

**CITY OF SILVERTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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**Silverton High School Library and Zoom Web Conference Platform**

**February 7, 2022 6:00 p.m.**

**I. OPENING CEREMONIES – Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call**

Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The City Council and staff were present both in person and through the virtual meeting platform Zoom. Mayor Palmer explained this meeting is being held in a hybrid format, pursuant to House Bill (HB) 2560.

Present	Absent	
<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Mayor Kyle Palmer
<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Council President Jason Freilinger
<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Jim Sears
<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Jess Miller
<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Dana Smith (Joined at 6:05pm)
<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Elvi Cuellar Sutton
<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Crystal Neideigh

**Staff Present:**

City Manager, Ron Chandler; Community Development Director, Jason Gottgetreu, Public Works Director, Travis Sperle; Chief of Police, Jim Anglemier; Deputy City Manager/Finance Director, Kathleen Zaragoza; City Engineer, Bart Stepp; Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk, Traci Nichols.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilor Freilinger motioned to approve minutes as presented from January 3, 2022, January 12-13, 2022, and January 24, 2022 Work Session.

Mayor Palmer indicated that he thought some changes needed to be made in on [page 3 of 6] in the [January 13, 2022 Silverton City Council Special Meeting-Goal Setting] Minutes. Under the 'Discussion included' heading, in bullet point 4, text currently reads: "Mayor Palmer was surprised the 5 year plan was not a priority and agreed with the other Councilors that affordable housing wasn't a priority, and also housing the houseless." In his opinion, the way it reads, it suggests that he and other Councilors agreed that affordable housing and housing the homeless wasn't a priority, when he knows that wasn't what was *meant* to be said. That's how it read to him, instead of saying they all (mayor and Council) agreed they were surprised those issues weren't a priority in the goal ranking, which is what he knew that comment was meant to be in reference to.

Mayor Palmer addressed bullet point 5, under the same heading. Text currently reads: "Councilor Sutton was surprised that updated the Parks Master Plan didn't make the list, and addressing homelessness. She commented that she is good with the list of priorities though because most of hers are on that list." Mayor Palmer says this sounds like Councilor Sutton is good with the list because her priorities are on it. He said he thinks the Councilor said that she was happy to see her priorities are on the list, and that she is happy with the list, but not that she is happy with the list because her priorities are on it.

Mayor Palmer addressed [page 4 of 6] in the [January 13, 2022 Silverton City Council Special Meeting-Goal Setting] Minutes. He stated that the characterization of the conversation suggested to him that the Council was trying to limit or suppress information from the public with these goals, by using the word 'vague' over and over. He stated that if it were his choice, he would replace 'vague' with the word 'broad'.

Councilor Freilinger addressed [page 3 of 6] in the [January 13, 2022 Silverton City Council Special Meeting-Goal Setting] Minutes. Under the 'Discussion included' heading, in bullet point 6, text currently reads: "Councilor Freilinger commented that adding the Assistant City Planner wasn't a priority for him so he's surprised it made the list." He stated this was a summary of what was a long conversation. He said what was noted what was not was meant by him – he has a number of priorities, but was only allowed to choose 10 [for the purposes of the goal-setting exercise]. He was not surprised it was on the list, but to him it wasn't a goal-it was more of a strategy. He would like to see this more appropriately phrased. He did not put the Assistant Planner on his list of goals, because he did not see it as a goal or even an objective, and he was *not* surprised to see it on the list. Mayor Palmer spoke up, saying he had also made a note saying that he did not believe that was actually what Councilor Freilinger had said.

### III. OATHS OF OFFICE/PUBLIC RECOGNITION

None noted.

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - Fred Parkinson, of 430 Walnut Way addressed Council via Zoom. Mr. Parkinson is the vice president of the Silverton Country Historical Society. He wanted to address with Council a historical marker that the Society wants to move when the new Civic Center is constructed. See attached statement from Mr. Parkinson, submitted as Public Comment.

