

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Silverton City Council Workshop Held Thursday, June 7, 2007

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a workshop in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 7, 2007. 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	Absent	Tom Peterson	Finance Director
Mike Morthorst	Council	Present	Bryan Pacheco	Solicitor
Mark Quarry	Council	Absent		
Frank Sylvester	Council	Present		
Idella Thompson	Council	Present		

Mayor Smith noted that Mrs. Hackett and Mr. Quarry were unable to attend tonight's meeting. Mrs. Glover motioned to excuse Mrs. Hackett and Mr. Quarry, seconded by Mrs. Thompson. All voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kari Smiley – 6802 Alpine Avenue

Mrs. Smiley stated she was present to observe the meeting and to ask Council about the City's loud noise ordinance. Mrs. Smiley stated she has a problem in her neighborhood with loud car stereos. Mrs. Smiley stated this is a regular problem and would like Council to post signs in the City referencing the loud noise ordinance and the potential penalty. Mr. Wendling asked Mrs. Smiley to call him so that they may further discuss the issue, including increasing the police patrol and the potential placement of signs. Mrs. Smiley agreed to contact Mr. Wendling.

CITY MANAGER'S WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Charles Hawk and Lori Gischel – Regional Income Tax Authority

Mr. Wendling introduced Charles Hawk and Lori Gischel from the Regional Income Tax Authority (RITA). Mr. Hawk and Ms. Gischel gave a presentation about the services that RITA offers to municipalities in Ohio for income tax collection. The three main things that RITA offers is increased revenues, decreased costs and technology. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session. Mrs. Glover expressed concerns about a personal touch for our residents. Mr. Hawk added that he recommended that the City retain an employee in the tax department to have someone available at the local level. Additionally, Mr. Hawk added that one of RITA's strengths is customer service therefore the personal touch would still be there by providing excellent customer

service to our residents. Mrs. Hawk and Ms. Gischel thanked Council for the opportunity to give their presentation.

2. 6018 Plainfield Road

Mr. Wendling presented pictures to Council regarding the parking pad issue at 6018 Plainfield. As previously discussed the property owner, Ms. Sonia Warner, had addressed Council stating that she was unhappy with the way the pad looked and would like the City to have the pad re-done. Mr. Wendling explained that Ms. Warner was given the option to have the pad installed parallel to her driveway but declined and agreed to have the pad placed as it currently is. After a brief discussion, Council was in agreement that the City would not have the pad re-configured as Ms. Warner chose this option. Council agreed that if she is unhappy with the pad then she needs to take on the burden of replacement. Mrs. Thompson motioned to deny the request made by Ms. Warner to replace the driveway pad at 6018 Plainfield Road and was seconded by Mrs. Glover. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

3. Discussion of proposed legislation regulating temporary storage units

Mr. Wendling reported that the Planning Commission met earlier in the evening to deliberate on text changes to the zoning code that will establish regulations for temporary storage units and containers. Mr. Wendling stated the legislation needs to be fine-tuned and Council should expect to see more on this next month.

Mrs. Thompson reported that a home on Elwynne is being cleaned out. The owner has a dumpster on site, but when Rumpke comes to empty it they slam it on to the street. Mrs. Thompson is afraid it will damage the street. Mr. Wendling agreed to investigate.

4. National Main Street Program

Mr. Wendling reported he has been researching the National Main Street Program and plans to attend the program's "Call for Applications" seminar on June 19th, 2007. Mr. Wendling suspects the program may offer many benefits for the City. There will be more information on the program presented to Council in July.

5. Discussion Regarding HB 154 – Community Courts

Mr. Wendling asked Mrs. George to address HB 154. Mrs. George explained that the bill has had two hearings thus far. Mrs. George recently met with two members of the House Judiciary Committee, Chairman Lou Blessing and Representative Bill Seitz. The meeting was productive and changes to Mayor's Courts are anticipated. The changes we can expect are having a magistrate hear all courts, changing the name to "Community Court" and there may be a population requirement. As it stands, these changes will have little or no impact on Silverton.

6. Emerald Ash Borer Signs

Mr. Wendling reported the Urban Forestry Board has tagged ash trees in Silverton that are in the public right of way. The signs are intended to promote public awareness of the issue. They were provided by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

7. Park Board Appointments

Mr. Wendling reported that two individuals have indicated an interest in filling the vacancies on the Park Board. Mr. Wendling recommended that Lisa Mueller and Chris Draper be appointed to the board. Mrs. Thompson motioned to appoint Lisa Mueller and Chris Draper to the Park Board, seconded by Mrs. Glover. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

8. Tax Budget Public Hearing

Mr. Wendling reported that there would be a public hearing on the Tax Budget on Thursday, June 21 at 7:00 pm before the Council meeting. This is an annual requirement with the Auditor's Office.

9. Silverton School Issues

Mr. Wendling reported that the City is in the process of negotiating with CPS for the property swap. CPS has hired a title agency to research the deed restriction, which should be complete soon. Mr. Wendling hopes to bring the details to Council by early August then we can start scheduling the necessary public hearings.

10. Housing Study Presentation

Mr. Wendling reported that the housing study is complete and he would like to schedule a special meeting to discuss the study only. Mr. Morthorst suggested a Thursday afternoon. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 28 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mrs. Thompson motioned to adjourn to executive session to consider the purchase or sale of public property per ORC 121.22(G). Mr. Morthorst seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION TO RECONVENE MEETING:

Mr. Morthorst motioned to adjourn executive session and reconvene the regular meeting. Mrs. Glover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. Glover inquired about the upcoming Art Festival being sponsored by the Silverton Block Watch Association and Meier's Wine Cellar. She would like to provide information about the program to the Montgomery Road Arts Collaborative. Mr. Wendling committed to acquiring specifics about the program.

ADJOURNMENT:

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