

**TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
March 22, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rod Cross 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, Assistant City Manager/Human Resources Specialist (ACM) Sherry Meek, City Recorder (CR) Lisa Figueroa, Public Works Director (PWD) Bill Zuspan, Police Chief (PC) Michael Pace, Fire Chief (FC) Larry Robeson, Library Director, Deborah Trusty, City Attorney (CA) Mike Adams

2. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

3. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from the meetings held January 18, 2023 and February 15, 2023

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

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion in regards to tobacco licensing

CR Figueroa indicated representatives were not available for tonight but could come back at a future meeting. The Council discussed whether they should consider an ordinance for this issue. There were several Councilors who opposed this issue and commented on issues they feel are more pressing such as suicide. After further discussion, there was a consensus of the Council to not support the request from the County.

Proposed fiscal year 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Projects

CM Richter address the Council and noted the projects listed in the packet are in a draft form. She said they will be included in the proposed budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. She said she wanted to give the Council an opportunity to ask questions about the upcoming capital improvement projects. The Council inquired whether staff has been able to find any masons to work on the

restrooms at Arcadia Park. CM Richter indicated staff is not in contact with anyone at this time. The Council questioned whether the renovation for Arcadia Park would include cameras. CM Richter indicated staff could provide an update on how many cameras have been installed.

6. DECISION ITEMS

Consider which City Councilors will attend the mediation with the Toledo Cemetery Association

CA Adams provided an update on the mediation with the Toledo Cemetery Association. He indicated it is recommended to have no more than three Council members to attend the mediation. Councilors Carey and Bush volunteered to attend the mediation. CA Adams noted the Mediator requested two rooms so they can go back and forth between the two entities.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Mix/Bush) to authorize Mayor Cross and Councilors Kim Bush and Wade Carey to attend the mediation with the Toledo Cemetery Association on Friday, April 7, 2023 and the motion carried unanimously.

Consider a System Development Charges assessment & lien agreement to create a lien for land located at 740-742 SE 6th Street, Toledo, OR also known as Blackberry Hill Apartments

CA Adams said this is a follow up from the last meeting. He said he drafted a document that could be recorded to create a lien for the project known as Blackberry Hill Apartments. There was discussion in regards to the re-payment of the loan and it was suggested to make them re-pay at the end of 30 years. There was also the suggestion to make the re-payment if the property ever changed ownership or it was no longer veterans housing. After further discussion, there was a consensus of the Council to include the loan is payable in full if the property changes ownership or changes its purpose.

7. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

CR Figueroa announced the Council will see e-mails from the Oregon Ethics Commission in regards to filing their Statement of Economic Interest, which is due on April 15.

CM Richter encouraged the Council to attend the Drinking Water Protection Plan meeting tomorrow at the Fire Department with lunch. She said there are several vacancies on the Budget Committee. She reminded the Council that once a meeting is over it is important to vacate the Chambers and not linger to avoid any discussions.

Mayor Cross informed the Council about Senate Bill (SB) 847, which is a bill regarding liability and safe resting places and campgrounds. He said it gives communities a safe haven related to outdoor camping in public places. He said the request is to use the city logo if the Council supports the one page letter provided before the start of the meeting (a copy of the letter is included with the archive packet). There was a consensus of the Council to support the letter and provide a copy of the logo.

CP Kamikawa commented on the Homeless Advisory Board and said she is confident about their direction and progress. She noted Senator Wyden's office provided information about available funding sources for cities. She noted often those funding sources require matching funds, which is challenging for smaller cities like Toledo. The Council discussed the possibility of completing

larger projects with partners such as Lincoln County, etc. It was noted those funding sources also come with many obligations and stipulations for cities.

Mayor Cross said he has spoken in front of the Legislature recently about housing.

PC Pace indicated he and Mayor Cross visited the House of Representatives this week, where Representative Gomberg spoke about former Officer Gary Sumpter, who was killed on duty. He said Representative Gomberg spoke about memorializing Gary Sumpter and afterwards received a standing ovation. He said it will now go to the House subcommittee, the House floor and then signed by Governor Kotek. He said then there will be a memorial sign placed on the highway where Officer Sumpter perished. He indicated the second week in April is National Telecommunicators Week and encouraged everyone to send a thank you

8. ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 7:1p.m.

Approve:

Attest:

/s/Mayor Rod Cross

/s/City Recorder Lisa Figueroa