

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
 Minutes of the Silverton City Council Meeting
 Held Thursday, March 16th, 2006

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a business meeting in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7pm on Thursday, March 16th, 2006. Mayor John Smith called the meeting to order.

OPENING REMARKS:

Councilman Sylvester led the prayer and the March 2006 Student of the Month 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 were needed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:

Mayor Smith presented minutes from the following meetings for approval: February 16, 2006 Business Meeting. Councilwoman Thompson motioned for approval with any necessary corrections and was seconded by Councilwoman Hackett. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND GUESTS:

1. Councilwoman Hackett introduced the March 2006 Student of the Month, Miss Aaqila Glynn. Mayor Smith presented Miss Glynn with a proclamation.
2. Mayor Smith noted that former City Clerk Charles Clark had passed away earlier in the week and the funeral is scheduled for Friday, March 17, 2006 at Thompson, Hall, Jordan Funeral Home.
3. Mayor Smith informed Council they have all been invited to the Mayor of Cincinnati's Annual Prayer Breakfast scheduled for April 27, 2006 at 7:30 am at the Hyatt Regency Downtown. Please RSVP to Ms. George by April 6 if planning on attending.
4. Mayor Smith administered the oath of office to the following board members:

Mary Shea – Civil Service Commission
 Ted Wanstrath – Board of Zoning Appeals
 Harvey Howard, Idella Thompson and Mark Wendling – Deer Park
 Silverton Joint Fire District Board

Shirley Hackett – Design Review Board

OLD BUSINESS AND GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mr. Wendling reported that we are at somewhat of a standoff with the Post Office regarding the parking lot / traffic flow issues. Mr. Wendling stated he has discussed the issue with Mr. Pacheco and they believe it is time to inform the Post Office that the City is preparing to take more aggressive action. Councilman Quarry stated he was informed there is an internal Post Office meeting scheduled to take place on March 17, 2006 and Mr. Wendling should anticipate hearing from the Post Office soon.

Mr. Wendling reported the gas main replacement on Sampson Lane is near completion, which will allow Adleta Construction to finish the road project soon.

Mr. Wendling stated Rob Fritzsch was present and wished to address council about sidewalk improvements in front of Play by Play Sports Café on Plainfield Road. Mr. Fritsch stated he would like to install colored, stamped concrete in front of the new business along with a couple of trees. Mr. Fritzsch stated he is modeling the project after the Hyde Park Square sidewalks and presented pictures of the sidewalks to council. Councilwoman Hackett stated that she was concerned if other businesses wanted to do the same the sidewalks would not match. Mr. Fritzsch noted that the project is relatively inexpensive, low maintenance and the colors could be easily matched. Councilwoman Thompson said she really liked the idea and she thought it would serve as a model for other businesses. Councilwoman Hackett stated that in the past Italianette Pizza had wanted to put trees in front of their business but were denied permission. Mr. Wendling stated he had not denied them and would look into the issue. Councilman Quarry said the City of Reading recently did the same type of project and he felt the colors were too dark. Mr. Fritzsch stated the colors would probably fade some in the sun. Council indicated acceptance of the proposal. Mr. Fritzsch told Mr. Wendling he would be in touch.

NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. City Manager's Report

1.1. Mayor's Court Report

Ms. George gave the February 2006 Mayor's Court Report. Councilwoman Glover motioned for approval of the report and was seconded by Councilman Quarry. All voted aye. Motion carried.

1.2. Budget Report

Mr. Wendling reported that the February 2006 Budget Report has been delayed due to staff changes. Mr. Wendling stated that he hoped to have things caught up very soon.

1.3. City / CPS Partnership

Mr. Wendling informed council that CPS should have their due diligence completed soon and then it will be time for the City to decide if they want to pursue the project. Mr. Wendling stated there would be public hearings so residents will be able to get the full view of the proposal. Councilman Quarry asked if there was any possibility of combining the police department with the school. Mr. Wendling stated that there is a possibility of combining the municipal

building with the school, but he did not recommend separating administration from the police department. Mr. Wendling stated we would further explore the idea.

1.4. Plainfield Road Street Project

Mr. Wendling reported that the Plainfield Road project will go out for bid in mid-April and the project will be awarded in May. However, the funding will not be available until July, so the project will not commence until after July 1, 2006.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Councilwoman Glover

Councilwoman Glover reported that the LSDMC has met recently and the committee is thrilled with the idea of the joint venture with CPS. LSDMC is excited and looking forward to working on the new Silverton School project.

2. Councilwoman Hackett

Councilwoman Hackett reported that the Civil Service Commission has not met recently because there is still an active list for police officer applicants if the need to hire one would arise. The list is good until the end of this year.

Councilwoman Hackett reported that the Design Review Board has not met since she was appointed to the board.

3. Councilman Morthorst

Councilman Morthorst stated the Tax Review Board began operating earlier this year and they have their second case in progress. Mr. Morthorst has developed a format for the board's decision and the board is a work in progress.

Councilman Morthorst reported that the Charter Revision Committee has appointed its final member, Mr. Richard Shomo and they committee plans to meet in April to discuss any issues that need to be addressed this year.

