

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Silverton City Council Meeting

Held Thursday, April 19th, 2007

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a business meeting in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 19th, 2007. Mayor John Smith called the meeting to order.

OPENING REMARKS:

Councilman Sylvester led the prayer and the Silverton Paideia School Choir 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	Tom Peterson	Finance Director
Mark Quarry	Council	Present		
Frank Sylvester	Council	Present		
Idella Thompson	Council	Present		

REVIEW MEETING AGENDA:

No changes needed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:

Mayor Smith presented minutes from the following meetings for approval: March 15, 2007 Business Meeting, the March 22, 2007 Special Meeting and the April 5, 2007 Workshop. Mr. Quarry motioned for approval with any necessary corrections and was seconded by Mrs. Thompson. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND GUESTS:

1. Mayor Smith reminded Council of the luncheon hosted by Amberley Village on Friday, May 5th. Please RSVP to Mrs. George if you plan on attending.
2. Mayor Smith initiated a moment of silence to remember the victims and families of the Virginia Tech shootings that took place earlier this week. The flags will be flown at half-staff for a period of 30 days in memory of the victims. Mayor Smith noted that he is involved in a movement with other mayors across the country to get illegal guns off the streets.
3. Mrs. Hackett introduced Mr. Rodney Summers, Jr. who is the April 2007 Student of the Month. Mayor Smith presented Mr. Summers with a proclamation declaring April 19th, 2007 Rodney Summers, Jr. Day in Silverton.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sonia Warner & Phyllis Sams – 6016 & 6018 Plainfield Road

Ms. Warner and Ms. Sams addressed council regarding the parking pad that was installed on their property as a result of the Plainfield Road Improvement project. Ms. Warner and Ms. Sams are dissatisfied with the results of the relocation of their parking pad, stating it is unsightly, muddy and divides their yard. Mr. Wendling explained the issue surrounding the parking pads and Council agreed to further explore the issue. Mrs.

Thompson asked Ms. Warner and Ms. Sams to provide council with the opportunity to go down to their home and look at the parking pad and discuss the issue at the next workshop. Mr. Warner and Ms. Sams agreed and thanked Council for addressing their concerns.

Henry Hopson – 6024 Hedge Avenue

Mr. Hopson was interested in finding out about the status of the proposed tax abatement for the Andrew Acres subdivision. Mr. Wendling explained that the City would be hiring a summer intern and they would be exploring the issue. Mr. Wendling added that the City is not necessarily opposed to tax abatements, however staffing is limited and the City has not had time to explore the issue. Mr. Hopson asked Mr. Wendling to notify the builder of the tax abatement status. Mr. Wendling stated the builder was notified in December of last year when she attended our council meeting.

Joy McGee – 4002 Tamworth Circle

Ms. McGee was present to address Council as a representative of the residents on Tamworth Circle. Ms. McGee and her neighbors are concerned with the garbage placement from the apartment buildings at the junction of Tamworth and Plainfield. The residents of the apartments continually place the garbage out too soon and the cans are overflowing. The residents on Tamworth have contacted the police, but the problem is ongoing. Mr. Wendling stated he would discuss the problem with the Chief of Police and advised Ms. McGee to contact him if the problem persists.

OLD BUSINESS AND GENERAL COMMENTS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Clerk of Court Report

Mrs. George gave the Mayor's Court Report for March 2007. Mrs. Thompson motioned to approve the Mayor's Court Report and was seconded by Mr. Morthorst. All voted aye. Motion carried.

2. Budget Report

Mr. Peterson gave the March 2007 Budget Report. Mrs. Hackett motioned to approve the March 2007 Budget Report and was seconded by Mr. Quarry. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

3. City Manager's Report

Mayor Smith turned the meeting over to Mr. Wendling to present his report.

3.1. Free Tire Pick-Up until April 27, 2007

Mr. Wendling noted that the City is participating in the Keep Cincinnati Beautiful program and will have a dumpster for tire disposal. If a resident wishes to participate they need to call Rick Lehmkuhl at 936-6220 or 936-6235 to notify the City and they will pick up the tires and dispose of them.

3.2. Third Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Mr. Wendling stated the Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success and we even had nice weather this year. There were about 150 children who participated. Kudos to the park board for a wonderful event.

