

TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
April 26, 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, City Recorder (CR) Lisa Figueroa, Public Works Director (PWD) Bill Zuspan, Police Chief (PC) Michael Pace, Library Director (LD), Deborah Trusty, City Attorney (CA) Mike Adams, Community Outreach Specialist (CO) Katy Keuter

2. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Water and Sewer Rate Study

CM Richter referenced the Rate Study included in the council packet. She implied regardless of when the study was conducted, it is important to consider increases more-so now due to inflation. She noted the Council implemented a 7% increase. The Council recalled their intent was to increase the rate by 3.5% every other year.

Street light utility fee

The Council noted the possibility of swapping the \$5 back to the street light utility fee. CM Richter said there is approximately 1300 accounts and if \$5 went back to the street light utility fee, it would generate about \$6,500 a month or close to \$78,000 annually. There was discussion about the Council considering the emergency stand by rate as well. After further discussion, the Council opted to wait to see the proposed budget next week and asked staff to bring a resolution for the water rates, sewer rates and the street utility fee back next week for consideration.

4. DECISION ITEMS

Resolution No. 1511, a resolution adopting a Contributions Policy

CR Figueroa presented the council report and referenced the materials included in the packet. She indicated upon review of the In Kind and Enhancement Policy, there have been several changes since its implementation, however there was never a formal adoption of the process by resolution. She said this resolution would formalize the policy. She reviewed the changes in the proposed policy, such as the increased funding to 30% (per request of the Council), the application and grant cycle process and the terms of the committee members. She noted one change that was not included, which would be to require applicants to state in their correspondence their program was partially funded by the City of Toledo. She requested the Council approve the policy with that amendment.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Bush/Kauffman) to adopt Resolution No. 1511, a resolution adopting a Contributions Policy to provide funding in support of local social service or civic organizations that provide direct services to citizens as amended and repealing Resolution No 857 and the motion carried unanimously.

5. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

LD Trusty provided an update to the Council on the Library's recent activities. She noted there was a presentation by Central Lincoln PUD and they were very informative. She said Assistant Library Director Harrison Baker recently made a presentation to the Oregon Library Association.

CO Katy Keuter reported the City received a \$10,000 for Art Toledo to install a sensory mural. The Council inquired whether a sensory mural could include sound. Ms. Keuter said most sensory murals she found have been installed inside and she has not seen many with sounds included.

CM Richter said she has been involved in the budget for review next week and then will be on vacation for a week.

Councilor Bush commented on the Spring Conference she attended hosted by the League of Oregon Cities and said she learned a lot of useful information.

Mayor Cross indicated the Coastal Mayors discussed creating a Coastal Mayors Caucus because the needs on the coast are vastly different from the needs of other cities in the state.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Approve:

Attest:

/s/Mayor Rod Cross

/s/City Recorder Lisa Figueroa