

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
 Minutes of the Silverton City Council Meeting
 Held Thursday, July 19th, 2007

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a business meeting in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7:15 pm on Thursday, July 19th, 2007. 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	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: May 18, 2007 Business Meeting, June 7, 2007 Workshop Meeting, June 21, 2007 Public Hearing, June 21, 2007 Business Meeting, June 28, 2007 Special Meeting, July 5, 2007 Workshop Meeting. Mrs. Thompson motioned for approval with any necessary corrections and was seconded by Mrs. Glover. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND GUESTS:

1. Mayor Smith reminded everyone that school is out, so please drive slowly and carefully, as there are many children playing outside.
2. Mayor Smith informed the audience of the Silverton Art and Wine Festival which will take place on Saturday, July 21st from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Meier's Winery. Come and enjoy the art displays, wine and food!
3. Silverton Summer Concert Series – The series continues on Friday, July 20, 2007 at 7 p.m. with Sound Body Jazz Orchestra. Mrs. Glover asked if mainly Silverton residents attend the concerts or do we draw an audience from other communities. Mr. Wendling reported that we have a good mix of both Silverton residents and residents of other communities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mary Wright – 6700 Stoll Lane

Mrs. Wright invited anyone interested in helping set up for the Art & Wine Festival to join them on Friday at Meier's Winery.

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 June 2007. Mr. Sylvester motioned to approve the Mayor's Court Report and was seconded by Mr. Quarry. All voted aye. Motion carried.

2. Budget Report

Mr. Wendling reported Mr. Peterson was on vacation and would give the June and July budget reports at the August meeting.

3. City Manager's Report

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

3.1. CRA/TIF Update

Mr. Wendling reported that Mr. Citron has done a great job on getting the Community Reinvestment Area program setup. The four areas being targeted are:

1. The Fordhams (the Fordhams, the Cedarwoods, Lillian and Walker)
2. The Hamptons (Hampton & Aldon)
3. Siebern, Belkenton, Grace, Placid, Park & Kenton
4. Haines Cresap (Parkview, St. James, Grand, Alpine, Elm, Oak & Highland)

The CRA is designed to spur reinvestment in neighborhoods showing signs of distress through tax abatements on improved values. Mr. Wendling hopes to have the document drafted and ready for passage at the September meeting. Mr. Citron has also been working on a Tax Increment Financing district as an overlay of the City Central business district and the Montgomery Road corridor. Mr. Wendling will have more details at the August workshop.

3.2. Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Wendling reported that the Steering Committee is making great progress. The current focus of the group is the City Central area. They will begin looking at the wider city in the next few months. The committee is on target to finish by the end of the year.

3.3. Silverton School Project

Mr. Wendling reported that the school project is moving forward and he has received a preliminary site plan. Mr. Wendling will present the site plan to Council at the August workshop and would like someone from CPS at the meeting to address any questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:1. Councilman Sylvester

Planning Commission – No report.

2. Councilwoman Thompson

Fire District – No report, however a model of the new ambulance was on display at the Fire House earlier this week.

ICRC – No report.

3. Councilwoman Glover

LSDMC – No report.

Mrs. Glover reported that the Montgomery Road Arts Collaborative will meet at the Silverton Municipal Building on Tuesday, July 24th, 2007 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in attending is welcome!

4. Councilwoman Hackett

Urban Forestry Board – The next meeting is Saturday, July 28th, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. Steve Sanford from City of Cincinnati UFB will be present to help the board establish their goals.

Design Review Board – The DRB met earlier today to review a proposed project at the Scratching Post. The plans were conditionally approved with the final approval scheduled for next week.

5. Councilman Morthorst

Tax Review Board – No report.

6. Councilman Quarry

Park Board – The Park Board met on May 25, 2007 and discussed the on-going summer concert series and began planning a fall pumpkin festival, tentatively scheduled for October 20, 2007 at the Train Station.

HCSWD – No report.

OKI – Mr. Quarry made an OKI presentation pertaining to certain changes needed in our region, such as the Brent Spence Bridge and the Uptown Clifton area.

OPEN DISCUSSION / NEW ISSUES BY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

None.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

Mr. Wendling introduced 07-524 A Resolution Adopting the Hamilton County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

READING OF PENDING LEGISLATION:

Mrs. George gave the reading of 07-524 A Resolution Adopting the Hamilton County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mrs. Glover motioned for passage and was seconded by Mrs. Thompson. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Glenn Ramsey – Corner of Oak & Stoll

Mr. Ramsey spoke about a problem with rocks on the corner near his house. Mr. Wendling said he is aware of the problem and will consider the project as part of next year's budget.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Thompson and seconded by Mrs. Glover. 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