancy, Civil Service Commission - 1 vacancy, Design Review Board - 2 vacancies, Park Board - 1 vacancy, and Board of Zoning Appeals - 1 vacancy. Mr. Wendling noted that the following residents had expressed an interest in serving: Jim Siegel (Fire Board), Sondra Britton (Park Board), Richard Shomo, Miriam Wade, and Chris Draper. Mr. Wendling indicated he would contact the current board members to see if they were interested in continuing their service. Councilman Quarry mentioned it would be helpful if anyone interested in serving would submit a resume so that we may match the right person to the right board or commission. Mr. Wendling agreed and said he would

work on collecting resumes from the interested parties. Councilwoman Hackett asked if her elected official status would affect her Civil Service appointment. Mr. Pacheco said that while there is no such charter prohibition, it could be a conflict of interest and he would research the issue further.

2. Downtown Update

Mr. Wendling informed council that there was a contract on the Lite House property and the potential buyer has plans to put an upscale dinner club in the building, featuring big name blues and jazz artists, such as B.B. King. Mr. Wendling is working on setting up a meeting with the potential buyer to have a more in-depth discussion of the project. Councilwoman Thompson said that while the idea sounds wonderful, she believes more research needs to be done regarding the other restaurants the buyer has opened. Councilwoman Glover agreed and encouraged Mr. Wendling to get the names of the other restaurants. Councilman Quarry asked if we would be able to collect the earnings tax from the entertainers. Mr. Wendling reported that we would. Councilman Sylvester asked if the building was up to code. Mr. Wendling stated that the electrical system has been condemned and it would be the responsibility of the buyer to bring the system up to code.

Mr. Wendling also reported that “Play by Play” is the sports bar that will be replacing “Never on Sunday” and he has a meeting scheduled with the new owner next week. Mr. Wendling reported that the building has been gutted and he plans to discuss facade improvements with the new owners in next week’s meeting.

3. Sheriff’s Sale – 6945 Silverton Avenue

Mr. Wendling reported, as previously discussed, that we did not get 6945 Silverton Avenue at the Sheriff’s Sale in November. Mr. Wendling asked council to start considering different options on what to do with the two Silverton Avenue properties owned by the city. The Fire Department has been in the house doing some training exercises. Mr. Wendling reported that he has received a couple of calls regarding the purchase of the house, however one inquiry was about restoring the house for residential use. The property’s current zoning is Business B. Mr. Wendling said he has considered having the properties assessed for their commercial value, so the city has a better idea of what to do with the properties. Councilwoman Glover agreed with the assessment and Mr. Wendling stated he would look into it.

4. Capital Improvement Program

Mr. Wendling reported that the Sampson Lane Improvement Project is proceeding well. The curb work is expected to be complete in the next seven to ten days, followed immediately thereafter by the base asphalt overlay. Mr. Wendling said he hopes there are no major weather events that hinder the progress of the project. Once Sampson Lane is finished, Adleta will pour the new concrete apron on the lower level of the Service Garage, which will hopefully take place by the end of the month. Councilman Sylvester asked if there would be a flow drain installed in the garage. Mr. Wendling said that the only improvement this year would be the concrete apron. A new heating system recommended for next year.

5. 2006 SCIP Update

Mr. Wendling reminded council of the SCIP Funding Integrating Committee meeting, which is scheduled for Friday, December 9, 2005 at 1:30 at the Springfield Township Government Center on Winton Road. Mr. Wendling encouraged all who were able to

attend, as it would only help the city's chances for funding for the Plainfield Road project. Councilwoman Glover, Councilwoman Thompson and Mayor Smith all said they would be able to attend.

6. 2006 – 2007 CDBG Grant Program

Mr. Wendling announced that the Hamilton County Department of Community Development is recommending funding of the city's Community Development Block Grant request in the amount of \$150,000 for the Downtown Silverton Revitalization project. The funding is currently scheduled for 2007, which means council has some work to do to determine how to fund the remainder of the project.

Councilwoman Thompson wished to welcome Shirley Hackett to council. Mayor Smith let the audience know that there would be a ceremonial Oath of Office that would take place at the council meeting on December 15th at 7 p.m. followed by a reception and invited all to come back and join in the festivities.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

MOTION TO RECONVENE MEETING:

Councilman Quarry motioned to reconvene council, and was seconded by Councilwoman Glover. All voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Smith
Mayor

Mark T. Wendling
City Manager

Meredith L. George
Clerk of Council