

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of the Silverton City Council Meeting  
Held Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a business meeting in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7pm on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 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	Bryan Pacheco	City Solicitor
Shirley Hackett	Council	Present	Meredith George	Clerk of Council
Mike Morthorst	Council	Present	Tom Peterson	Finance Director
Mark Quarry	Council	Present		
Frank Sylvester	Council	Present		
Idella Thompson	Council	Present		

**REVIEW MEETING AGENDA:**

No changes were requested.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:**

Mayor Smith presented minutes from the following meetings for approval: May 18, 2006 Business Meeting, the June 1, 2006 Public Hearing and the June 1, 2006 Workshop. Councilman Quarry motioned for approval with any necessary corrections and was seconded by Councilwoman Glover. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND GUESTS:**

1. Mayor Smith reminded all that the next school-planning meeting was scheduled for Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Silverton Municipal Building. All interested parties are welcome and encouraged to attend. Mayor Smith added that school has been let out for the summer and to please watch your speed, as there are lots of children playing outside.
2. Mayor Smith introduced Mrs. Dottie Schwartz, a long time resident of Silverton. Mrs. Schwartz stated she received a phone call yesterday from Carl Lindner's secretary inviting Mrs. Schwartz to meet with Mr. Lindner today. When Mrs. Schwartz arrived at Mr. Lindner's office, she met with Mr. Lindner and he presented her a letter and an American Financial stock certificate worth \$50,000 made out to the City of Silverton. Council was thrilled with the news and Mayor Smith thanked Mr. Lindner on behalf of the Council, residents and employees of the City of Silverton for his generosity. Councilman Quarry also thanked Mrs. Schwartz for being such a wonderful ambassador for our city.

**OLD BUSINESS AND GENERAL COMMENTS:**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### 1. City Manager's Report

#### 1.1. Mayor's Court Report

Ms. George gave the May 2006 Mayor's Court Report. Councilwoman Thompson motioned to accept the report and was seconded by Councilwoman Glover. All voted aye. Motion carried.

#### 1.2. Budget Report

Mr. Wendling turned the Budget Report over to Finance Director Tom Peterson. Mr. Peterson asked if there were any additional questions regarding the tax budget. There were none. Mr. Peterson stated that the budget report for 2006 was coming along well. The City has hired a temporary accountant to aide Mr. Peterson in getting things caught up. Mr. Peterson stated he would have January through May to present at the July business meeting.

#### 1.3. Sampson Lane Improvement Project

Mr. Wendling informed council that the project is closing out. Adleta Construction is aware of a few minor issues that need to be fixed and will be taking care of them in the near future.

#### 1.4. Plainfield Road Improvement Project

Mr. Wendling also reported that the Plainfield Road project bid document is almost complete and it will go out to bid soon. The project will be bid to widen Plainfield Road. The work will commence sometime after July 1, 2006.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### 1. Councilwoman Thompson

Councilwoman Thompson reported that there was a Fire District Board meeting on Tuesday, June 13. The 2007 Tax Budget was presented for approval. Councilwoman Thompson noted that there was no negative response to the tax budget and it was approved. Councilwoman Thompson also reported that the Fire District will be submitting a replacement levy on the November ballot and that the millage will be reduced from 6.5 mills to 6.4 mills. However, the replacement levy will generate more money for the district. Councilwoman Thompson also reminded everyone that the raffle for the Fire District is in July and it is a great fundraiser to purchase equipment. Councilman Quarry asked if there was any resistance from Deer Park. Mr. Wendling stated that Deer Park representatives supported the levy. Councilwoman Thompson stressed the importance of the services the Fire District provides to the residents of Silverton and Deer Park. Mr. Wendling stated he would invite Chief Newman to a workshop meeting to discuss the details of the levy.

