

**CITY OF SILVERTON
TOWN HALL MINUTES**

Silverton High School – Auditorium – 1456 Pine Street, Silverton, OR 97381

November 18, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

I. OPENING CEREMONIES

Mayor Kyle Palmer, Interim Superintendent Paul Peterson, and Silver Falls Library Director Christy Davis welcomed attendees to the Town Hall and explained the format of the event. Mayor Palmer encouraged attendees to participate in the Town Hall electronically via meeting pulse.

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>	Matt Plummer
<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Dana Smith
<u> </u>	<u> Excused </u>	Laurie Carter
<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Crystal Neideigh

Staff Present: City Manager, Christy Wurster; Public Works Director, Petra Schuetz; Finance Director, Kathleen Zaragoza; Community Development Director, Jason Gottgetreu; Chief of Police, Jeff Fossholm; Jim Angelmier, Captain; Assistant to the City Manager/HR Coordinator, Elizabeth Gray; and Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk, Angela Speier

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

2.1 Facilitated Discussion with Chisao Hata: Connection, Values, and Equity in Silverton: An Ongoing Conversation

Chisao Hata welcomed nine Silverton residents to the stage and asked them a series of questions. Audience members were asked to answer the same questions with other attendees in the room.

III. Q & A

The City Council and Silver Falls School Board were welcomed to the stage and the audience was provided an opportunity to ask questions. The first question was if the City has a plan for the increase in building and if the City’s infrastructure will support the increase in population. City Council explained there are a number of master plans that are updated on a continual basis. Councilors also explained the development that is occurring now is from development that was approved 20 years ago and how this Council is focused on making adjustments to how the City grows. Councilor Smith explained there is a perception that growth is causing the City’s infrastructure to fail, but it also has to do with the age of the facilities. She stressed infrastructure will need to be replaced regardless of the population numbers. She further described how System Development Charges (SDCs) go to pay for expanding infrastructure to help offset the cost of the development. Councilors discussed the affordability issues in Silverton and how that is causing the City to lose some of the senior population and the younger generation who cannot afford to live in the city. An additional question was asked regarding what opportunities for equity and

inclusion exist right now that can be worked toward or implemented. The School Board members explained how they are reaching out to different groups of people through the Student Access Act and the Equity Committee which is District-wide. City Councilors encouraged everyone to attend and provide input during public comment at the regular City Council meetings that take place on the first Monday of the month and to volunteer to serve on one of the various committees. The last question was how these two bodies are going to address bullying in the community, saving an employee's right to not lose their job because of being a victim of domestic violence, and overcrowding on school buses. The School Board members stressed the need to reach out to the school principal and the interim Superintendent with concerns. There is a need for social and emotional health classes in school and how the Student Access Act money could help pay for those types of programs. In addition, the District is trying to empower students to stand up to bullying when it happens and to have them take ownership in making school a place where everyone belongs.

The Town Hall concluded at 9:04 p.m.