

**TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 1, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President (CP) Betty Kamikawa called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. also via Zoom in Toledo, Oregon.

Present	Absent	
	X	Mayor Rod Cross
X		Council President Betty Kamikawa
X		Councilor Jackie Kauffman
	X	Councilor Tracy Mix
X		Councilor Kim Bush
X		Councilor Wade Carey
		Vacant

Staff present: City Manager (CM) Judy Richter, City Recorder (CR) Lisa Figueroa, Police Chief (PC) Michael Pace, Fire Chief (FC) Larry Robeson, City Attorney (CA) Mike Adams

2. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Presentation – Bond Issuance presentation

Jonas Biery, Bond Consultant, DA Davidson addressed the City Council. He noted a presentation he provided to the Council in August of 2022. He said at that time, there was discussion about various bonding options including a General Obligation (GO) bond. He said the GO bond would be paid for by a dedicated property tax levy. He said the City currently has a GO bond and that tax levy will expire in November 2023. He said the new bond would be issued in 2024 and replace the expiring tax levy. He indicated he and CM Richter spoke with a Bond Counsel, who will help to draft some of the ballot language in accordance with any legal requirements. He said if the bond were approved by voters, the Bond Counsel would assist to complete the process. He said they also reached out to election consults in regards to moving the bond forward.

Mr. Biery reference page 9 of the Council packet and reviewed the Bond Levy Analysis. He compared the existing bond levy rate from when it was approved in 2004 for \$.60 to the current \$.40 actual rate. He said the decrease was largely in part to the City refinancing the bond. He proceeded to the 2024 \$2.5 million bond levy rate to replace the Ammon Water Tank. He said the target date to issue the bond is spring of 2024 and should align with the current \$.40 rate. He said the discussion and decision for Council is whether they want to proceed with the GO bond, what size of a bond they should pursue and what projects to include. He said it would also frame what kind of discussions they want to have with the community. He indicated the next steps could include community outreach, which should be completed by end of May. He said Council would need to pass a resolution with the ballot title ideally in July and submit it to the County Clerk in early September. He said if it does get on the ballot for November 7, then they will pick up the issuance of the bond if it were approved.

CM Richter noted the City Council could consider a bigger bond because there are two water tanks that need to be replaced or have a more generic title to the bond such as “Water infrastructure” to include more projects. She said a decision will not be made at this meeting, but they are things to consider when they do make a decision.

Councilor Carey noted there may be a better chance to be more specific in the title. Councilor Bush concurred with Councilor Carey’s comment. The Council inquired whether there is an ideal bond request and Mr. Biery replied it is community specific. Mr. Biery answered clarification questions in regards to their fees and the length of time for bonds. He noted they do not want to extend the bonds longer than the useful life of any assets.

3. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from the executive sessions held January 18, 2023 February 1, 2023 and the regular meeting held February 1, 2023

Motion – it was moved and seconded (Carey/Bush) to approve the consent agenda as presented and the motion carried unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

League of Oregon Cities Spring Conference sign ups

CR Figueroa said the League of Oregon Cities Spring Conference is scheduled for April 25-26 in Seaside and inquired which Councilors would like to attend. CM Richter noted originally there was a budget committee scheduled that week, but the meeting schedule was adjusted so it would not interfere with the conference. Councilor Bush and CP Kamikawa indicated they would like to go.

Discussion of the details of the Bond issue

The discussion was tabled for a future meeting to ensure all Councilors and Public Works Director Zuspan are present.

6. DECISION ITEMS

Letter of authorization for grant application

There was discussion in regards to a letter of authorization to apply for a grant for \$4 million (congressional spending) for the Sustainable Renewable Energy Utility Systems (SREUS). CR Figueroa asked for clarification if she needs a letter of intent, because the City already has one with SREUS.

Motion – it was moved and seconded (Carey/Kamikawa) to authorize CP Kamikawa to apply and sign for the procurement of two Sustainable Renewable Energy Utility Systems modules and the motion carried unanimously.

7. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

CM Richter reminded the Council that there is one vacancy on the City Council and three on the Budget Committee. She said staff had a first meeting with Cycle Oregon. She commented on how organized they are and said they will need lots of volunteers. She said they are anticipated to arrive on September 12 for setup with riders (up to 1100 cyclists) arriving the next day.

Councilor Carey noted Central Lincoln PUD (PUD) General Manager Ty Hillebrand commented to Councilor Carey on how appreciative he was for the efforts of the Toledo Public Works crew during the recent storm. He said their ability to keep the roads cleared helped the PUD crews in doing their jobs to restore power to local customers.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Approve:

Attest:

/s/Mayor Rod Cross

/s/City Recorder Lisa Figueroa