

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Silverton City Council Workshop Held Thursday, May 3, 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, May 3, 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	Absent		
Frank Sylvester	Council	Present		
Idella Thompson	Council	Present		

Mayor Smith noted that Mr. Quarry was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Mrs. Thompson motioned to excuse Mr. Quarry. Mrs. Glover seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Zarnowiecki- Kennedy Heights Arts Center

Mr. Zarnowiecki was present to invite Council to an evening concert at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center. The concert will be held on Thursday, May 31 and will honor our neighborhood firefighters and emergency response personnel. There will be refreshments served at 6 p.m. followed by the concert at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Maria Kreppel – Citizen's Planning Committee

Mrs. Kreppel addressed Council to talk about the Montgomery Corridor Arts Collaborative. The idea for the collaborative started about 1 ½ years ago as a neighborhood discussion and has grown to include members of Pleasant Ridge, Kennedy Heights and Silverton. The committee envisions a three-community arts district that will drive new collaboration in the arts and support housing, education, entrepreneurship, arts venues and businesses throughout the contiguous neighborhoods of Pleasant Ridge, Kennedy Heights and Silverton. Mrs. Kreppel noted Silverton brings a lot to the collaborative and looks forward to working with us.

Mary Wright – 6700 Stoll Lane

Mrs. Wright noted that the Train Station Museum is now open the second and fourth Sunday of each month from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. through September. Come in to look at the history of Silverton.

Mayor Smith noted he would like Silverton to sponsor the evening concert at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center. Mrs. Thompson motioned to make a \$50.00 donation to

sponsor the concert on May 31, 2007 and was seconded by Mrs. Hackett. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Dogs In City Parks Discussion

Mr. Wendling reported he has been researching the restriction of dogs in our city parks since Ms. Marian Bernstein of Sibley Avenue addressed Council at the last business meeting. Mr. Wendling presented Council with the results of the Center for Local Government survey and noted that most communities allow dogs in their parks with restrictions. The restrictions generally include having the dogs on a leash and require the owner to clean up after the animal. A brief discussion followed and Council was in agreement to repeal the ban of dogs in our parks. Mr. Sylvester asked if council members have the right to say something to a pet owner if they do not clean up the mess after the animal. Mr. Wendling advised them to first call the police and then they would be a witness, rather than getting in an altercation with someone who is not abiding by the law. Mr. Wendling stated he would present draft legislation that will revise park rules and regulations.

2. Status of Research Regarding Temporary Storage Unit Regulations

Mr. Wendling stated he had not forgotten about the regulation of the temporary storage units and he is working on the language. The issue must then be presented to the Planning Commission for their approval, which he hopes to have scheduled for June. Once approved, the legislation will be presented to Council for their approval. Mr. Wendling noted that there is a POD unit at a property on Thornton Drive.

3. Urban Forestry Project – Silverton Avenue

Mr. Wendling reported that he and Wendi Van Buren worked on the Urban Forestry tree placement project earlier this week. The project will take place on Silverton Avenue. There will be 26 European Horn Bean trees planted in the tree lawn along Silverton Avenue. The project is intended to provide aesthetic improvement to the street. The trees are on the list of those recommended by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Mrs. Glover added that the Urban Forestry Board and students from Silverton Paideia did a fine job with the Arbor Day Celebration.

4. Notice of Tax Budget and Supplemental Budget Ordinances

Mr. Wendling reported Mr. Peterson is working on the tax budget and a supplemental budget ordinance. A hearing will be set for the tax budget in June. The supplemental budget ordinance will be present on May 17. It will enable the City to payoff the dump truck (purchased in 2005) early.

5. Additional Items

- Mr. Morthorst mentioned that he has been researching the name "Lindner Park" and realized there is a park with the same name in Norwood. Mr. Morthorst also discovered the train station area used to be known as the common area, so Mr. Morthorst suggested naming the park Lindner

Common. Council liked the name. Mr. Wendling stated he would research the deed and make sure there were no naming requirements. Mr. Pacheco added that the new name could be established by resolution, as long as there are no deed restrictions.

- Mayor Smith noted that our memorial needs work and he is interested in pursuing grants and donations so that the memorial can be upgraded. Mrs. Thompson suggested selling the brick pavers. Council was in agreement to explore the idea.
- Mayor Smith asked if we would begin wearing the golf shirts at the next business meeting. After a short discussion, it was decided that new shirts would be ordered and hopefully be here in time for the next meeting.
- Mayor Smith suggested inviting our new magistrate to the next business meeting so that he could meet everyone. Mrs. George said she would contact Mr. Triggs.
- Mrs. Glover stated she is continuing to work with Silverton Paideia School to promote the paper recycling.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mrs. Glover motioned to adjourn to executive session to consider the purchase or sale of public property and to discuss personnel issues per ORC 121.22(G). Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION TO RECONVENE MEETING:

Mr. Morthorst motioned to adjourn executive session and reconvene the regular meeting. Mrs. Hackett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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