

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, April 6, 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	Present		
Frank Sylvester	Council	Present		
Idella Thompson	Council	Present		

CITY MANAGER'S WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Holly Christmann – Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District
Mr. Wendling introduced Ms. Holly Christmann from the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District who was present to provide council an overview of the 2006-2021 Solid Waste Management Plan Update. Ms. Christmann stated the goal of the new plan is to promote recycling and instill good solid waste management practices. Ms. Christmann presented the new plan to council and asked them to review it. There is a 90-day ratification period and if Silverton wishes to be included a resolution would need to be to the Solid Waste District by June 19, 2006.
2. Easter Egg Hunt
Mr. Wendling reminded council that the annual Easter Egg Hunt was scheduled for Saturday, April 8th at 11:00 am at Ficke Park. Volunteers are still needed. A sign up was passed around for those able to help out.
3. Strategic / Comprehensive Plan
Mr. Wendling wanted a clarification from council on whether they were interested in a strategic plan or a comprehensive plan. After a short discussion, council was in agreement that they were interested in pursuing a comprehensive plan. Mr. Wendling stated he believes it is a good idea; however it is something we need to budget for.
4. Joint Venture – Cincinnati Public Schools
Mr. Wendling informed council that they have been given a schedule of upcoming meetings regarding the school project. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Mr. Wendling stated he has added the meetings to the

website calendar and will also do a press release. Mr. Wendling reported that CPS commenced their due diligence for the environmental testing this week and the results should be available soon. If the results come back favorable, then he recommends that the City proceed with testing on the current school site property. Councilman Quarry asked what the cost of the testing was. Mr. Wendling said the testing would run about \$5000.00. Mr. Wendling also reported that he met with the YMCA earlier this week and they have some interest in possibly putting a mini-YMCA in the park, including a fitness center, senior programming and an after school program.

5. Post Office

Mr. Wendling reported that the Post Office has given him a sketch of their new traffic flow pattern. The plan appears to be similar to the old traffic flow pattern and should be changed in approximately two weeks. The new plan will move the location of the handicap spots and also create 9 or 10 more parking spots.

6. Plainfield Road Improvement Project

Mr. Wendling reported that the documents for the Plainfield Road Improvement Project are almost complete and the estimated cost is between \$500,000 and \$600,000. Mr. Wendling stated that this is well below the original estimate of \$750,000. Mr. Wendling also reported that CDS has drawn up a plan that will change the turning radius from Woodford to Plainfield that will add about \$85,000 to the project. Mr. Wendling stated that he believes that the radius is fine as it is, because it slows the traffic around the bend and it makes the project less expensive. Council was in agreement.

Mr. Wendling also reported that there is another issue with the parking that is in front of the apartment buildings at Plainfield and Tamworth. If we keep the parking there we will have to repave it as part of the road project, which will cost about \$60,000. If we eliminate the parking it will only cost \$20,000, but will upset the residents of the buildings. Mr. Wendling stated he does not know why, how or when the parking was installed at the buildings, and he will further research the issue. One option would be to pass on the cost to the building owners through an assessment. Mr. Wendling said from an aesthetic perspective the parking should be removed. Council asked Mr. Wendling to further look into the issue.

Mr. Wendling also suggested that part of Diehl be included as an alternate in the project bidding, as it is deteriorating fast and it is necessary to provide proper drainage for Plainfield Road. Council was in agreement.

7. Waste Collection Invoices

Mr. Wendling reported that a resident, Dan Guy, has asked the City to change its policy regarding waste collection billing. The City contracts with Greater Cincinnati Water Works, which collect bills for waster collection on the water bill. The current City policy is that the waste collection fee is due so long as water service is maintained. In the past, the City had major delinquency problems with waster collection fees. It is assumed that a property with water service will also utilize trash service. Changing the policy will require the city to monitor a property to determine when it has become occupied and trash collection has resumed. The City's waste hauler does not provide monitoring service and collects all trash set at the curb. The City itself does not have the manpower to

monitor all properties. Council was in agreement not to vary the current policy and not waive the waste collection fees. Mr. Wendling stated he would create an ordinance for the business meeting that re-affirms our administrative policy. Councilman Quarry motioned to not waive the waste collection fees for Mr. Guy and was seconded by Councilwoman Thompson. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Thompson asked if there was a certain time that Rumpke can start collecting the garbage each morning. Mr. Wendling stated that they can begin collecting the garbage any time in the morning; they do not have to wait until 7:00 am. Mr. Wendling added that we could insert a time restriction in the next contract but he does not recommend it because it is very costly. The best solution is for residents to put their garbage out the night before.

8. Codification Update

Mr. Wendling stated we recently received our new codification update and he has been reviewing it. Once it has been checked it will be presented to council for approval.

9. Miscellaneous

Mr. Wendling reported that we have a new cleaning company, ServiceMaster and so far they are doing an excellent job.

Mr. Wendling reported that the new sidewalk in front of Play by Play is finished and it looks great. Mr. Wendling said he stopped and looked at it and it greatly highlights the façade improvements. Councilman Sylvester was concerned about the color of the sidewalk fading. Mr. Wendling stated that Mr. Fritsch plans to have the sidewalk sealed which should slow down the fading.

Mr. Wendling also reported that he was recently appointed to the Center of Local Government Board of Directors for a three-year term. Council congratulated him on his appointment.

Mayor Smith asked Council that if they are going to be absent for a meeting to please call Ms. George and let her know of the absence.

Mayor Smith also reported that the Kennedy Heights Community Group was going to Columbus to protest a drive-thru liquor store that a developer wants to put where the old school was. Mayor Smith wanted to make council aware of the situation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Quarry made a motion for adjournment, which was seconded by Councilwoman Thompson. 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