TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
May 25, 2022
6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rod Cross called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Toledo, Oregon.

Present	Absent	
X		Mayor Rod Cross
X		Council President Betty Kamikawa
X		Councilor Jackie Kauffman
X		Councilor Rob Duprau
X		Councilor Todd Michels
X		Councilor Wade Carey
X		Councilor Tracy Mix

Staff present: City Manager (CM) Judy Richter, City Recorder (CR) Lisa Figueroa, Police Chief (PC) Michael Pace, Public Works Director (PWD) Bill Zuspan, Fire Chief (FC) Larry Robeson, Library Director, Deborah Trusty, City Attorney (CA) Mike Adams

2. PRESENTATION

Oregon Coast Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Director Dave Price provided a presentation to the City Council. He described the resources and services offered at the SBDC to existing and potential business owners, many of the services provided are free. He said in 2019 they held 51 sessions but in 2020 through Zoom, they were able to host 90 sessions. He indicated in 2021 there were 23 jobs created and six businesses started with their assistance. He said their client businesses include 242 women, 68 minorities and 26 veterans. He noted there was over $2 million capital infusion secured with SBDC assistance in 2021. He listed upcoming workshops, which included financial fundamentals, google analytics and starting an In-Home Childcare business because there is little to no childcare available in Lincoln County. The Council thanked Mr. Price for his presentation.

3. JOINT DISCUSSION WITH THE GREATER TOLEDO POOL & RECREATION DISTRICT

Board Members present: Peter Vince, Rachel Wallace, Kay Chambers, Roy Kinion and Pool District Director Niles Toguchi

The Board reported during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Pool District took advantage of the shutdown and made several improvements to the facility including repairs to the pool. Mr. Toguchi provided a presentation of activities that occurred at the Pool District since it re-opened including the swim team competitions. There was discussion about a grant that was submitted to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for improvements to Arcadia Park located near the Pool District and Library. It was noted the grant requires restrooms and CM Richter said the City is determined to install restrooms at Arcadia Park. Mr. Toguchi said they are partnering with the Library to host events over the summer including a Harry Potter themed event.

4. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from the work session held April 27, 2022

Councilor Carey noted the first line in call to order is missing a word.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Kamikawa/Mix) to approve the consent agenda as amended and the motion carried unanimously.

6. DECISION ITEMS

Resolution No. 1491, A resolution approving a rate increase for Solid Waste Disposal Services provided by Dahl Disposal

Dahl Disposal Service (Dahl) Operations Manager Chuck Lerwick and General Manager Joe Cook addressed the Council. Mr. Lerwick said they [Dahl] did not approach the City Council last year for a rate increase because they felt it was not appropriate. He commented on how Dahl supported the various communities they server. He said they are now requesting a 6% increase. Mr. Cook provided a report on the increase and said the proposed rate keeps them within their operating percent range. He reported on the Juno project and said it has been a success. He said since it has been running Dahl was able to extract 958,207 pounds of metal that would have normally gone to a landfill. He said the project has received lots of exposure and it has peaked interest from other organizations around the world. The Council inquired about the status of the Coffin Butte landfill. Mr. Cook said the landfill has several years left in it.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Kamikawa/Michels) to adopt Resolution No. 1491, a resolution of the Toledo City Council approving a rate increase for Solid Waste Disposal Services provided by Dahl Disposal and repealing Resolution No. 1446 and the motion carried unanimously.

SE Sturdevant Road Sewer Extension

CA Adams recommended to the Council they keep their discussion in general terms in spite of references to Sturdevant Road.

PWD Zuspan presented information on a Septic Tank Effluent Pump (STEP) system, which is similar to a standard septic tank waste disposal system, except it pumps only the liquid (water) effluent from the septic tank. He said the STEP systems may not work consistently in different locations. He passed out several handouts and commented on the cost and maintenance of the systems. There was discussion about the maintenance of the systems, which would require the City to respond to calls and maintain a parts replacement inventory. PWD Zuspan said there are other viable options available but he wanted to present this option to the Council first.

7. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mayor Cross indicated he requested the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments provide a presentation in regards to services they provide to local businesses.

PC Pace announced National Night Out and requested volunteers from the Council for assistance. Councilors Kamikawa and Kauffman volunteered.

LD Trusty reported on the Department's website. She commented on events that jeopardize the safety of public buildings and staff. Mayor Cross thanked Assistant Library Director Harrison Baker for his assistance to figure out how to host a community movie night at Memorial Field.

PWD Zuspan said the Department will complete a project on 3rd Street. He said there are some stairs that need to be replaced at the Water Treatment Plant and the lowest bid received was $40,000. He said he spoke with the Port of Toledo welding unit, who was able to repair the stairs for less than the bid. He said banners and flower baskets have been hung up.

CA Adams commented on an agreement with Weyerhauser for use of an easement. He said he drafted a breach of contract complaint, which should be served soon. He said he was preparing for Municipal Court.

CR Figueroa noted individuals who are interested for filing for council candidacy opens on June 1 and there are two ways to file; file by fee or file by signature petition.

CM Richter reported Cycle Oregon was a success and said she did not receive any complaints about the event. She said she will file the application for a RARE member. She said she spoke with potential new building owners as well as a Bond Broker to prepare a bond.

Councilor Mix commented on Cycle Oregon and said it was a great event.

Councilor Duprau agreed with the comments on Cycle Oregon. He said one of the trash cans at East Slope has disappeared.

CP Kamikawa informed the Council about a diversity presentation she attended at the Newport Library and took some of that information to LD Trusty. She announced several upcoming events such as the Art Speaker Series at the Library and the Cornhole Tournament.

Mayor Cross announced he will be on Jury Duty next month and said he may not be available at times. He said the girls' softball team had an undefeated season and will head to John Day for the state championship. He said he is on the Houselessness Task Force for the Oregon Mayors Association, who is tackling the houselessness issue in the state and encouraged everyone to provide him ideas on how to address the issue.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Approve: Attest:

/s/Mayor Rod Cross /s/City Recorder Lisa Figueroa