Jim Day, of 590 Lone Oaks Loop addressed Council in person, from the Silverton High School library. Mr. Day indicated that he was a reporter for Our Town, and they would be attending Council meetings at a more regular basis. Mr. Day stated he'd been with Our Town since 2012, and had recently increased his hours, so would be more available to cover Council meetings. Councilor Smith expressed to Mr. Day that she was happy to have the media refocusing on local government again. Mr. Day said he'd covered 200 city council meetings in Corvallis, and had learned that is where the business of the city gets done. He stated you have to show up at meetings and figure out what's going on. Mr. Day said [Council meetings] were a really important route to get to know the city and what it's doing.

### V. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

**5.1 – Silverton Chamber Monthly Update** – Stacy Palmer indicated there was one new member added to the Chamber this month. She invited everyone to Wednesday morning meetings at Silver Falls Brewery, featuring a couple of local businesses (Julie's Flower Shop and Silverton Bake Shop), who will be sharing ideas for Valentine's Day. Stacy spoke of the First Citizen event coming to the Oregon Garden, and announced the award winners. She touched on new business support and networking events, including workshops.

**5.2 – DEI Task Force Recommendations** – Mayor Palmer provided the recommendations from the Task Force: \*increase social media presence from the police department, \*utilize proactive approach in condemning racism, \*hiring of a social worker to assist in calls that involve mental health, \*increase community event outreach involving youth, \*develop city staff liaison outside the police department as a point of contact for citizens that would like to file a complaint and possibly follow up and/or investigate concerns regarding the police department. Chief Anglemier joined the discussion, and asked if there were any questions from the Council. Councilor Freilinger indicated that he felt there were complicated elements associated with some of these items. He wanted to know more about the Marion County program that dealt with crisis intervention. Chief Anglemier explained the training involved, the process for dispatching field teams, and the interaction with officers and community members. Councilor Freilinger mentioned a staff member liaison as an 'internal affairs' person, of sorts, and inquired as to how that would work. Chief Anglemier mentioned several things that had been discussed, and mentioned that any type of complaint had to have a clean investigation,

so he was not opposed to contacting outside agencies to handle what needed to be handled. Councilor Sutton expressed her appreciation for the work the chief was doing in this respect.

**5.3 – Silverton Food Co-Op** - Cayla Catino/Board President shared her screen to offer a slide photo presentation for the Council. She first gave a brief description of her work/service background, then proceeded with a description of the co-op. The co-op has been in process since 2015, and is community-owned. Anyone in the community can shop there. The co-op's vision, which is still a work in progress, involves resilience, sustainable farming practices, health and wellness, accessibility, and many other points beneficial to citizens of Silverton. She indicated that all different backgrounds were welcome. The next co-op pie auction is June 28<sup>th</sup> ("2-pie" day).

## VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

**6.1 – Finance Agreement for Civic Center Building Project** - Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Kathleen Zaragoza explained the process and proposals for the Civic Center financing. She referred to her staff report, and to Government Capital, whom she stated we are interested in working with. She introduced Stephanie Cates of Government Capital, who had joined the meeting and was available with any questions. Councilor Neideigh inquired as to why Government Cap was a consideration over Columbia Bank, given the cost differences. Director Zaragoza stated that was due to the year terms in financing—20 years versus 30, which would make the payment difficult to manage. Councilor Freilinger moved that the revised Resolution be carried, striking section E as written and making what was section F section E. Motion passed.

**6.2 – Safe Routes to School Grant Application** – City Manager Ron Chandler addressed Council, stating that the City had opportunity to apply for a Safe Routes to School construction grant, which had been applied for in the past. This grant opportunity is for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 cycle, and there is \$26 million available for funding. This is a very competitive application process.

The previous application was for the east side of James Street, between Florida and Western, for sidewalk installation—about 715 feet. The cost was about \$265,000, but again, the City was not awarded the grant. City staff would like to apply for the grant again, and the process is 2-part. The first part of the application is due on March 18, and the second is due between May 1-July 31. The matching portion for the City is 40 percent. Councilor Smith asked why we were not awarded the grant the first time around. CM Chandler deferred to Community Development Director Jason Gottgetreu, as this was before CM Chandler was employed with the City. CDD Gottgetreu said he would check into it, and see if there was anything that could be done to make the application more attractive. Councilor Freilinger motioned to authorize staff to apply for 2022 ODOT Safe Routes to School construction grant. Councilor Neideigh seconded. Motion passed.