4. Councilman Quarry

Councilman Quarry reported that the Hamilton County Storm Water District is a partnership between the communities in Hamilton County and information is available at www.hamilton-co.org/stormwater.

Councilman Quarry reported that OKI is a steering committee for transportation issues in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. Currently they have a number of projects in the works including traffic issues in Western Hamilton County, the I-471 Bridge and the Brent Spence Bridge.

Councilman Quarry stated there was no report for the Park Board.

5. Councilman Sylvester

Councilman Sylvester reported that the Planning Commission recently approved the final plat for the Andrew Acres subdivision located at the end of Hedge Avenue and required the developer to post a bond for soil erosion.

6. Councilwoman Thompson

Councilwoman Thompson reported that the Fire Board recently passed their budget and they will be adding two new full time lieutenant positions.

Councilwoman Thompson reported that ICRC is focusing on two areas of improvement for 2006: an upgrade of their mobile van and adding an additional staff member to make programs available on the Internet. Councilwoman Hackett asked if they found out what happened to the last airing of our meeting, since it was cut short. Councilwoman Thompson said the whole meeting was recorded and if there are any problems noted in the future to call ICRC immediately at 772-4272.

OPEN DISCUSSION / NEW ISSUES BY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Councilwoman noted that the Aamco parking lot looked better. Mr. Wendling agreed that it does look better, but the issue is not resolved.

Councilman Quarry noted the Train Station will be washed at the end of the month and the painting is scheduled for April 1, 2006.

Mayor Smith reminded all of the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt at Ficke Park on Saturday, April 8 at 11:00 am.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

Mr. Wendling introduced Ordinance 06-3207 An Ordinance Amending Section 138.03(C)(3)(a) and (C)(4)(a) of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the City of Silverton, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Wendling introduced Ordinance 06-3208 An Ordinance Adding Section 90.14 to the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the City of Silverton, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Wendling introduced Ordinance 06-3209 An Ordinance Revising the Legal Level of Budgetary Control for the Fiscal Year 2006 and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Wendling introduced 06-3210 An Ordinance Making Appropriations for the Expenses of the City of Silverton, Ohio for the Fiscal Year 2006 and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Wendling introduced Ordinance 06-483 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Rental Agreement with the Hamilton County Board of Elections for the Purpose of Securing Polling Facilities for Precincts at the Silverton Municipal Building in order to Accomplish General, Special, and Primary Elections.

Mr. Wendling introduced Ordinance 06-484 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with USI Midwest, Inc. for the Purpose of Administering Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Regulations on Behalf of the City of Silverton for the Period of January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2009.

Mr. Wendling introduced 06-485 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with USI Midwest, Inc. for the Purpose of Administering Section 125 Flexible Spending Account on Behalf of the City of Silverton for the Period of January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING NEW BUSINESS:

Mary Wright – 6700 Stoll Lane

Mrs. Wright asked if the standing water problem would be taken care of when the Sampson Lane project is completed. Mr. Wendling stated that it would be fixed when the road is finished. Mrs. Wright also stated that the Pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist will allow the church to be used for emergencies and we can use the parking lot for a Farmer's Market.

Brenda Middlebrooks – 3921 N Fordham

Ms. Middlebrooks asked council if there was any possibility of aggregation for our gas and electric services. Mr. Wendling stated that there was, but we would have to collaborate with other communities or the Center for Local Government.

READING OF PENDING LEGISLATION:

Ms. George gave the reading of Ordinance 06-3207 An Ordinance Amending Section 138.03(C)(3)(a) and (C)(4)(a) of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the City of Silverton, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency. Councilwoman Thompson motioned for adoption and was seconded by Councilwoman Glover. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried. Councilman Quarry motioned to suspend the rules and was seconded by Councilman Sylvester. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Ms. George gave the reading of Ordinance 06-3208 An Ordinance Adding Section 90.14 to the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the City of Silverton, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency. Councilwoman Glover moved for adoption and was seconded by Councilman Quarry. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried. Councilman Morthorst motioned to suspend the rules and was seconded by Councilman Quarry. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Ms. George gave the reading of Ordinance 06-3209 An Ordinance Revising the Legal Level of Budgetary Control for the Fiscal Year 2006 and Declaring an Emergency. Councilwoman Thompson moved for adoption and was seconded by Councilwoman Glover. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried. Councilwoman Thompson motioned to suspend the rules and was seconded by Councilman Sylvester. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Ms. George gave the reading of 06-3210 An Ordinance Making Appropriations for the Expenses of the City of Silverton, Ohio for the Fiscal Year 2006 and Declaring an Emergency. Councilman Quarry moved for adoption and was seconded by Councilwoman Glover. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried. Councilwoman Hackett motioned to suspend the rules and was seconded by Councilwoman Glover. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Ms. George gave the reading of 06-483 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Rental Agreement with the Hamilton County Board of Elections for the Purpose of Securing Polling Facilities for Precincts at the Silverton Municipal Building in order to Accomplish General, Special, and Primary Elections. Councilwoman Glover

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MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:

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