

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Silverton City Council Workshop
Held Thursday, February 2, 2006

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a workshop in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7pm on Thursday, February 2, 2006. Mayor John Smith called the meeting to order.

OPENING REMARKS:

Councilman Sylvester 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
Shirley Hackett	Council	Present	Meredith George	Clerk of Council
Mike Morthorst	Council	Present		
Mark Quarry	Council	Absent		
Frank Sylvester	Council	Present		
Idella Thompson	Council	Present		

Mayor Smith noted that Councilman Quarry called earlier and would not be attending tonight's meeting due to illness. Councilwoman Thompson motioned to excuse Councilman Quarry. Councilwoman Glover seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Wendling stated that Councilwoman Thompson was requesting that we honor Coretta Scott King, who passed away earlier this week, by flying the flags at half-mast. Mr. Wendling noted that although he did not have the time to put a resolution together, he said a motion would be appropriate at this time and we could follow up with a resolution at the next business meeting. Councilwoman Thompson motioned to fly the flags at half-mast for a period of thirty days commemorating the life of Coretta Scott King. Councilwoman Glover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Joint Venture with Cincinnati Public Schools

Mr. Wendling reported that he and Mayor Smith had recently met with Darlene Kamine of Cincinnati Public Schools to discuss the developing Silverton School as a community resource. Ms. Kamine is very excited about the idea and wants to work with the community to find out what they want the school to offer to attract the students and families. Mr. Wendling also said they are going to convene a small group meeting the second week of February with representatives of various sections of the community to further discuss the project. Mr. Wendling stated that he also had a meeting scheduled with Tom Gunnell early next week to investigate the possibility of the City and CPS swapping property. Councilman Morthorst added that he would like the old school building to remain intact until the City has a chance to explore their options. Councilwoman Glover added that she is also very excited about the

project and it will be a great benefit to the City. Councilman Morthorst stated the school may want to eliminate the “paideia” affiliation in order to attract more students.

2. Proposed Bus Shelter on Montgomery Road

Mr. Wendling reported that unfortunately he has not had the time to research the bus shelter further. Mr. Wendling said he will have more information for Council in the next couple of months.

3. Downtown Update

Mr. Wendling stated that he and Dave Emerick met with John Heileman from OKI to discuss transportation enhancement funds for aesthetic improvements, which include sidewalks. Mr. Wendling informed council that while the program is not “free” money, it could be very beneficial to the city. The City would be responsible for things like engineering fees, but the benefits of being involved in the program may outweigh the cost that the City will incur.

Mr. Wendling was pleased to report that Play-by-Play Sports Café is making great progress. The developer’s goal for the opening date is March 1, 2006.

Mr. Wendling also reported that nothing has been worked out with the Litehouse property yet. In fact, the property is still in probate court. However, the yellow frame building has been rented out to a chiropractor and improvements have been made to the building. Mr. Wendling stated that he needed to return a phone call to the prospective buyer to find out the status of the sale.

4. 6949 Silverton Avenue

Mr. Wendling stated that he will be meeting with the interested party for 6949 Silverton Avenue on Friday afternoon. In addition, there are a number of developers around the city, including one that wants to build condos on the corner of Lillian and Woodford.

5. Re-Configuration of Meeting Room

Mr. Wendling informed that we have met with the furniture company about some options for re-configuring the meeting room; however, with the recent staff changes it has not been revisited. Mr. Wendling noted that we will discuss it more in the future, once things in the office have settled down.

6. Farmer’s Market

Mr. Wendling reported he plans to have a meeting with all interested parties later this month. Mr. Wendling hopes to have the market run on Friday’s from 3 – 7 pm in the municipal parking lot.

7. Reports from Department Heads

Mr. Wendling stated he has been going back and forth on when to present the reports from the department heads, either at the workshop or at the business meeting. Mr. Wendling said he thought that if he included the reports in the packets then if the council members had any questions they could be asked and answered in the session that is televised, so the citizens would be informed

about what is going on in and around the city. Council was in agreement with Mr. Wendling.

8. Reschedule Next Workshop Meeting

Mr. Wendling asked council if they would consider rescheduling the next workshop so that he may take his son on a short vacation. Mr. Wendling suggested that the March 2, 2006 workshop be moved to Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at 7:00 pm. Councilwoman Thompson motioned to move the next workshop to Wednesday, March 1, 2006 and was seconded by Councilwoman Glover. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION BY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councilwoman Thompson asked if there are new occupants in the DRS Bonded building. Mr. Wendling reported that Women Writing for A Change have taken occupancy. The organization is leasing the building, with an option to buy.

Councilman Morthorst reported that the Tax Review Board met for the first time earlier this evening. The person appealing to the board has been a resident since 1987 and never paid taxes. Now, since her balance due is over \$4000.00 she is requesting an extended payment plan. Councilman Morthorst reported that the board has taken it under advisement and has 45 day to render a decision.

Councilwoman Glover asked if any progress is being made with the Post Office traffic flow. Mr. Wendling stated he called Mr. Averette and is waiting for a return call. Mr. Wendling said if it comes down to it, we will block the right -of-way on Montgomery Road to get their attention.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

Mr. Wendling introduced Resolution 06-480 A Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Independent Contractor for Professional Municipal Accounting Services During an Interim Period in Calendar Year 2006.

READING OF PENDING LEGISLATION:

Ms. George gave the reading of Resolution 06-480 A Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Independent Contractor for Professional Municipal Accounting Services During an Interim Period in Calendar Year 2006. Councilwoman Thompson moved for passage and was seconded by Councilwoman Glover. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Sylvester 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 Councilwoman Hackett. All voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilwoman Hackett made a motion for adjournment, which was seconded by Councilwoman Thompson. 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