



**CITY OF SILVERTON
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND URBAN TREE COMMITTEE**

**REGULAR MEETING
City Shops
830 McClaine St.**

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 - 5:30 PM

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AGENDA

- I. OPENING CEREMONIES** – Call to Order & Roll Call
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes from regular meeting held on October 17, 2023.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT** -None
- IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION**
 - 5.1 Water quality report**
 - 5.2 Chapter 3.6 Tree Preservation Updates**
- V. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**
- VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND TREE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

City Shops 830 McClaine St.

October 17, 2023

I. OPENING CEREMONIES - Call to Order & Roll Call

Present	Absent	
X		Eric Hammond
	X	Heather Desmarteau-Fast
X		Susan Carter
X		Elyce Hues
	X	Ronald Thompson
X		Mike Haasken
X		Lori McLaughlin
	X	Travis Sperle, Ex-officio Member, City of Silverton
	X	Travis Comfort, Ex Officio Member, Republic Services

STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Administrative Assistant Melinda Orozco, Planning Assistant Shauna Godlevsky

Introduction to new City Manager, Cory Misley.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Haasken motioned to approve minutes from June 20, 2023, July 18, 2023, and August 15, 2023, meeting as presented. Member Carter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT- No public comments.

IV. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS-None

V. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR- There were no comments.

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION

All members who attended the joint meeting with the Planning Commission on August 22, 2023, agreed the meeting was very successful.

Member Hues was informed that changes made to the Tree Code are not enforceable nor do they pass legal requirements; This could cause push back. One of the specifics that was discussed at the joint meeting was the existing tree stock, needs to be preserved. The existing tree code states 40 percent and current Planning Commission member would like to see it at 60 percent.

Chairman Hammond shared with the committee the Tree Code updated with all the suggestions made by

the EMC. One of the changes initiated by Chairman Hammond, was categorizing the trees as significant. Chairman Hammond reviewed the section of categorizing the trees as significant and removing Figure 3.6.150-01 Rare, Threatened or Notable Trees. Chairman Hammond moved Figure 3.6.150-02 Invasive and Potential Nuisance Trees to the end of 3.6.150-02 to include a detailed section with the list and provisions.

Oregon Obnoxious Species Law was brought up by member Carter, who stated if there is a person who knows and has obnoxious weeds on their property, they are required to remove/control the weeds although it's not enforced. The committee talked about different locations around town with Tree of Heaven and English Ivy noxious weeds.

The Committee updated City Manager, Cory Misley, with the current project the EMC is working on.

VII. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Hammond volunteered to finish revisions and have all revisions completed by the next meeting and distribute sections to committee members to review. The committee discussed setting a target date after the holidays to submit the final revision to the Planning Commission.

Chairman Hammond asked if the Water Quality Reports can be added to the Water Quality page. Melinda will confirm the change with the Public Works Director, Travis Sperle.

Member Hues would like to add the City of Silverton Water Master Plan on future new business, specifically to review.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Member adjourned meeting at 7: 00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/ Melinda Orozco, Public Works Administrative Assistant