

**CITY OF SILVERTON
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES**

Silverton Community Center – Council Chambers – 421 South Water St.

February 26, 2018, 6:00 PM

I. OPENING CEREMONIES – Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance & roll call

Council President Freilinger called the Work Session to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present	Absent	
	Excused	Mayor Kyle Palmer
X		Council President Jason Freilinger
X		Jim Sears
X		Matt Plummer
X		Dana Smith
X		Laurie Carter
X		Rhett Martin

Staff Present:

City Manager, Christy Wurster; Public Works Director, Christian Saxe; Community Development Director, Jason Gottgetreu; and City Clerk, Lisa Figueroa

II. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

2.1 Discussion on public process for future of Eugene Field Property

Public Works Director Christian Saxe provided the staff report. He indicated the due diligence investigation of the Eugene Field property found the presence of hazardous materials in and on the structure, as well as an underground storage tank; which must be removed with the surrounding soils. He said the initial estimates for the abatement of the asbestos are in the \$150,000.00 range and the removal and abatement of the underground storage tank could cost approximately \$30,000.

Public Works Director Saxe listed several options to solicit feedback, which included receiving public comment at future Council meetings and using the City website for discussion on the issue. The Council asked how they would disseminate the condition of the building to the public. City Manager Wurster indicated staff would provide a copy of the facility valuation report to the public on the City website. She indicated there should be some time allotted to solicit public comment to determine the use of the property. The Council discussed how they should move forward on the issue. Councilor Sears said he believes the building should not be in an inundation zone nor would it meet the needs of the City to maintain the essential functions in an emergency. There was Council discussion and it was clarified the construction would ensure it would be protected in the inundation zone.

The Council discussed the timeline. City Manager Wurster said staff could determine how to move forward once the Council makes a decision. She said the first step is to determine whether the building would be removed or remain on the property. Several Councilors commented that the City purchased the property with the intent to use it as a police department/civic center. Councilor Martin inquired whether it

would be feasible to pursue an estimate to repurpose the building. Councilor Plummer said he felt repurposing the building is not an option.

The Council discussed ways to retain some of the history of the building. City Manager Wurster reviewed the Council would receive public comment at the March and April Council meetings on deconstruction and demolition of the building with a decision to move forward at the April meeting, and to not activate the community voice module on the City website. Council President Freilinger suggested creating a preservation committee or consider allowing people to take materials such as door knobs, etc. Councilor Smith indicated a licensed contractor with a certification for lead based paint would need to be involved to ensure hazardous materials are removed properly.

2.2 Discussion on Public Works Standards for Traffic Control Devices

Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) standards

Public Works Director Saxe provided the staff report and indicated the adopted Public works standards do not include specific direction on the installation of traffic control signage. He said the department uses current industry standards.

Council President Freilinger opened the floor for public comment.

Resident, Gary Green said he thinks people do not see the sign or ignore it, but he believes it should not be removed.

Resident, Steve Marineau commented the City could install numerous signs, but the people who speed will do it regardless of any signage.

Steelhammer Road stop sign

Councilor Sears presented information to the Council. He reviewed the roadway classification within the City. He said speed limits are set by statute or by an engineering study and reviewed the criterion. He provided information on various traffic calming measures. He displayed a table from the Silverton Transportation System Plan and indicated Steelhammer supports only four physical measures because it is a collector road. He reviewed the advantages/disadvantages of various physical measures such as speed tables and roundabouts and compared stop sign installation requirements as per MUTCD standards versus the Municipal Code. He provided several recommendations:

- City follows, per our code, traffic engineering principles and recognized control standards/rules. This should include the MUTCD.
- Speeding complaints are investigated to determine:
 - If zoned correctly determined by speed study.
 - If traffic calming measures would be appropriate.
 - If additional signing or temporary/permeant driver feedback signs (reader board, flashing lights, etc.) would be effective.
- Stop signs are installed based on a traffic engineer's judgement/study as appropriate.
- Consider adopting a neighborhood traffic management (NTM) program that would prioritize implementation and address issues on a systematic basis rather than a reactive basis. Criteria should be established for the appropriate application of NTM in the City.

The Council discussed alternatives to stop signs at Steelhammer. Councilor Sears suggested it could be done incrementally to test the options. City Manager Wurster advised the Council she instructed staff to remove the stop sign on Steelhammer, unless the Council chooses not to remove it. Several Council members indicated they would prefer it be removed but not until there is another mechanism to replace the stop sign.

Councilor Plummer suggested including signs at the top and bottom of the road with additional signage that says high pedestrian/residential signs and install buttons in the middle of the road. Councilor Smith suggested using vertical and horizontal measures. Councilor Carter said she would prefer painting on the pavement and flashing lights. Councilor Martin said he would like a traffic circle but does not believe it

would be a quick fix. Councilor Sears indicated he would prefer less costly methods but liked the reduced speed ahead with LEDs along the border of the sign, buttons and include a sidewalk table down towards the bottom of the road to make it look narrower. Council President Freilinger preferred signage, buttons along the bike lane, and suggested adding raised crosswalks when there is more development in that area.

Chief Fossholm noted if the Council adopts measures for that area there is a possibility other neighborhoods will seek the same resolutions. City Manager Wurster indicated she would place the removal of the sign on hold until staff installs more signage. A consensus of the Council agreed to have include the MUTCD standards to the Public Works standards.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Smith said there is a Homeless/Housing Task Force meeting on Thursday, March 1.

Councilor Carter noted there is a city trash can near the intersection of Main and Water Streets that needs a lock for the gate.

Councilor Freilinger said he would like to include a goal to increase the number fiber or wireless internet providers within the City.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

/s/Lisa Figueroa, City Clerk