**6.3 – City Council Goals** – City Manager Ron Chandler presented Council the action plans for City goals.

Discussion Included:

**Goal 1: Adopt and Execute Capital Improvement Plan** – CM Chandler covered a 5-6 year outline to carry out a 4-point Action Plan: Develop a 5-year CIP (capital improvement plan), Second Street project written into the 2023-2027 5-year CIP, Abiqua Dam/Fish Ladder written into the 2023-2027 5-year CIP, South Water Street added to ODOT's project list (South Water Street is an ODOT street).

**Goal 2: Construct the Civic Center** – CM Chandler covered a list of dates to remember pertinent to the upcoming construction.

**Goal 3: Implement City's Master Plans (Transportation, Water, etc.)** – CM Chandler proposed that the Council use the September Work Session for evaluation and update of the City's Master Plans.

**Goal 4: Review the Plan Annually During First Quarter of the Year** – CM Chandler proposed that the Council use the September Work Session for evaluation and update of the City's goals, objectives and strategic plan.

**Goal 5: Enhance City's Ability to Meet Community Development Needs** – CM

Chandler proposed 4 objectives to meet needs of Community Development: Work with the Planning Commission to review the comprehensive plan, work with the Planning Commission to review the development code, work with the City Manager to ensure staffing needs are met (Associate Planner?), hold two joint Planning Commission/Council meetings each year. CM Chandler explained to Council how the City's IT is contracted and handled on the day-to-day. He advised that he'd hired an IT expert/consultant to come in and work up a report, so that we could come up with a strategy on how to move forward.

**Goal 6: Strive for Community-Wide Connectivity for Multi-Modal Use** – CM Chandler proposed 2 objectives for assessment and address of connectivity issues. He suggested the May Work Session for staff to present to Council a framework for assessing the connectivity deficiencies, and the September Work Session for an assessment of the connectivity deficiencies. Councilor Smith questioned the notion that staff be the ones who address connectivity. She stated that much of the staff doesn't actually live in town, and may not really 'feel it' the way that Council does. She said that it might be good for the Council to be able to vocalize what they see as priorities, and then let staff kind-of digest that along with their assessment. CM Chandler inquired if that could be done in the May Work Session as the framework was discussed. Councilor Smith thought that could probably be done.

**Goal 7: Address City's Housing Needs** – CM Chandler laid out 2 objectives for review and strategy to address Silverton's unhoused population. He addressed an [American Rescue Plan Act – ARPA] application for a grant for Sheltering Silverton in the amount of \$1,095,000, which the City had received a partial award for. The award amount was \$250,000, and CM Chandler proposed that the City fund the rest of the project during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget process. Councilor Smith expressed frustration at the amount of times the review/prioritize/talk about things is part of the action plan. She said it seems like a lot of inaction. She feels like they have been through this process with this particular topic several times, and she doesn't know how many times they can go through it and still make progress toward the goal. CM Chandler said that staff could present strategies based on previous meetings to Council in June. Councilor Smith said she's heard scenarios through various different avenues, and now she's ready to hear about some action.

**Goal 8: Appropriately Utilize URA Resources and Capabilities** – CM Chandler laid out 2 objectives, proposing how to best improve the Downtown Core Area.

**Goal 9: Decide Future of Silverton Parks and Recreation** – CM Chandler outlined 3 objectives and tentative dates for Council. Council Freilinger inquired whether the Parks and Recreation District would have its' own board. CM Chandler explained that it depended on how the District was created, referral or petition.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding what had been done in the past with a special parks district, boundaries for a parks district bleeding over into the County, process differences between initiatives and referrals, potential park programs occurring this calendar year. If the deadline for creating a district hasn't been met, the Parks Master Plan will be updated and will be adopted in the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

Councilor Freilinger stated that, in the last 2 meetings, he'd expressed concerns about the goal setting process. He is excited that he doesn't have those concerns any longer. He wanted to say it was a huge kudos to Ron Chandler, the City Manager, and his staff for taking that convoluted, huge conversation that they had and boiling it down – and he feels like they did capture the spirit of what they were talking about, and developed some specifics that he was looking for. He stated that he was ready to go on about specific and achievable goals, but then he saw that the City Manager and staff had already taken into consideration what he was going to say, and they created a detailed plan that he was excited about. He expected to vote against this, but now he's ready to vote for it. Councilor Sutton was happy to hear that Councilor Freilinger was in favor of the goals. She indicated that she'd thought that she'd have to try and convince other Council members they shouldn't waste time in further discussions, and they could still pull through and should vote affirmatively on the goals. Mayor Palmer echoed Councilor Freilinger's comments, saying he had a lot of trust in the staff to do this. He is happy staff brought back a nice, in-depth plan he is excited to support.

