

## **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of the Silverton City Council Workshop

Held Thursday, December 7, 2006

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a workshop in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 7, 2006. Mayor John Smith called the meeting to order.

### **OPENING REMARKS:**

Mr. Sylvester led in prayer, and Mayor Smith let 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	Absent		
Mark Quarry	Council	Absent		
Frank Sylvester	Council	Present		
Idella Thompson	Council	Present		

Mayor Smith noted that Mr. Quarry called and would be arriving late and Mr. Morthorst was not present and had not called in. Mrs. Thompson motioned to excuse Mr. Quarry and Mr. Morthorst and was seconded by Mrs. Glover. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Del Doddy was present to address Council regarding leaf removal for the City. Mr. Wendling suggested he schedule a meeting with him, before bringing the issue to Council. Mr. Doddy agreed and stated he would be calling the office schedule an appointment.

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

#### **1. Andrew Acres Tax Abatement – Schuyler Murdoch**

Mr. Wendling introduced Ms. Schuyler Murdoch, the developer of the Andrew Acres residential development on Hedge Avenue. Ms. Schuyler stated her purpose in addressing Council was to see if a tax abatement could be considered for her development. Ms. Schuyler stated this project began several years ago and a tax abatement was discussed in the early stages. The subject was re-visited earlier this year with Mr. Wendling. Ms. Murdoch was under the impression that the tax abatement was certain; however Mr. Wendling stated that the tax abatement was never guaranteed. After a short discussion, Council agreed to investigate the issue, gather more information and then get back with Ms. Murdoch. Again, no guarantees were made to Ms. Murdoch. Mr. Hopkins, a new resident in the development also stated he would like to see the tax abatement issue researched; however he was satisfied with his new home whether the tax abatement went into affect or not. Additionally, Ms. Murdoch was advised by Council to eliminate any tax abatement promises included in the marketing of her development.

*(Mr. Morthorst and Mr. Quarry arrived during Ms. Murdoch's presentation.)*

2. Plainfield Road Improvement Project Update

Mr. Wendling reported that final course on Plainfield Road is down and the new road is beautiful. There are a few final restorations that need to be completed. Mr. Wendling stated he needed to have Dave Emerick check the water flow near the parking areas in front of the apartment buildings. Mr. Quarry agreed. Mr. Sylvester asked about the catch basin on the hill near Tamworth Circle. Mr. Wendling informed Mr. Sylvester that he will have to ask Mr. Emerick about the catch basin also. Mr. Quarry asked if the add-ons are complete. Mr. Wendling stated that the portions of N. Fordham, Elm and Woodford are complete.

3. Plainfield/Montgomery Intersection Project

Mr. Wendling stated that Joe Cottrell from the Hamilton County Engineer's Office called to inform us we will receive the funding for the intersection project at Plainfield and Montgomery. Mr. Wendling stated the project will include needing to obtain right of way from the Litehouse. Mr. Quarry asked if the City would be able to tack on a street project. Mr. Wendling stated we would not.

4. Silverton Paideia School

Mr. Wendling reported that he attended a meeting at Silverton School this morning to discuss the idea of the Museum Magnet School. All involved are very excited about the idea and are looking forward to see how the idea progresses. Mrs. Thompson asked what the process was for the building of the new school. Mr. Wendling stated the planning phase would not begin until the summer of 2007, after the exact location of the school is determined.

5. Property Appraisals/Housing Study

Mr. Wendling stated that he would like to have some property appraised so that we know where we stand for negotiating purposes for upcoming projects. The properties that need to be appraised are: Ficke Park, The Litehouse, and Silverton Paideia School.

6. Urban Forestry Program

Mr. Wendling reported that the Urban Forestry Board met Saturday and developed their mission statement. Mr. Quarry asked if the board would include other elements, other than trees. Mrs. Hackett stated that they would look at that later on – initially they are trying to get the board off the ground focusing on trees.

7. Board and Commission Appointments

Mr. Wendling reported that the following board and commission positions will be open at the beginning of the New Year:

Civil Service Commission - Bill Dean (wishes to continue)

Fire Board Business Rep – Will Meinzen (wishes to continue)

Design Review Board (Alternate) – Jim Siegel (wishes to continue)

BZA – Greg Hoekzema (wishes to continue)

Park Board – has three vacancies – Edwenia Rutledge and Andrea Mathein are interested in serving.

OKI – Mark Quarry (wishes to continue)

Mr. Wendling also presented and discussed with Council a list of possible members for the Steering Committee.

8. Neighborhood Meetings

Mr. Wendling suggested Council begin having neighborhood meetings in 2007. The meetings would involve grouping 5 or 6 streets together and meeting with the residents in their neighborhoods. The program has been implemented in Loveland and has had a very positive effect.

9. Supplemental Budget

Mr. Wendling noted that Council will have the Supplemental Budget to vote on at the next business meeting, which is done every year to satisfy the requirement with the Auditor's Office.

10. Miscellaneous

Mrs. Glover noted that there was a conflict with the Silverton Christmas Party and the quarterly Amberley Village meeting.

Mr. Quarry noted that an executive session would be needed tonight to discuss personnel issues.

Mr. Quarry motioned to adjourn to Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official per ORC 121.22 (G)1. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye motion carried.

**MOTION TO RECONVENE MEETING:**

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

Mr. Quarry motioned to give Mr. Wendling a 3% cost of living raise retro active to 11/16/06 and was seconded by Mrs. Thompson. A roll call vote was taken: Thompson – aye, Morthorst – aye, Quarry – aye, Glover – aye, Sylvester – aye, Hackett – nay. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mrs. Thompson made a motion for adjournment, which was seconded by Mrs. Glover. 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