

## **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of the Silverton City Council Workshop  
Held Thursday, March 9, 2006

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a workshop in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7:30 pm on Thursday, March 9, 2006. 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	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 Councilman Quarry called earlier and would not be attending tonight's meeting due a death in the family. Councilwoman Glover motioned to excuse Councilman Quarry. Councilman Sylvester seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### **CITY MANAGER'S WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

#### 1. 6949 Silverton Avenue

Mr. Wendling introduced Mr. Daniel Keys, who was present to address council about 6949 Silverton Avenue, a property owned by the City. Mr. Keys informed council that he has purchased, with plans to renovate, the large grey house which is one lot down from 6949 Silverton Avenue. Mr. Keys indicated that he has an interest in purchasing 6949 Silverton Avenue and wanted to know where council stood on the sale of the property. Councilman Morthorst stated that there were no formal plans because the City was unsuccessful at purchasing all four of the adjoining properties on Silverton Avenue. Mr. Keys stated he wished to renovate the house at 6949 Silverton Avenue and possibly turn the property into a multi-family dwelling or possibly market the property as professional office space. Mr. Keys stated he would like to renovate both properties at the same time, as it would be cost effective. Councilwoman Hackett asked if Mr. Keys was interested in the brick house that lies between the large grey house and the white house the city owns. Mr. Keys said he is interested in the property, but has been unsuccessful at finding out who owns the property. Mr. Keys said he would like to act quickly because of the condition of the roof; he would like to start repairing the house before any further water damage is done. Councilman Morthorst suggested the City place a tarp on the roof to help with preventing water damage. Mr. Wendling stated he would check with Rick Lehmkuhl about the tarp. Mr. Keys thanked council for the opportunity to address council and stated he would be in touch.

2. Joint Venture with Cincinnati Public Schools

Mr. Wendling introduced Mr. Tom Gunnell and Mr. Mike Bursen from Cincinnati Public Schools to talk more about the proposed “property swap” with CPS. Mr. Gunnell stated that all the new schools that CPS is building are being designed as “community learning centers”. Mr. Gunnell said that CPS would like 7 acres in Silverton Park in exchange for the 5.8 acres located at the current school site. Mr. Bursen address council and said that over the past 3 years CPS has had 30 projects in the works. Mr. Bursen presented council with a picture of the new Midway School and stated that the Silverton School would be similar. Mr. Bursen said the layout may be different, but the school would include the same key elements and each new school that CPS is building. Mr. Gunnell stated the next step for CPS is for them to complete their due diligence by an environmental assessment completed. Councilwoman Hackett asked when the testing would be done. Mr. Gunnell stated he hoped to have it done with in a few weeks. Councilwoman Glover stated she has had some questions from residents about the project. Councilwoman Glover wanted it to be clear to the residents of Silverton that we are in the exploration stage of the project and nothing has been finalized. Mr. Wendling added that if the project moves forward we will hold hearings to get the public’s input. Councilwoman Thompson asked what the approximate building time is. Mr. Bursen stated that it would take 18 to 24 months once construction commenced for the school to be completed. Councilwoman Thompson asked what the old school site would be used for. Mr. Wendling stated he hoped that it could be used as a “swing site” for several years while CPS completed building the other schools, then the city would decide what to use the land for. Mr. Wendling hopes to see some high-end condos built on the site. Mr. Wendling also stated that he believes the school being built in the park will help enhance property values at the properties surrounding the park. Mr. Wendling stated he would like the school to be the “neighborhood school” and serve primarily Silverton kids. Mr. Gunnell said the LSDMC will determine the program for the school. Mr. Wendling asked if it would be possible for council to take a tour of the new schools. Mr. Gunnell said it would be fine and to contact his office to set it up. Mayor Smith concluded the discussion by stating he feels it is a “win – win” situation for all.

3. “Pooper Scooper” Ordinance

Mr. Wendling stated he is proposing that council pass a new ordinance to enact a “pooper scooper” ordinance to address dogs defecating in yards that do not belong to their owners. Mr. Wendling reminded council that we had a resident at a previous meeting complaining about a neighbor who allowed his dog to defecate in said resident’s yard. Council was in agreement to create a “pooper scooper” ordinance. Mr. Wendling stated he would prepare one for an upcoming business meeting.

4. Change in Severity of Marijuana Conviction in Silverton

Mr. Wendling informed council that the City of Cincinnati was considering raising the penalties for marijuana possession from a Minor Misdemeanor to a 4<sup>th</sup> degree Misdemeanor. Mr. Wendling stated Chief Daudistel is concerned that the marijuana users in Cincinnati might move into Silverton where there is a lesser penalty. Mr. Wendling discussed the issue with Mr. Pacheco, who is recommending the City change the penalty to a First degree Misdemeanor.

Council was in agreement and Mr. Wendling stated he would begin working on an appropriate ordinance.

5. Community Room Retrofit

Mr. Wendling reported that the Police Department would like to change the community room into a "squad room". Mr. Wendling stated the community room was not utilized and the police really had no room to work in the current situation. The department has outgrown their current space and is looking for some additional working space. Mr. Wendling added that any group, i.e.> the scrabble club, could use council chambers for their meetings.

**OPEN DISCUSSION BY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Councilwoman Hackett reported that Mary Wright was not present at the meeting due to a death in the family.

Councilwoman Hackett also reported that she watched our meeting on Channel 17 and the meeting was cut off in the middle. Councilwoman Thompson said she would check on it, but it has never happened before, so she believes it must have been a technical difficulty.

Mr. Wendling invited all council members to the Silverton Development, Inc. meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at 11:30. The meeting is being hosted by Kathy & Mike Benken at Benken's Florist and lunch will be provided.

Mayor Smith noted that he was working on enlarging the parade and there is a possibility of Meier's Winery putting together a float for the parade.

Mr. Wendling reported that CG & E should be finished with their work on Sampson by the end of March and the Sampson Lane road project should be finished by mid-April.

Mayor Smith stated that Richard Shomo had agreed to serve on the Charter Revision Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilwoman Thompson made a motion for adjournment, which was seconded by Councilman Sylvester. All voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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John A. Smith  
Mayor

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Mark T. Wendling  
City Manager

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Meredith L. George  
Clerk of Council