

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

Silverton High School Library and Zoom Web Conference Platform

May 16, 2022 6:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 City of Silverton Resolution 22-06, adopted March 7, 2022.

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>(Joined at 6:33)</u>	Dana Smith
<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Elvi Cuellar Sutton
<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Crystal Neideigh

Staff Present:

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

II. DISCUSSION/ACTION

2.1 - Community-Wide Connectivity - City Manager Ron Chandler presented the staff report. He inquired as to what Council’s priorities are, broadly. He wanted to know what connectivity issues Council wanted to address, and Staff would bring back more solid plans in September. There are a few parts to focus on: sidewalks, bicycles, capabilities, shared uses (such as trails). Mayor Palmer said his first priority is ultimate connectivity of the North Side Addition, across Jefferson and down James, and to the schools. His second priority is connecting Second Street to the neighborhoods, with the sidewalk on the east side of Second Street that is fed by all the laterals in the North Side Addition. Lastly, we need to connect the Spice neighborhoods to Webb Lake community. Councilor Neideigh said her priority would be to fill in gaps, as opposed to replacing what is already present. Her priorities would be school connectivity, and Pioneer Subdivision. Councilor Freilinger agreed with priorities stated by Councilor Neideigh and Mayor Palmer. He thought everyone was in agreement on their priorities, and thought the question was how the 50/50 Program would be implemented. Mayor Palmer said that within what he had mentioned, there aren’t as many opportunities to use the 50/50 Program. He mentioned that he didn’t know what kind of money was involved in an LID (local improvement district), but did not feel residents would be receptive, but wasn’t sure. Councilor Freilinger said he was apprehensive about the LID approach. He would like to see us talk about a modification of the 50/50 Program, and how we can leverage that money so it’s more than appealing. He said that the trail projects could be partially funded out of Parks SDCs (System Development Charges). He would like to see the 50/50 offered at a different percentage, such as 80/20. Councilor Smith liked Councilor Freilinger’s input. She didn’t think it was realistic to expect that many people to

jump in on the 50/50 Program. She said if we were going to use the \$400K, she liked the ideal of changing the percentage in key areas for new sidewalk. She thinks there would still be some funding left over for 50/50 replacement. She would support starting out at 70/30 on new, infill sidewalk. She thought that if there wasn't enough participation (in 50/50 Program), there would need to be an LID at some point. She would prioritize the infill projects before a 50/50 replacement. Councilor Neideigh agreed with adjusting the percentage to entice and encourage new sidewalks. She would also be in favor of using unspent funds on a project that Council deems important, so that the money is used every year. Mayor Palmer pointed out that in years past, the 50/50 funds would be pulled out to improve streets, and there was no sidewalk done. He is not a fan of LIDs, and feels they are hard on some people. Councilor Sears likes the direction we are headed. He feels there should be continuity in how we do things. He would like to see some criteria, and a destination point for the sidewalk (instead of a sidewalk being out in the middle of nowhere). He said that the Program needs to be defined: is it a replacement program, or to infill where there is no sidewalk? If so, there's a lot of old sidewalk that could be removed and replaced. He isn't in favor of LID, because the City still has to front the money, and then wait to be paid back. Councilor Sutton agreed with everyone. As far as what Councilor Sears said, she agreed that boundaries needed to be set (on the 50/50 Program usage). She would like to see [sidewalk connectivity and improvement] in neighborhoods, and near schools. But, if a group of neighbors wanted to [infill or replace sidewalks] together, isn't [the 50/50 Program] this the time to allot that? Mayor Palmer said the question goes back to Councilor Sears' question: are we doing repair, or infill, or both? And, what percentage? He felt that the piece that goes to infill gives us the most bang for our buck. Councilor Smith doesn't think we're going to get infill to that degree at a 50/50. She would be supportive of part of the money going to 50/50 replacement, and part going to infill at a 70/30 or other in the key places we've defined as infill.

2.2 – Traffic Calming – City Manager Ron Chandler presented the staff report.

3 CITY MANAGER UPDATE

PW Interactive Fair Thursday from 12-4pm. Safety training on forklifts last week. Did not run over any cones. Silverton Saves Water PR campaign has gone forward. Announcements on Facebook, Our Town. Will continue through summer. Pet Parade is this Sunday; we have candy and balloons for Council to pass out.

4 COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Smith hasn't decided on Pet Parade yet. Says she wants to commend staff for responding to her requests about making Covid-19 wastewater data available to public. Councilor Neideigh said a couple of family members replaced the rim at the Pioneer Park. Where should old rim go? Councilor Sears brought up crosswalk on Water Street near library. People have almost been run over. People don't stop. Request for enforcement. Councilor Sutton reiterated Sears' sentiments regarding crosswalk issues. No updates regarding DEI TF. Councilor Freilinger had a former resident contact him regarding the solar eclipse from a few years ago. Their thought was for a time capsule. Do we see value in taking that on, and allowing others to provide items for a time capsule? He looks forward to the Pet Parade. Primary Election is the one that gets the least amount of participation out of the 4. One day left to vote, Box is by Silver Falls Brewery. Mayor Palmer thought the time capsule was a good idea. Councilor Sears brought up a time capsule since we're building a new Civic Center. Mayor Palmer is excited about the Pet Parade, and will be taking his own dog. Should be fun. He appreciates the sharp increase in social media posts, and making the website more accessible. He cannot make it to the Public Works Fair at the park Thursday. He does think it's an awesome idea.

5 ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Smith made a motion to adjourn and Mayor Palmer adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.

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Respectfully submitted by:


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