

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

Silverton High School Library – 1459 Pine Street and Zoom

January 24, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

I. OPENING CEREMONIES – Call to Order & Roll Call

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

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

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

2.1 Capital Improvement Projects...City Manager Ron Chandler began the discussion, sharing his screen to display a list of the current capital improvements. CM Chandler explained that the color-coding in the list indicated top priorities, as voted upon by Council members. CM Chandler discussed what projects had not yet been started, and what was already a work in progress.

Discussion included:

- Grant Street, and sidewalk on a portion of the street.
- Varied locales and projects within the City that are outstanding projects.
- Second Street, which had been identified as a priority in the City Council Goal Setting sessions. The question is whether to upgrade Second Street to the transportation standards, with a cost of \$2.42 million, or to perform a quicker surface fix until such time as the City can save funds to complete the project to standard.
- Sidewalk construction repair financial history, including the 50/50 program.
- Deferred/street maintenance, and where the bulk of those funds have been allocated.
- Overlay projects within the City that are being sent out for bids.

- Slurry seal, overlay, and skim patching on roadways that are in poor condition, and the roadways within the City this applies to. Councilor Smith had questions regarding the process. Will these surface fix projects be impacted by near-future utility work? Does the storm/sewer plan for any of the areas in question have underground piping in the works? Public Works Director Sperle stated that there were no upcoming plans to tear the roadways up.
- Brown, James and Pine Street roadway condition issues.

City Manager Chandler touched on the topic of storm drains. He stated that between 2019-2021, storm drain revenues were largely deferred toward the McClaine Street project. Public Works Director Sperle discussed storm drain issues on Jersey Street, and planned fixes for drainage issues in that area.

Discussion included:

- C/Westfield/McClaine/Silverton Road intersection issues.
- Infill project on South Water Street.
- Open ditches with standing water.
- Sidewalk on the east side of Second, which will also address ditches.
- Storm Water Master Plan, and the fact that it addresses the pipes that go down Lincoln.

III. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Chandler updated Council, advising the Goal Setting Session updates should be in from the League of Oregon Cities soon, and would be on the February 7th agenda.

IV. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

- Councilor Neideigh had no further communication.
- Councilor Sutton commented on Goal Setting, that it should have gone into more detail. She would like to do a more in-depth session. She believes an in-person goal session would have been better.
- Councilor Smith had no further comment.
- Councilor Sears indicated he was glad to see street lights on Second, and new lights on Jefferson. He thinks it really adds to safety due to the areas being dark.
- Councilor Freilinger has misgivings about what the [goal setting] work product ended up being, and lack of content. He is concerned that the goal setting focus should have been on goals that were clear, measurable, with specific time frame, and achievable. He didn't feel there were goals at the end; there were aspirational "fluff" statements. He feels that when it comes to goal setting, the concept of the mission/the vision/the goals-that's a Council thing. The strategy/tactics/the implementation-that's a staff thing. He said that when it comes to objectives, they missed the boat. When someone is running for office, he wants to know what someone stands for, and what goals are they headed toward. He doesn't believe that was met, and doesn't think he can vote for the goals this year. He hopes that next year, we come out with a clear direction PRIOR to writing the budget. Mayor Palmer didn't feel like the plan to hit the objectives was met. It was broad statements. Councilor Freilinger said he and Councilor Smith requested objectives be set before presenting the goals to the Budget Committee. He felt the consensus they walked away with was that the budget is being worked on now, based on the goals. He said there was a 9 ½ hour meeting scheduled, where they actually spent 5 ½ hours working on goal setting. He hopes for a more definitive process for goal setting in the future, and doesn't want to see League of Oregon Cities involved in the future.
- Councilor Smith mentioned Council of Governments, and a mission and visioning process approach in the past. She said that every year thereafter, they had refined their

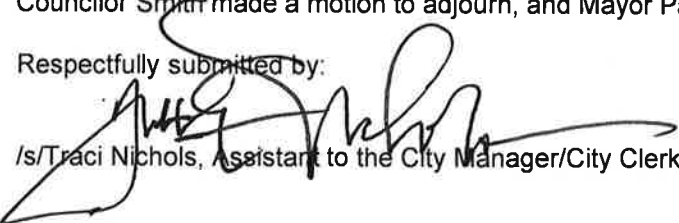
objectives and aspirations, under well-defined visions headings. She felt disappointed at tossing all of that work out by taking a different approach this year.

- Councilor Sutton added this was her first year, so didn't have a basis for comparison. She thought we would be going in to get the fine details settled, and when that didn't happen, she had the impression certain items were being focused on. She definitely wants to see an in-person meeting where the details can be revisited. She felt things could get done in person.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Smith made a motion to adjourn, and Mayor Palmer adjourned the meeting at 7:48pm.

Respectfully submitted by:


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