Councilwoman Thompson reported that there was a letter from Pat Stern, from ICRC included in the council packet for everyone to review. The purpose of the letter is to inform Silverton that Cincinnati Bell is looking for a franchise in Silverton. Councilwoman Thompson has invited Mrs. Stern to attend the July 6, 2006 Workshop to explain the details to City Council. Councilwoman asked what the franchise is for. Mr. Wendling explained that it is related to multi-channel services and Cincinnati Bell must get permission to establish a franchise in Silverton.

2. Councilwoman Glover

Councilwoman Glover reported that the LSDMC is on summer break. However, Councilwoman Glover reported that the City Council members went on a tour of two new CPS schools – Riverview East and Winton Hills Academy. The tours were helpful and the new buildings are beautiful. Councilwoman Glover reported that Silverton School has similar needs to the Winton Hills Academy and the principal, Dr. Christina Russo, was very helpful.

3. Councilwoman Hackett

Councilwoman Hackett reported that the Civil Service Commission met on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and recommended hiring a new, permanent full time officer. The department is experiencing staffing shortages due to PO Kabakoff's military call up and several officers on medical leave. Mr. Wendling added that the overall staffing level of the department would not be permanently increased.

Councilwoman Hackett reported that the Design Review Board had no report.

Councilwoman Hackett reported that she is researching creating a Beautification Commission. Councilwoman Hackett has been in touch with Merrie Stillpass, who serves on Amberley Village's Beautification Commission. Councilwoman Hackett will be attending a meeting at Amberley Village on June 19, 2006. Councilwoman Hackett also stated she will be meeting with a representative from Urban Forestry on June 29, 2006 to discuss the Tree City USA program. Councilwoman Hackett stated the meeting will take place at her home on 6/29/06 at 2:00 pm and anyone interested is welcome to attend. The meeting will simply be to gather information about the program. Councilman Quarry suggested involving the Sweet Peas and integrating the Spruce Up Silverton program into the Beautification Commission.

4. Councilman Morthorst

Councilman Morthorst stated the Tax Review Board has not needed to meet recently and Ms. Davis reported to him that the cases they have heard are meeting their obligations to the City.

Councilman Morthorst reported that a Charter Revision Committee meeting would be scheduled. Mr. Morthorst said the committee is considering four charter revisions and will prioritize them by importance.

5. Councilman Quarry

Councilman Quarry reported that the Hamilton County Storm Water District would shortly provide the City with some draft legislative language. The City must designate a contact person for storm water management. The deadline for submitting a contact was originally last fall, but the District was unable to provide jurisdictions with the proper legislative language.

Councilman Quarry reported he had no new business to report from OKI.

Councilman Quarry stated the Summer Concert Series would be kicking off next Friday, June 23, 2006 with the Comet Bluegrass All-Stars. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Ficke (Silverton) Park.

Councilman Quarry reported that there were some properties that would be recognized as winners of the Spruce Up Silverton award for the month of June, but the yard signs still need to be ordered. Councilwoman Glover, Hackett and Thompson expressed an interest in having some input on which properties would be given the award. Councilman Quarry stated that this would be another good opportunity to involve the Sweet Pea Society.

6. Councilman Sylvester

Councilman Sylvester reported that the Planning Commission met last month and is recommending two text amendments to Council. The amendments address ground signs, financial institutions in commercial zones and residential structures in the Business B zone. Mr. Wendling added that there is an ordinance on this evening's agenda to put those text amendments in place.

**OPEN DISCUSSION / NEW ISSUES BY ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Councilwoman Thompson asked if the vacant lot on Stewart Road sold at the Sheriff's auction. Mr. Wendling reported that it did sell, and the buyer plans to rebuild on the lot. Mr. Wendling also stated the buyer has asked the City of Silverton to forgive the special assessment that was placed on the property to cover the demolition costs. Mr. Wendling stated the issue would be discussed in detail at a workshop meeting.

