

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Silverton City Council Workshop

Held Thursday, February 1, 2007

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a workshop in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 1, 2007. Mayor John Smith called the meeting to order.

OPENING REMARKS:

Mr. Sylvester led in prayer, and Mayor Smith let 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	Present		
Idella Thompson	Council	Present		

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

CITY MANAGER'S WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Court Chambers Renovation

Mr. Wendling informed Council that the City is exploring ways to renovate the Court Room. The following items will be considered as part of the renovation: carpet, furniture and building a new wall in front of the courtroom. In addition, there are much needed renovations to the kitchen area as there is no break room for the employees. Mr. Wendling also noted the new door to the tax department so that taxpayers can have a confidential conversation in the tax department without people in the lobby being able to over hear their business.

Mrs. Hackett asked when the Police Department was going to utilize the former meeting room as their squad room. Mr. Wendling reported that they have been acquiring some desks and file cabinets and expects them to be set up in the room in the next month or so. Mrs. Hackett added that the room should be available to the citizens to use if the police department's plans have changed and they are no longer interested in using the remodeled room.

2. New City Logo

Mr. Wendling reported that he is still working with BT Graphics on refining the logo and will forward the new samples to Council when they are ready.

3. Silverton Paideia Museum School Update

Mr. Wendling reported that there was a meeting with several museums including the Cincinnati Art Museum, The Taft Museum, The Contemporary Arts Center,

The Reds Hall of Fame, The Museum Center and The Underground Railroad Freedom Center. Mr. Wendling reported that the project has a lot of energy, especially from the Cincinnati Art Museum which is a key participant. Mrs. Hackett asked if the CPS Board was supportive of the idea. Mr. Wendling reported that the City will need to make a decision soon regarding the land swap with the school district. Mr. Quarry asked if now was the time to discuss the possibility of a joint municipal building with CPS. Mr. Wendling reported that the buildings would need to be separate, as the City is not ready to move forward on a new building and the CPS schedule is moving at a much faster pace. Mr. Wendling has received positive feedback from Property Advisors, Inc who has been evaluating specific pieces of property in the City. Property Advisors believes our downtown is a diamond in the rough, but needs to be developed properly to maximize our downtown. Mr. Wendling stated these issues will be addressed in the Comp Plan.

4. Regulation of POD Units

Mr. Wendling presented Council with the recent CLG spot survey results regarding regulations for portable storage units. Mr. Wendling stated he does not believe we can control them with the way our code is currently written, but we can explore the issue and adjust our code accordingly. Mrs. Thompson asked if we could control the number of people allowed in a residence. Mr. Wendling reported he would need to consult Mr. Pacheco.

5. Plainfield Road Crosswalks

Mr. Wendling reported that there are issues that need to be addressed with crosswalks on lower Plainfield as a result of the street improvement project. The contractor did not replace the existing crosswalks, but they will do so. Previously, there was a crosswalk from Tamworth to N. Fordham, but after reviewing the location with Mr. Emerick the crosswalk will be moved south so that it is closer to S. Fordham which will provide direct access to the corner. Once the change has been made the City will advise the school and bus company. There will also be another crosswalk from Zinsle across to Diehl. Mrs. Glover added that there is no crosswalk at Oak and Elwynne and school children walk that route frequently. Mr. Wendling agreed, and added that there should be a 4-way crosswalk since the intersection is a 4-way stop. Mr. Sylvester mentioned that the curb was not cut back far enough at Plainfield and Zinsle and the buses are creating a rut in the grass when they turn that corner. Mr. Wendling stated the curb was not set back because the property owner, Brenda Dixon, wanted the property restored to its original condition, therefore eliminating the curb from being set back. Council voted to restore the property and leave the curb as is.

6. Quality of Life Team Training through Keep Cincinnati Beautiful

Mr. Wendling reported that Kathy Benken had forwarded information to him about a program affiliated with the Keep Cincinnati Beautiful organization. Mr. Wendling stated he did not know much about it, but presented it to Council to see if there was any interest. Mrs. Hackett volunteered to attend the meeting in March and gather more information.

7. Internship Grant

Mr. Wendling reported that Silverton did receive a grant from OCMA to help pay for a summer intern. The internship will cost the City approximately \$1900.00 for

the summer. The intern will shadow the City Manager. Mr. Wendling hopes to have the intern help establish a Community Investment Area and a TIFF for Silverton. Mr. Wendling stated he will advertise the position at Ohio universities with public administration programs.

8. Miscellaneous

Mrs. Hackett asked if changing the charter to extend the term limits has ever been discussed. Mr. Morthorst stated the Charter Revision Committee has discussed it in the past and he will make sure it is on the agenda at their next meeting. Council was supportive of the idea. Mr. Wendling stated he will survey the Center for Local Government to see how other city's charters read.

Mr. Quarry asked that we look at the street improvement plan at the next workshop. A discussion followed about which streets need repairs the most and how in-depth the repairs need to be. Mr. Wendling stated he would also talk to Mr. Emerick about the projections.

Mrs. Thompson asked if the Silverton School Choir would still be attending the meeting on February 15, 2007. Mayor Smith confirmed that they would.

Mrs. Glover thanked Mr. Wendling and the police department on their quick action to address the man on Montgomery Road waving the "Cash Plus" sign.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mrs. Thompson motioned to adjourn to executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official per ORC 121.22(G)1. Mr. Quarry seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION TO RECONVENE THE REGULAR MEETING:

Mr. Morthorst motioned to reconvene the regular meeting and was seconded by Mrs. Thompson. All voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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