3.3. Museum School Committee

Mr. Wendling reported that the museum school grants committee met earlier this week. CPS has hired a grant writer to apply for a grant for the school. Mr. Wendling believes the school district is committed to the museum school concept and also believes we have a strong chance to get the grant. We should know sometime in July if the grant will be awarded to our school.

Mrs. Glover presented a book, "The Power of Paideia Schools", which explains the Paideia structure and benefits of a Paideia education. Mrs. Glover highly recommended the book.

3.4. 2003-2004 Audit

Mr. Wendling reported the final papers are being drawn for the 2003-2004 audit. There will be an upcoming presentation by the City's auditor, the Von Lehman Company.

3.5. Miscellaneous

Mr. Quarry asked about the status of the land swap with CPS. Mr. Wendling reported that the City and CPS are still working on the legalities of the swap. The design process for the school is slated to begin in September of 2007. Once the discussions with CPS are complete public hearings will be scheduled and then the swap will be presented to Council for final approval. Mr. Quarry also noted the increased use of the park this spring. Mr. Wendling noted that the water was turned on at the park. Mrs. Thompson said we may need to consider having portable bathrooms in the park for the early spring before the water is turned on. Mrs. Thompson noted that the bathrooms were not available for the Easter Egg Hunt, which presented a problem. Mr. Wendling concurred and said it is something we need to consider next year.

Mr. Quarry also noted that peddlers have been going door to door with carpet cleaning supplies. Mr. Quarry went on to say the vendor was quite pushy. Mr. Wendling advised that all vendors must register with the police department and if any resident is uncomfortable they should not answer the door or call the police department. Mr. Pacheco added the hours they are allowed to go door to door are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and their registration can be revoked if they are aggressive or menacing.

Mr. Quarry asked if the street sweeping would be done this year. Mr. Wendling stated it would be done in May before the Memorial Day Parade.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Councilwoman Hackett

Mrs. Hackett reported that the Urban Forestry Board will have its regular meeting on Saturday, April 21, 2007 at 11 a.m. at the Municipal Building.

Mrs. Hackett also reported that the Arbor Day Celebration is scheduled for Friday, April 27, 2007 at the Train Station Park. ICRC will be on hand to tape the

event, as well as students from Silverton Paideia School who will be reading the “tree poetry” they have written.

2. Councilman Morthorst

Mr. Morthorst reported the Tax Review Board recently heard one case and worked out a payment plan with the residents.

Mr. Morthorst reported the Charter Revision Committee met in early April, but did not have quorum. Mr. Morthorst anticipates amendments for the November ballot.

3. Councilman Quarry

HCSWD – No report.

OKI – No report.

4. Councilman Sylvester

Planning Commission – No report.

5. Councilwoman Thompson

ICRC – No report.

Fire District – No report.

Park Board – The Park Board will meet on Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building. They will begin to plan the Summer Concert Series.

6. Councilwoman Glover

LSDMC – No report.

Mrs. Glover mentioned the paper recycling drop-off at Silverton School. The bin is available to anyone who wished to drop-off and the school gets a monthly check based on the total amount recycled. There is no cost to the school or the City to have the bin in place.

Mrs. Glover also wished to welcome Mary Cox and her new business “Eula Boutique” located on Montgomery Road across from the Post Office.

Mrs. Glover thanked everyone who recently made donations to the YMCA.

OPEN DISCUSSION / NEW ISSUES BY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mr. Quarry noted that the Silverton Sweet Pea Society will be participating in the Great American Clean-Up and Keep Cincinnati Beautiful at the Train Station on April 28th from 9am to Noon. There will be food and beverages and the work will consist of a general clean up of the park, along with planting flowers.

Mr. Quarry also mentioned the website – eSORN, a site dedicated to sex offender registration and notification. The site can be accessed at www.esorn.ag.state.oh.us. Mr. Wendling stated he would add a link from our website to eSORN.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

Mr. Wendling introduced Resolution 07-522 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. for Solid Waste Collection Services for the Period of May 16, 2007 to May 15, 2008.

READING OF PENDING LEGISLATION:

Mrs. George gave the reading of Resolution 07-522 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. for Solid Waste Collection Services for the Period of May 16, 2007 to May 15, 2008. Mrs. Glover motioned for passage and was seconded by Mr. Sylvester. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

MOTION TO RECONVENE MEETING:

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Hackett and seconded by Mr. Sylvester. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith L. George
Clerk of Council

John A. Smith
Mayor

Mark T. Wendling
City Manager