Councilwoman Glover voiced concerns about the stop signs. The signs are faded and could be easily missed, causing an accident. Mr. Wendling stated he would advise Mr. Lehmkuhl of the problem. Councilwoman Glover also stated she feels there are some residential intersections that don't have stop signs that need them. Mr. Wendling agreed and stated stop sign placement is the City's discretion and the issue would be further discussed at a future meeting. Councilwoman Glover added that she thinks a uniformed officer should be present each day as school lets out because of the drivers and the hazards they present to the children getting out of school. Mr. Wendling will discuss the issue with Chief Daudistel.

Councilwoman Glover stated that the trucks unloading vehicles at the BMW Store are causing a dangerous situation on Stewart Road. Mr. Wendling stated he would ask the Police Department to address the issue with the BMW Store.

Councilman Quarry asked about the status of the BMW Store development on Stewart Road. Mr. Wendling stated that the project is on hold, but the City has a three-year letter of credit from the BMW Store.

Councilman Quarry asked Mr. Wendling to highlight the Tax Department report that was disseminated with the packets. Mr. Wendling reported that the revenues were up 13% from last year and we are continuing to make good progress.

Councilman Quarry asked about the status of the surveying that was done in Ficke Park by Cincinnati Public Schools. Mr. Wendling reported that the report came back clean. We are now waiting to see how we will proceed with the proposed project.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:**

Mr. Wendling introduced Ordinance 06-3217 An Ordinance Adopting the Recommendations of the Silverton Planning Commission and Amending Chapter 153 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Wendling introduced Ordinance 06-3218 An Ordinance Adopting the Preliminary Budget for the City of Silverton for the Calendar Year 2007 and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Wendling introduced Ordinance 06-3219 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 06-3210 Revising Appropriations for the Expenses of the City of Silverton, Ohio for the Fiscal Year 2006 and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Wendling introduced Ordinance 06-3220 An Ordinance Amending Section 138.03 (C) (3) (a) of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the City of Silverton, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Wendling introduced Resolution 06-490 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into A Contract With United Health Care for the Provision of Major Medical Insurance for the Qualified Employees of the City of Silverton.

**READING OF PENDING LEGISLATION:**

Ms. George gave the reading of Ordinance 06-3217 An Ordinance Adopting the Recommendations of the Silverton Planning Commission and Amending Chapter 153 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances. Councilman Quarry motioned for passage and was seconded by Councilwoman Glover. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried. Councilwoman Glover motioned to suspend the rules and was seconded by Councilwoman Hackett. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Ms. George gave the reading of 06-3218 An Ordinance Adopting the Preliminary Budget for the City of Silverton for the Calendar Year 2007 and Declaring an Emergency. Councilwoman Hackett motioned for passage and was seconded by Councilman Morthorst. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried. Councilwoman Glover motioned to suspend the rules and was seconded by Councilwoman Hackett. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Ms. George gave the reading of 06-3219 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 06-3210 Revising Appropriations for the Expenses of the City of Silverton, Ohio for the Fiscal Year 2006 and Declaring an Emergency. Councilwoman Thompson motioned for passage and was seconded by Councilwoman Glover. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried. Councilwoman Glover motioned to suspend the rules and was seconded by Councilwoman Hackett. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Ms. George gave the reading of 06-3220 An Ordinance Amending Section 138.03 (C) (3) (a) of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the City of Silverton, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency. Councilwoman Glover motioned for passage and was seconded by Councilman Sylvester. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried. Councilman Quarry motioned to suspend the rules and was seconded by Councilman Sylvester. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Ms. George gave the reading of Resolution 06-490 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into A Contract With United Health Care for the Provision of Major Medical Insurance for the Qualified Employees of the City of Silverton. Councilman Quarry motioned for passage and was seconded by Councilwoman Glover. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Thompson and seconded by Councilwoman Glover. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Meredith L. George  
Clerk of Council

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John A. Smith  
Mayor

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Mark T. Wendling  
City Manager