

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

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

March 21, 2022 7:28 p.m.

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

Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:28 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 2560 and City of Silverton Resolution 22-06.

Present	Absent	
X	_____	Mayor Kyle Palmer
X	_____	Council President Jason Freilinger
X	_____	Jim Sears
X	_____	Jess Miller
X	_____	Dana Smith
_____	X	Elvi Cuellar Sutton
X	_____	Crystal Neideigh

**Staff Present:**

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

**II. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**2.1 – Review of the Storm Water Master Plan**

Public Works Director Travis Sperle introduced representatives of Keller Associates, and City Engineer Bart Stepp. Engineer Stepp indicated this process started over a year ago. He said Keller Associates has a draft plan, and has completed their modeling. He said the met with staff several different times to go over potential projects, and issues that staff has seen in the City. Keller Associates also did some flow monitoring in 5 different locations in the City. Engineer Stepp said Keller was there to present the draft of the plan and get some feedback from Council, revise the draft based on that feedback, and then take the draft to the Planning Commission for their feedback. Engineer Stepp said that after all of these steps, the draft would come back to the Council as an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan (like the Water Master Plan or the Transportation Plan has been presented the last couple of years). Keller Associates representatives Emily Flock and Trenton Buster shared a slide show, depicting the draft of the Storm Water Master Plan. Council members had no questions after the presentation.

**III. CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

Chief Anglemier reported back to Council regarding the white bus parked on Chester Street. Police have been watching it-it's being used as a commuter vehicle, and is parked within the code (legally). Vehicle is a daily driver, being utilized. The driver rolls in late afternoon/evening, and rolls back out the next day. This is not an abandoned/problem vehicle.

#### IV. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Smith said she'd been following the wastewater treatment/testing for viral concentration. Generally, she thinks it's worth a discussion on when the Council thinks levels are high enough to take action, and then low enough to ease up on action. She felt it appropriate to address it like wildfires, any other emergent situation. Councilor Smith worked with CM Chandler, and shared a graph of the Wastewater SARS-CoV-2 Concentration. She indicated that the information we received was at least a week old – the information is returned to the City one-two weeks after taking the sample. She would like to see the City adjust the testing days to earlier in the week, so it could be returned in a more timely fashion. She would like Council to look into making the testing information available to the citizens of Silverton. Councilor Freilinger confirmed Smith wanted the Council to set an expectation that the testing/sampling be completed early in the week, and posted in a timely manner. Freilinger inquired as to how this impacted staff. CM Chandler gave a brief explanation as to how staff would go about this. Mayor Palmer asked if anyone was opposed. No Council members were opposed.

Councilor Miller said the EMC is on hold, due to lack of membership. Staff will not be scheduling any meetings at this time. Councilor Miller gave a story about his family's exchange student, who had unfortunately been involved in the conflict in Ukraine. He asked that Council consider adopting a sister city, of medium size, from the Ukraine. Councilor Neideigh thought this was a wonderful idea, and wholeheartedly supported it. Mayor Palmer mirrored those sentiments. Councilor Miller informed Mayor Palmer this was a ceremonial acceptance/designation, when adopting a sister city.

Councilor Neideigh had nothing to add.

Councilor Sears agreed with Smith and Miller's proposals-he is in support. He said he was pleased to see the ASR report, and was unsure as to what the City Manager has planned for presenting that to Council. CM Chandler said it was set to present at the April work meeting.

Councilor Freilinger echoed that he supported the other Councilors' ideas. He looks forward to the discussion on the All Abilities Park.

Mayor Palmer mirrored Councilor Freilinger's statements. He added that he was able to, for the last time, review the entries from the 'If I Were Mayor' contest. He said the winners were selected, and the first place winners would move on to the State contest.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Smith made a motion to adjourn, and Mayor Palmer adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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