Councilor Freilinger moved to approve City Goals as amended for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year, Councilor Sutton seconded. Councilor Smith requested the motion be amended to specifically reflect

goal 7 and goal 9. Councilor Freiling agreed. Mayor Palmer acknowledged. Motion passed.

**\*\* Council took a break at 8:05pm, until approximately 8:11pm \*\***

**6.4 – Five-Year Capital Plans** – City Manager Ron Chandler thanked the City staff for the work on this project. He stated most of the work on these plans stems from meetings during the last few months, including the Goal Setting session. He indicated that, though the narrative says 15 projects, there are actually 16 projects. CM Chandler explained Water, Sewer, and combined Streets/Storm Drain 5-Year Capital Improvement Plans. CM Chandler went into detail on funding sources for water and sewer, and explained to Council that the details on the breakdown/at-a-glance tables do not include beginning year revenue. CM Chandler touched on a handful of the pending projects on the list, and explained time frames and funding. CM Chandler mentioned that on the sewer projects, the real emphasis is on the identification and replacement of aging lines.

During the Street Project discussion, CM Chandler brought up the 16<sup>th</sup> project that was left off-the maintenance of existing streets: crack sealing/slurry sealing/skim patching/overlay, which is proposed at a little bit over \$1.8 million. CM Chandler addressed Second Street, which Council has previously defined as an important goal. Total cost for this will be just above \$900,000. This project will consist of a sidewalk on the west side of the roadway, from Washington to about Whittier-a cost of \$109,000. The second part is grinding, and a 3-inch overlay along the same stretch of Second-a cost of \$400,550. The third part is an upgrade of the water line to a 10" line-an estimated cost of \$157,600. The final portion is a 30-inch storm drain that would extend from Lincoln to Whittier-a cost of \$234,000. This would be the lean version of the project, which increases some of the connectivity, repairs the road, upgrades the water line and does some of the storm drain improvements. Councilor Smith confirmed which side of the roadway this would be on. Public Works Director Travis Sperle provided some input as to how he and City Engineer Bart Stepp had looked at the Storm Water Master Plan, had visited the site, and had concluded that they should continue the storm line which would be the main collector for the north end for when they start the second phase, and start removing some of the open ditches, to the east of the road. He said this is just the first phase, getting that 30-inch storm line where it needs to go. Councilor Smith confirmed the sidewalk would be on the east side of the roadway. Director Sperle verified that it would, but the storm line wouldn't be directly under the sidewalk-it would continue where the existing 30-inch was installed to Lincoln Street, and that's where it stopped, and that's where the project will continue from. City Engineer Bart Stepp spoke briefly about the reasons why the west side of Second Street had been chosen: it was more economical, due to less gradient because there are no ditches there, and more sidewalk. Councilor Sears stated he was unclear, as it was his understanding that their vision was to reduce the amount of open ditches that they have. He indicated that Second Street has a *lot* of them, on both the west and east side. It sounds to him like the plan is to create a turnpike roadway: a roadway without any curbs. He said the problem with Second Street is that the water sits there, which is what creates the degradation in the pavement. He stated that it sounds like it would continue to do that. He would like some clarity on whether there will be sidewalks on the east side of the road, or not. City Engineer Stepp said that in the packet the proposal is to put the sidewalk and curb on the west side of the road, and put the storm line there, so it would be collecting the storm water. Councilor Sears stated that at first, it had been discussed that this was being put in on the east side of the road; City Engineer Stepp reiterated that this was on the west side of the road. Councilor Sears said this didn't address the open ditches on the east side of the road. City Engineer Stepp said no, that the ditches would need to be addressed in another phase. Councilor Sears said basically we were just doing an overlay, and putting a curb on the west side and putting in some sidewalk. City Engineer Stepp said that we were also upgrading the storm, and upgrading the water main. Councilor Sears wanted to know what the proposal was for where the existing curb and sidewalk are, as the storm drain would be running along that side. He asked if it would be running along the planter strip. City Engineer Stepp said it would be running in the road, close to the curb, and the sewer is in the center. Councilor Sears stated he was disappointed the City wasn't able to do more in this section of road. He brought up catch basins on the east side, since the ditches won't be eliminated. City Engineer Stepp said the main trunk line would be on the west side, but some smaller lines would be run across the road on Second, and a

