

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Silverton City Council Workshop
Held Thursday, August 3, 2006

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a workshop in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 3, 2006. Mayor John Smith called the meeting to order.

OPENING REMARKS:

Mayor Smith led the silent prayer, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

ALSO PRESENT:

John Smith	Mayor	Present	Mark Wendling	City Manager
Joyce Glover	Council	Present	Meredith George	Clerk of Council
Shirley Hackett	Council	Present		
Mike Morthorst	Council	Present		
Mark Quarry	Council	Present		
Frank Sylvester	Council	Absent		
Idella Thompson	Council	Present		

Mayor Smith noted that Councilman Sylvester was out of town and could not be present at the meeting. Councilwoman Thompson motioned to excuse Councilman Sylvester and was seconded by Councilwoman Hackett. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Smith reminded all council members to RSVP to the luncheon at Amberley Village which will be on Friday, August 11, 2006. Anyone who would like to attend should tell Ms. George and she will make the reservation.

CITY MANAGER'S WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. CPS – Joint Venture

Mr. Wendling reported that the Cincinnati Public School Board recently voted to eliminate and additional nine schools from its capital project list, however it is unknown which schools will be eliminated. Mr. Wendling stated that he has spoken with Mr. Tom Gunnell of CPS and Mr. Gunnell still feels Silverton School is safe. As of this time, we are unsure of the future of Silverton School. The schools to be eliminated will be announced at the next board meeting scheduled for Monday, August 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Councilwoman Hackett asked if there had been any additional talks about the land swap. Mr. Wendling stated the land swap is on hold until we know the status of Silverton School. Mr. Wendling went on to say if Silverton School is cut from the project he would still like to do the market study with modifications that will lower the cost of the study. Mr. Wendling added that if Silverton School is eliminated CPS has to offer the property to a charter school first. Councilwoman Glover stated she feels that the CPS board lacks vision. Mr. Wendling recommended that we wait and see what happens at the next board meeting before any further plans are discussed.

2. Waste Disposal Ordinance

- Mr. Wendling reported that he had discussed the waste disposal issue, including the placement of trash bags at the curb, with Rick Lehmkuhl and Mike Daudistel. One problem that will occur is that people have more garbage at certain times throughout the year and do not have enough garbage cans for all the trash bags. Mr. Wendling stated that there is a litter ordinance already in place which holds the resident responsible for litter on their property, even if an animal tears open a trash bag in the middle of the night. After a short discussion, it was agreed that the ordinance should state that garbage should be in an “enclosed” container, which will still allow for garbage to be placed in bags at the curb.
3. REA Refund
Mr. Wendling reported that the City received a \$6900.00 refund from the Hamilton County Auditor’s real estate assessment fund.
 4. Amberley Village Luncheon
Mr. Wendling stated the luncheon was already addressed earlier in the meeting.
 5. Osterwisch Lease
Mr. Wendling reported that the City leases land behind the service garage to the Osterwisch Company and the two year lease was up on December 31, 2005. Mr. Wendling recommended that we renew the lease for five years. Mr. Pacheco reviewed the agreement and there is an “out” clause for the city if needed. Mr. Wendling stated the current yearly lease rate is \$900 per year and asked if council wanted to raise the rate. Council was in agreement that the rate should remain at \$900.00 per year.
 6. Vehicles for Sale
Mr. Wendling informed council that there were two surplus vehicles owned by the City – a Ford Crown Victoria that was a former cruiser and a Jeep Cherokee that was seized in a drug arrest and forfeited to the City. Mr. Wendling stated that the value of each vehicle was under \$1000.00 and he needed permission to sell them out right. Council was in agreement that the vehicles could be sold out right, with out accepting bids. Mr. Wendling informed council that Ricardo Hacker, an employee in the City’s Service Department, is interested in purchasing one of the vehicles.
 7. Stop Sign Placement
Mr. Wendling stated that the City is considering four-way stops in various locations around the City. The locations will be as follows: Ohio and Section, Stoll and Oak, Elwynne and Oak, and Sampson and Oak. Mr. Wendling stated the goal was to get them in place before school starts. Council was in agreement. Councilwoman Glover asked about some of the stop signs that appear to be faded. Mr. Wendling reported that the signs were not faded – they were not made with the more expensive reflective material. Mr. Wendling asked Council if it is interested in phasing in the reflective signage?
 8. Charter Revision Committee
Mr. Wendling stated that the Charter Revision Committee met earlier today and asked Councilman Morthorst to bring Council up to date. Councilman Morthorst informed Council that the committee has narrowed it down to two amendments – the first would address contract design and the second would address the sale of

property. Also, all old references to the “Clerk/Treasurer” and the “Fire Department” will be eliminated. The amendments will be presented to Council for approval for the November ballot.

9. Farmer's Market

Mr. Wendling reported that after some miscommunication between the farmers and the City, the farmer's market is up and running, and doing quite well. All are invited to check out the fresh fruits and vegetables in the municipal parking lot from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. each Friday through October.

10. Miscellaneous

Mr. Wendling reported that there is a refurbished “Silverton” sign at the entrance to Silverton from Amberley Village on Section Road. The sign looks great and more signs will be in the future budget.

Councilwoman Hackett asked if the Silverton map with Mr. Siegel's picture in it will be redone. Mr. Wendling stated that the map is paid for by advertisements and he will contact the company that makes the maps to see if they can replace the current maps.

Councilwoman Thompson asked if any thought had been given to a “night out” for the police department to mingle with the community. Councilwoman Glover asked about the placement of an officer at Silverton School in the afternoons when school is dismissed. Mr. Wendling stated he would talk to Chief Daudistel about both issues.

Mayor Smith noted that vehicles were being sold from the Aamco Station again. Mr. Wendling stated he is aware, as well as the police department and Mr. Pacheco. Mr. Wendling asked for patience as the City is investigating.

Councilwoman Glover stated that the trucks are still unloading at the BMW Store without properly marking the roadway, creating a dangerous situation. Mr. Wendling stated that the police department has notified the BMW Store of the issue and if anyone witnesses the truck unloading without placing cones in the road to please call the dispatch desk at 936-6220 so an officer can be sent down to check things out.

Councilman Quarry stated he feels the “No Parking Sign” on Silverton Avenue, near South is too close to the intersection. Mr. Wendling reported that he had Mr. Lehmkuhl check it out and it does meet code. Mr. Wendling stated he thinks we would have to revise the ordinance if we were to move the sign, but he will look further into the issue.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

Mr. Wendling introduced Ordinance 06-3223 An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with Fifth Third Securities, Inc. to Sell American Group Stock and Declaring an Emergency.

READING OF PENDING LEGISLATION:

Ms. George gave the reading of Ordinance 06-3223 An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with Fifth Third Securities, Inc. to Sell

American Group Stock and Declaring an Emergency. Councilwoman Thompson moved for passage and was seconded by Councilman Quarry. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Councilwoman Glover moved to suspend the rules and was seconded by Councilwoman Thompson. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Wendling requested that Council convene to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Councilwoman Glover motioned to retire to Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Hackett. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye.

Councilman Quarry motioned to return from Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Thompson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye.

ADJOURNMENT:

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