

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Silverton City Council Meeting
Held Thursday, June 21st, 2007

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a business meeting in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7:15 pm on Thursday, June 17th, 2007. 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		
Mark Quarry	Council	Present		
Frank Sylvester	Council	Present		
Idella Thompson	Council	Present		

REVIEW MEETING AGENDA:

No changes needed.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND GUESTS:

1. Mayor Smith reminded everyone that school is out, so please drive slowly and carefully, as there are many children playing outside.
2. Mayor Smith introduced Mr. Alan Triggs, the magistrate for Silverton Mayor's Court. Mr. Triggs thanked Council for being given the opportunity to serve Silverton. Mr. Triggs told Council his door is always open for any questions or comments. Council welcomed Mr. Triggs aboard and thanked him for the wonderful job he has been doing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS AND GENERAL COMMENTS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Clerk of Court Report
Mrs. George gave the Mayor's Court Report for May 2007. Mrs. Thompson motioned to approve the Mayor's Court Report and was seconded by Mr. Sylvester. All voted aye. Motion carried.
2. Budget Report
Mr. Wendling gave the May 2007 Budget Report. Mrs. Thompson motioned to approve the May 2007 Budget Report and was seconded by Mr. Quarry. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

3. City Manager's Report

Mayor Smith turned the meeting over to Mr. Wendling to present his report.

3.1. Summer Intern – Manny Citron

Mr. Wendling introduced Mr. Manny Citron, the City's summer intern. Mr. Citron is a student at Ohio State University and will be spending his summer here in Silverton. Mr. Citron will be working on tax abatement programs, including Community Reinvestment Areas and a Tax Increment Financing District. Council welcomed Mr. Citron to Silverton.

3.2. Service Department Positions

Mr. Wendling reported that the vacancies in the service department have been filled. Jason Webber is an Iraq War Veteran and has municipal working experience. Steve Studt is a certified arborist. The City is excited to have them on board and is confident that they will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the service department.

3.3. Stewart Road Flooding Issue

Mr. Wendling reported that the County is ready to move forward on the Stewart Road flooding issue and has asked the City to pay for the engineering portion of the project. Mr. Wendling stated he needed to know exactly what the commitment is before we can agree to it, but he expects it to be around \$38,000. Mr. Sylvester asked about a prior survey that was done. Mr. Wendling explained that the prior survey was conceptual and design was not performed.

3.4. 6016 Plainfield Road

Mr. Wendling reported that the issue at 6016 Plainfield was discussed at the June workshop and the decision would stand. Mr. Wendling reported he will issue a letter to the property owner informing her of Council's decision.

3.5. EO 2007-017S New Ethics Requirements

Mr. Wendling reported that he included Governor Strickland's new ethics requirements in the packet and advised Council to read the memo.

3.6. Miscellaneous

Mrs. Thompson asked Mr. Wendling about the running water at the corner of Oak and Elwynne. Mr. Wendling stated that it is a Greater Cincinnati Water Works issue and that they are currently trying to pinpoint the problem.

Mrs. Glover asked about the sinkhole on Plainfield Road. Mr. Wendling reported he believes it is also a Water Works issue, however they are denying responsibility. MSD is involved to determine who is at fault.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Councilman Quarry
HCSWD – No report.

OKI – Mr. Quarry presented the 2006 OKI Annual Report.

2. Councilman Sylvester
Planning Commission – The Planning Commission is currently working on revisions to the zoning code to regulate temporary accessory structures. The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet in July to further discuss the revisions.
3. Councilwoman Thompson
ICRC – No report.

Fire District – Mrs. Thompson reported that it is time for the Fire District's Annual Raffle. Tickets have been delivered to the residents and are also available at the Fire House.

Mrs. Thompson also reported that the Fire District is in need of a new ambulance. The Fire District has three squads – a 1990, a 1993, and a 2005. The 2005 has required numerous repairs and the 1990 is in need of a new transmission. The Fire Board has approved the purchase of a new ambulance that will cost \$179,000. Additionally, the Fire District plans to ask for a lifetime warranty on the 2005 model because of the number of times it needs to be repaired thus far. Mrs. Thompson also presented Council with the monthly stats for May 2007.

4. Councilwoman Glover
LSDMC – No report.

Mrs. Glover added that the Montgomery Road Arts Collaborative is hosting a business gathering on Wednesday, July 11 at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center.

5. Councilwoman Hackett
Urban Forestry Board – Mrs. Hackett noted the minutes of the last UFB meeting were included in the Council packets. The UFB recently went to Spring Grove Cemetery and received information on how to select the proper tree to plant in the proper location. Mrs. Hackett also reported that Steve Stansel, former UFB chairman for the City of Cincinnati, will be attending the July 28th meeting to help the board develop their plan. Additionally, ash trees throughout Silverton have been tagged. Ms. Wendi Van Buren, from the ODNR, will be speaking at the June Block Watch meeting.
6. Councilman Morthorst
Tax Review Board – No report.

OPEN DISCUSSION / NEW ISSUES BY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mrs. Glover stated the City is in need of volunteers for the Welcome Wagon to welcome new residents to Silverton. Anyone interested should contact Meredith George at 513-936-6240.

Mr. Quarry reported that the first Summer Concert was a huge success. Mrs. George noted that the Sound Body Jazz Orchestra will play on Friday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Ficke Park.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

Mr. Wendling introduced Ordinance 07-3241 An Ordinance Adopting the Preliminary Budget for the City of Silverton for the Calendar Year 2008. Mr. Quarry motioned to table the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Glover. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Wendling introduced 07-3242 An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Silverton, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Wendling introduced 07-523 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with the Hamilton County General Health District for the Purpose of Providing Public Health Services.

READING OF PENDING LEGISLATION:

Mrs. George gave the reading of 07-3242 An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Silverton, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Sylvester motioned for passage and was seconded by Mrs. Thompson. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Glover motioned to suspend the rules and was seconded by Mrs. Thompson. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. George gave the reading of 07-523 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with the Hamilton County General Health District for the Purpose of Providing Public Health Services. Mr. Sylvester motioned for passage and was seconded by Mrs. Hackett. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Glover and seconded by Mr. Sylvester. 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