basin would be put in those ditches to start to collect the water and get rid of it sooner. Mayor Palmer said that his priorities on Second were closing the ditches, having a safe sidewalk on the east side of the street, and discharging the storm water in a way that is efficient. Public Works Director Sperle said that in order to address all of the open ditches, it's going to be a much bigger design project. It will involve side streets such as: Washington, Chester, and Whittier. These streets each have 2 storm lines going down the road, and with the open ditches, it's unknown if there is room to add sidewalk on the street opposite the ditch. Councilor Smith stated that the City isn't trying to connect the sidewalk that is already there with any place that is meaningful. She doesn't see any point in spending money for sidewalks on the west side. Councilor Sutton said that aesthetically, it's nice to have sidewalk on the west side, and is probably easier. She added that Second Street and the entire North Side Addition has needed this for so long, the City would be doing an injustice by not doing it correctly. She felt that closing the ditches would offset some of the cost, given that public works staff time is used to clean out the ditches. She understands the staff position that it's going to be bigger and more work to do a full redo of the street, but it has taken so long to get to this point, waiting a little longer to do it right isn't going to hurt that much. She stated that getting it done right, and getting as much as possible done in one phase was key. She suggested that maybe the west side could be done in phase 2, but felt strongly that east side needed to be phase 1. Councilor Sears said if he was designing the project, he would look at crossing the storm drain over to the east side, then running the 30-inch down that side. He said you could do the storm drain, sidewalk, get rid of the ditches – kind-of have one swath down there for those 2. He would probably pick it up to the north, cross over and head south with the storm drain. He said the condition of Second Street is pretty poor. He doesn't believe a 3-inch overlay is going to do it-maybe if you grind out along the edges, maybe the center is worth saving. He said he would take a serious look at the [structural] integrity, and suggested doing some core samples to make sure there was something underneath there, but he doubted it. He indicated that it was an old turnpike road, and was probably at one time an old county road. He questions the strength and integrity of this stretch of road. City Engineer Stepp clarified that it wouldn't be an overlay of the existing pavement; there would be a removal of the existing, then new pavement. Councilor Sears questioned whether this would be a whole new base. City Engineer Stepp said that a whole new base wasn't factored in, but removing the old and putting in a new is. Engineer Stepp added it would also be thicker. Councilor Sears said a 3-inch top lift with a poor sub-base isn't going to help with the truck traffic, because it's still going to flex and crack if it doesn't have a good base. He feels the more investigation we can do, the better the project will be. Public Works Director Sperle said they would take a second look. He also said that his understanding was that the storm is the issue, and the road was the secondary issue, and wanted to make sure he was had that correct.

City Manager Chandler brought up the intersection of C and James Street. He found it difficult, looking at the City's Transportation System Plan, to figure out what the project actually consisted of. He found the project was between \$50-\$480,000, and had to be engineered. He also found the City had to go through Union Pacific, who required \$25,000 to even get started on the project. CM Chandler proposed doing the engineering work for this project, given that it had been difficult to determine the project cost.

City Manager Chandler proposed that City staff was allowed to rework the list of projects, with cost considerations (and input from the Finance Director), and bring the information back to Council during the next meeting. Mayor Palmer was in agreement.

