

TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
September 22, 2021
6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rod Cross called the electronically to order at 6:01 p.m. electronically via Zoom in Toledo, Oregon.

Present	Absent	
<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u>Mayor Rod Cross</u>
<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u>Council President Joshua Smith</u>
<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u>Councilor Jackie Kauffman</u>
<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u>Councilor Rob Duprau</u>
<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u>Councilor Todd Michels</u>
<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u>Councilor Betty Kamikawa</u>
<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u>Councilor Wade Carey</u>

Staff present: City Manager (CM) Judy Richter, Police Chief (PC) Michael Pace, Public Works Director (PWD) Bill Zusan, Fire Chief (FC) Larry Robeson, Library Director Deborah Trusty, City Attorney (CA) David Robinson

2. JOINT WORK SESSION WITH THE PORT OF TOLEDO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Port of Toledo Board of Commissioners present: Rick Graff, Chuck Gerttula, Penny Ryerson
Port of Toledo Staff: Port Manager Lorna Davis, Assistant Port Manager Debbie Scacco

Ms. Scacco provided a presentation and said the Port of Toledo encompasses 443 square miles, which includes the Cities of Toledo, Siletz and large unincorporated areas of Lincoln County. She said their tax income for 2020-2021 was \$236,375.00 at a tax rate of .2345/1000. She reviewed their mission statement.

Ms. Davis stated the Port is the sponsor of the Federal Channel from Newport to Toledo on the Yaquina River. She indicated the Channel has not been dredged in over 60 years and is included in their five year Strategic Plan. She said they have started the permit process, which could take approximately two years and noted the Port has a challenge to find a place to dispose of the dredge material. She indicated Depot Slough has to be dredged more frequently and is scheduled for 2022.

Ms. Davis updated the Council on the recreational facilities they have within the City, which includes the park along the waterfront and the pavilion. She said they were able to bring back the free family boating activities this year following the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and now have the Yaquina Queen, a German lifeboat. She stated it was restored by the Port crew to replicate 'The African Queen' and they provide free historic tours along the Yaquina River. She reported on their education programs and their partnerships with the Oregon Coast Community College and Lincoln County School District. She said their introduction/intern welding program accepts both college and high school students and has been very successful.

Ms. Davis reported the Port will receive some funds from the American Recovery Plan Act, allowing them to establish sewer services at the shipyard and the industrial park. The Council

asked if the Port is still interested in filling in Tokyo Slough. Ms. Davis responded and said the status of Tokyo Slough is that there is a Brownfield study in progress and they have moved into Phase 2, which included core sampling. She said half of the Slough is owned by Georgia-Pacific Mill and the other half is owned by the Port of Toledo. Ms. Davis thanked the Council and staff for their work and the partnership between the two organizations.

3. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items for consideration.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no items for discussion.

6. DECISION ITEMS

Resolution No. 1475, a resolution of the Toledo City Council authorizing the City of Toledo to apply for a grant to update the Toledo Comprehensive Plan

CM Richter presented the council report and said to undertake an update to the Comprehensive plan Contract Planner Peterson will apply for a grant with the Department of Land Conservation and Development, which will require a \$5,000 match. She indicated the grant application needs a resolution to accompany it.

Motion - It was moved and seconded (Smith/Kauffman) to adopt Resolution No. 1475, a resolution of the Toledo City Council authorizing the City of Toledo to apply for a grant to update the Toledo Comprehensive Plan and the motion carried unanimously.

7. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Update on 873 NW Burch Lane

CA Robinson referenced the September 7, 2021 letter from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) in the council packet in regards to the property located at 873 NW Burch Lane (Watson property). He said typically the state would seek recovery for any Medicaid expenses from an estate when the state has paid for the care of individuals. He said the City abated the property a couple of years ago due to its condition and since then, neighbors have approached the Council about the dilapidated retaining wall and overgrown vegetation. He said the City looked into condemnation of the property but it would cost more to condemn it then it would to excavate the site and the lot cannot be used for public purpose. He said Lincoln County will eventually foreclose on the property but there seems to be no other solution. He indicated there was interest from an individual buyer to purchase the property and after conferring with the state, the letter included in the packet states they [State] would not seek any claim based on the proposed price of purchase, (e.g. amount of tax lien and \$1,000 to heirs of the estate). He stated that based on that correspondence, anyone interested in purchasing the property could purchase the property for a nominal amount.

PWD Zuspan said the department is finishing up the Mill Creek line.

LD Deborah Trusty thanked CM Richter and the Library staff for their assistance during her time out of the office. She expressed excitement for the upcoming programs and encouraged everyone to visit the Library.

PC Pace updated the Council on department activities. He said they will have a new officer this week, but the officer will not be on patrol until mid-October. He announced Head Dispatcher, Cassie Griffith had her baby.

CM Richter said she is working with the Port and the Oregon Coast Visitors Center to produce a video about the Yaquina Queen and activities within Toledo. She announced she will take a couple of days of vacation within the next week. She asked the Council to pay attention to their e-mails tomorrow morning for an important announcement.

Councilor Kamikawa indicated she met with CM Richter, Planning Commissioner Ricky Dyson and representatives from Senator Merkley's office in regards to funding for the SREUS project.

Mayor Cross reiterated CM Richter's comments about the important announcement. He addressed the Council and said he would like to have a Council orientation and asked the Council to provide him some dates they are available to meet.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

/s/Mayor Rod Cross

/s/City Recorder Lisa Figueroa