



## **CITY OF SILVERTON HOMELESS/HOUSING TASK FORCE MEETING**

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Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88273112522?pwd=dWdvVENXaXM1WjhRWEI5MmdXOWIvUT09>

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**Wednesday, October 27, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**
- II. Approval of Minutes** – Minutes from the meeting held on September 22, 2021
- III. Public Comment** – Items not on this agenda
- IV. Discussion/Action**
  - 4.1 Discuss action items to bring to City Council
  - 4.2 Community Center discussion
- V. Task Force Updates**
  - 6.1 Sheltering Silverton
  - 6.2 Other updates
- VI. Adjournment**

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2 CITY OF SILVERTON  
3 **HOMELESS/HOUSING TASK FORCE MINUTES**

4 **Zoom Web Conference Platform**

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6 **September 22, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**

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8 **I. CALL TO ORDER**

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10 Chair Kyle Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The task force members and staff were  
11 present through the virtual meeting platform Zoom. Chair Palmer explained the meeting is being held  
12 through Zoom in accordance with House Bill 2560.

Present	Excused	
X		Kyle Palmer
X		Rachel-Anne Rapoza
X		Sara White
X		Helen Thomas
X		Connie Yoder
X		Dana Smith
X		Jennifer Hannan
	X	Sarah DeSantis
X		Hilary Dumitrescu
X		Karen Garst
	X	Joseph Schmaus

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15 Staff Present:

16 City Manager, Ron Chandler and Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk, Melissa Molek.

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18 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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20 Member Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on May 26, 2021. Member  
21 Garst seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously (9-0).

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23 **III. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

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25 **IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM – NEW BUSINESS**

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27 **4.1 Legislative Update – Shelter and Homelessness Bills**

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29 Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk Melissa Molek presented a legislative update.

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31 HB 2004 provides \$9.7 million to the Oregon Community Foundation to support Project Turnkey  
32 emergency shelters throughout the state. It becomes effective September 25, 2021.

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34 HB 2006 requires local governments to approve an emergency shelter regardless of state or local land  
35 use laws if it meets certain criteria. ORS 446.265 (2) was defined. This law became effective May 12  
36 2021.

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38 HB 2008 requires local governments to approve the development of affordable housing on property not  
39 zoned for housing, without requiring a zoning change and provides a tax exemption if the property is  
40 owned or purchased by a religious organization. It becomes effective September 25, 2021.

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2 HB 2544 appropriates \$3.6 million in one-time funding to the Oregon Department of Human Services to  
3 award 2-year grants to organizations that provide services to or operate host home projects for  
4 unaccompanied homeless youth. It becomes effective September 25, 2021.  
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6 HB 3115 requires that any city or county law regulating the acts of sitting, lying, sleeping, or keeping  
7 warm and dry outside on public property must be “objectively reasonable” based on the totality of the  
8 circumstances as applied to all stakeholders. It became effective June 23, 2021, but the implementation  
9 date has been delayed to July 1, 2023.  
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11 HB 3124 states that law enforcement must provide written notice before removing homeless individuals  
12 from an established camping site 72 hours before removal and notices must be posted at all entrances to  
13 the site. It became effective June 23, 2021.  
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15 Discussion included:

- 16 • The City needs to coordinate a solution or have a plan to address homelessness. The City of  
17 Woodburn is an example.
- 18 • Sheltering Silverton could put all 4 pallet shelters at one religious location as long as they are  
19 emergency shelters.
- 20 • Insurance and oversight are some barriers to providing shelters.
- 21 • Exploring strategic partnerships.
- 22 • Community support for a long-term project using grant funds.
- 23 • Pallet shelters at the RV park. The city requires that the shelters be hard-wired, not powered by  
24 an extension cord.
- 25 • There is an urgent need to solve the homelessness problem, but few resources are available and  
26 Sheltering Silverton is a young organization.  
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#### 29 **4.2 Community-Wide Homelessness event scheduled for 10/10/21**

30 Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk Melissa Molek shared some information on World Homeless  
31 Day.  
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33 Discussion included:

- 34 • Ways to publicize information about homelessness.
- 35 • Ideas such as providing statistics, having Melissa Wagner do a series on homelessness, and  
36 social media.  
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#### 40 **4.3 Implementation of HB 3115 – develop recommended code language for City Council**

41 Skipped for discussion at a later date.  
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#### 44 **4.4 Brainstorm ways to further City Council Goal 4.2**

45 Skipped for discussion at a later date.  
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### 48 **V. TASK FORCE UPDATES**

#### 49 **5.1 Sheltering Silverton**

50 Member Dumitrescu shared that, since reopening on July 15, they have seen 72 unique visitors and had  
51 313 interactions.. They are open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm. They have  
52 hired a new staff member who helps them collect data. They know of 20 people who are in need of and  
53 would take advantage of winter shelter, which will be temperature-activated when the temperature falls  
54 below 33 degrees. 29 of the 72 unique visitors are housed and they’re working with them to make sure  
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1 they can remain housed. The group that camps at Tractor Supply does not want help from Sheltering  
2 Silverton. She recommends the film Nomadland. There are 14,655 homeless in Oregon, so every  
3 community needs to shelter 61 people. Sheltering Silverton helps people make connections to find  
4 housing.

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6 **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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8 Member Smith made a motion to adjourn and Chair Palmer adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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10 Respectfully submitted by:

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13 /s/ Melissa Molek, Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk

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