## **VII. CONSENT**

**7.1 – Purchase of Vehicle for Police Department and Vehicle for Public Works Department – Resolution 22-03** – Councilor Smith requested this item be pulled for consideration. She wondered whether this new vehicle had been planned for, or was a brand-new item. She knows that the police vehicles are regularly rotated, but didn't remember this one. City Manager Chandler explained that when Travis Sperle was promoted, it came to his attention that Travis did not have a City vehicle, and had been using his personal vehicle for work. CM Chandler discussed this with the Finance Director, and they decided to piggyback the purchase of the police and public works vehicles into one transfer. Public Works Director Travis Sperle discussed using pool vehicles, and sharing with engineering, the engineering technician, and with the code enforcement officer. He indicated that while the vehicle was being purchased for his position, it wouldn't be used exclusively for his position-it was an additional pool vehicle. Councilor Smith moved to approve Resolution 22-03. Councilor Miller seconded. Motion

passed.

**7.2 – Inter-Governmental Agreement for Community Prosperity Initiative** - Councilor Freilinger motioned to approve, Sears seconded.

**7.3 – Contract Award for System Development Charge-Single Family Home Methodology Update** – Councilor Freilinger motioned to approve, Sears seconded.

**VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES/ADVISORY GROUPS/TASK FORCES**

**8.1 – Homeless/Housing Task Force** – Mayor Palmer recommended Kayla Burdine-Rea be appointed to Homeless/Housing Task Force. Councilor Freilinger moved Burdine-Rea be appointed, Councilor Sutton seconded. Motion passed.

**IX. CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

**9.1 – Tree City USA 2021** – CM Chandler announced the City's recent Tree City USA award.

**X. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS** – Councilor Neideigh has no communication.

Councilor Miller stated that the Environmental Management Committee had a meeting coming up on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> after a long hiatus.

Councilor Sears wanted to follow up on Councilor Miller's update. He stated that Republic Services was expected to do a true-up on the rates. Have they submitted anything for review at this point? Per Councilor Miller, nothing seen yet other than the annual report. Councilor Sears said he had seen the annual report, but it didn't have anything that discussed rates. He brought this up because that was part of the goal when [the City] negotiated the contract with them-it helps us make sure the rates aren't set too high, and protects [Republic Services] if the rates are set too low. We used a different methodology to set the rates the last time, and he thought something would be addressed in January, or may have been the first part of the year. Councilor Miller will send an email, and [Republic Services] will hopefully prepare that report in time for the [EMC] meeting.

Councilor Sutton would like to see if Council interested in mentorship for new members of Council or a board. If they know someone is being appointed/elected to a board or to Council, would they be willing to serve as a peer/point of contact for that person to give them the details for the boards/committees they had held a seat on. That way, nothing is lost in translation, and they (the new appointees) don't have to start from the beginning. Secondly, she would like Chief Anglemier to come up with a date this calendar year for a webinar to chat with the community about things he talks to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force about. She thinks working with the DEI in this webinar would show the community that those gaps are being bridged. Last, she would like to know if City can become a member of the co-op, or see if City workers would like to join the co-op. It would be a great show of support.

Mayor Palmer addressed Councilor Sutton's suggestion regarding mentorship of new Council or board members. He stated there had not been such a thing in the past. He indicated there was an orientation process from the staff in the beginning. Mayor Palmer explained that whenever a Council member had taken over a board seat, there hadn't been anything but minimal information handed off. The staff liaison to each of those boards typically has been the person who provided continuity and explained what had been happening. He thought this was a cool idea.

Councilor Smith addressed the wastewater treatment plant Covid testing and the reason for that. She doesn't see Covid going away, and thinks there will be different strains and mutations due to lack of adequate vaccinations. She said there are vulnerable people who can't be vaccinated. Councilor Smith indicated we've been sending samples off to OSU for some time, but if we're not getting those results back in a timely fashion, what is the point in having it done? Why aren't they (Oregon State University) processing things faster? She is hoping they are able to step that up, and make the whole process meaningful. As fast as things mutate, if we don't know how much Covid was in the water yesterday, we can't know how to mitigate for community health today. If we are looking at data from 2 weeks ago, it means nothing-it's already gone. She would like to look for some way to get this done faster. Councilor Smith also wanted to share that Community Development Director Jason Gottgetreu had set up a meeting with the Department of Corrections, because they did some milling of salvage wood materials. They are meeting their representative to look over what the City pulls out of Eugene

