

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
 Minutes of the Silverton City Council Workshop
 Held Thursday, February 7, 2008

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 7, 2008. Mayor Smith called the meeting to order.

OPENING REMARKS:

Mr. Sylvester led in prayer and Mayor Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

ALSO PRESENT:

John Smith	Mayor	Present	Mark Wendling	City Manager
Willa Garner	Council	Present	Meredith George	Clerk of Council
Joyce Glover	Council	Present		
Shirley Hackett	Council	Present		
Mark Quarry	Council	Absent		
Frank Sylvester	Council	Present		
Dottie Williams	Council	Present		

Mr. Quarry arrived at 7:04 p.m.

CITY MANAGER'S WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Major Medical Insurance – Mike Stahanczyk of the Hylant Group
 Mr. Wendling reported that Mr. Mike Stahanczyk was present to give an overview of the proposed health care plan from the Ohio Plan. Mr. Stahanczyk presented the highlights of the plan. Initially the plan would be a 20% increase over the city's current plan with United Health Care, but the rate is guaranteed through December 31, 2009. Mr. Wendling noted that while changing carriers does pose some risk, he anticipates an increase of at least 15% with United Health Care. Further, UHC rates are only good through July 31, 2008. Finally, the Ohio Plan is a true consortium that enables risk to be shared and spread over many members. Sharing risk should provide greater stability of rates and plan design. Membership in the plan is selective, but once a jurisdiction is accepted into the plan it cannot be terminated (unless of course it fails to pay its premium). Mr. Stahanczyk's presentation was followed by a brief question and answer session. Council thanked Mr. Stahanczyk for his time.
2. Plainfield/Montgomery Intersection Improvement Project
 Mr. Wendling reported the project is underway and the foundations for the mast arms are being installed. One mast arm location (near Power 3

Fitness) needs to be changed so that it will be closer to the corner. Mr. Wendling reported that the utilities will start being moved from the east side of Plainfield to the west soon and powder coated poles will be installed, rather than the usual brown wooden poles. Duke will also be replacing the gas main on Plainfield Road.

3. Trash Collection Contract Renewal

Mr. Wendling reported that our Rumpke Contract is up for its fifth year option and he is recommending the City exercise the option. The rate increase is 3.2% which is below the inflation rate. Mr. Wendling will have a resolution prepared for the February Business Meeting.

4. CRA Housing Council

Mr. Wendling reported that four residents have expressed interest in serving on the Housing Council. Mr. Wendling will check appointment procedures and if council is in agreement the members can be appointed at the February 21, 2008 meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING

1. Public comments

Maria Kreppel – MCAC

Mrs. Kreppel addressed Council to apologize for any misunderstanding between MCAC and the City of Silverton. Mrs. Kreppel added that all references to Silverton will be removed from all MCAC correspondence.

READING OF PENDING LEGISLATION:

None.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

Mrs. George gave the reading of Resolution 08-538 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit Application to the Urban Land Assistance Program for the Purpose of Securing Funds for the Demolition of Blight Commercial/Industrial Property. Mrs. Garner motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mrs. Hackett. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

MOTION TO RECONVENE MEETING:

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

NORTH AVENUE INCIDENT:

Mr. Quarry posed questions about the recent shooting incident on North Avenue. He was concerned about the debris that had been left at the curb, noting that some of it contained bio-hazard material. Mr. Wendling reported that the owners of the property had been cited and that he would follow-up on the debris to make sure it is removed expeditiously and properly. He also noted that the debris is in violation of our trash collection ordinance prohibiting set out of trash sooner than dusk the evening before collection day. Council was also concerned about the increased frequency of violent incidents in Silverton and requested that the Chief of Police be invited to the next meeting to discuss the issue. Mr. Wendling stated that he would ask Chief Daudistel to attend the next meeting. He noted that while there has been a recent uptick in violent crime, he believes the incidents are aberrations. He noted that the North Avenue incident was accidental. Nonetheless, the City has recently put many programs in place to address such issues. Examples include the Community Reinvestment Areas, the hire of a property code enforcement officer, and diligent enforcement of the tax code.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Garner made a motion for adjournment, which was seconded by Mr. Quarry. All voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith L. George
Clerk of Council

John A. Smith
Mayor

Mark T. Wendling
City Manager