Field. The hope is to mill and use that wood in the new Civic Center. Councilor Sears brought up that a few years ago, a group came to the City, talking about an amphitheater at Coolidge McClaine Park. Silver Creek Timberworks had volunteered to do some work on that. Councilor Sears said she had run into Jim DeSantis [of Silver Creek Timberworks] recently, and he wanted to get that going again. She wanted to bring this as a heads-up to the group. She doesn't know how far along the disc golf group is, but she has a feeling the amphitheater project wasn't mentioned when the disc golf discussion started. Mayor Palmer said he did bring [the amphitheater] up, because it would be essentially where the Homer stage tends to set up now, or in that general area, and they would have to plan around that anyway. Mayor Palmer said he was unsure as to where that [disc golf] stands, though he is trying to direct to other areas/properties, mostly Pettit and valley property. Councilor Miller will attempt to get an update at the upcoming EMC meeting.

Mayor Palmer stated that the staff 2 years ago was a little soft on the amphitheater, because there was concern it would create a need for more parking-and there is limited parking already. His opinion is that the City holds several events there already, with the kind of attendance the amphitheater would likely draw. Parking is managed, and it's not always fun. But, he thinks it's a great project. He believes Homer [Homer Days] would jump in financially, because not to have to erect a temporary set-up each year would benefit them.

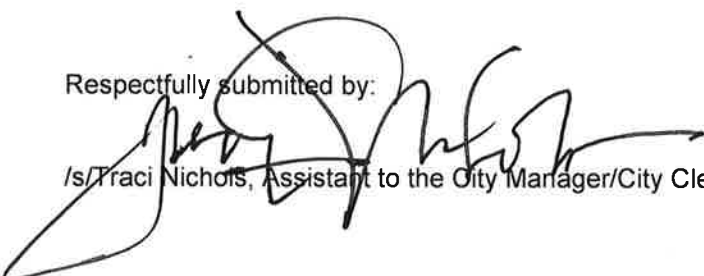
Councilor Freilinger likes the idea of a DEI webinar with the police chief. He also likes the mentorship idea. He doesn't know what's going to happen when the Mayor retires, but knows the Mayor sits on a huge number of committees and someone will need to take over. He wanted to share that he was part of a great event that was a mix of young and old people who got together and played Dungeons and Dragons. He had partnered with Dan at Gear Up, and held the event there. It was a blast, and great to see young and middle aged together having a great time.

Mayor Palmer brought up Silverton Rotary-Satellite Club moving hard toward a sensory park in Old Mill Park (not too far from Councilor Smith's back yard) due south of pool parking lot, where there is flat ground. Staff and Council and Rotary would have to sign off on that. They don't have the design yet, but it would be an extremely exciting project. This was an idea Councilor Sutton brought up at Rotary visioning process almost 3 years ago. Councilor Freilinger has done an amazing job lining up people to look at the site, and are prepared to start putting a design together that would enable them to come to the Council and present this as an option. Mayor Palmer wants that to happen this year. Councilor Freilinger clarified this was actually due north of the pool. Mayor Palmer clarified that yes, this should be north of the pool.

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilor Smith made a motion to adjourn, and Mayor Palmer adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
/s/Traci Nichols, Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk



**Statement to the City Council during public comment at  
City Council Meeting February 7, 2022**

My name is Fred Parkinson. I am currently the vice-President of the Silverton Country Historical Society. As many of you know, the historical society has erected several historic podiums in or near the Silverton Commercial Historic District. We have several more planned for installation, but with Covid and other factors, installation has been delayed. Most of the current podiums, as well as all of the upcoming final set of podiums, were financed by generous donors from within our community. It came to our attention some time ago that we had erected one of the podiums in the wrong location. The podium identified as the 1915 High School currently sits at the NW corner of North First and Park Streets, directly across from the First Christian Church sanctuary. The 1915 High School actually sat approximately where the north parking lot and part of the fellowship hall are located today. The proper location for the podium is just south of the proposed North First Street entrance to the Civic Center parking lot. We decided the proper time to move the podium to its proper location would be when the planned Civic Center was constructed. I've mentioned this to a couple of City staffers over the last couple of years, but I wanted to put on the record the need to have the podium moved. The cost of the move would be defrayed by the historical society. Unfortunately, the original donor has passed away, but still has family members in Silverton who are anticipating the podium's move to its proper location. Thank you for your attention to this matter.