

**TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 7, 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
		Vacant
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Staff present: City Manager (CM) Judy Richter, City Recorder (CR) Lisa Figueroa, City Attorney (CA) Mike Adams, Police Chief (PC) Michael Pace, Fire Chief (FC) Larry Robeson, Library Director (LD) Deborah Trusty

2. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Presentation – Business survey; Community Outreach Specialist Katy Keuter

Ms. Keuter addressed the Council and provided a presentation. She said she interviewed 31 of 90 businesses. She said 49% of those businesses were located on Main Street and 51% were located on Business Highway 20. She said a questionnaire of seven questions was provided to them. The first question related to challenges the business faces, which included the following; lack of (qualified) employees, affordable housing, labor costs too high, workforce wanting part-time and needing benefits. She said businesses indicated the City could be more supportive, spruce up Main Street, change code/law for buildings and more police presence to support them. She said several businesses said small loans/grants, business workshops and having a downtown association would be several resources that could help their business. She said several businesses along Main Street stated Main Street parking was taken up by employees of other businesses and it impeded their business. She said 74% of the businesses interviewed were members of the Chamber of Commerce and 67.7% of those businesses provided no comment as to whether they were satisfied with the Chamber of Commerce. She said the businesses took time to answer the questionnaire, however sometimes the questionnaire took two hours to complete.

Presentation – Cynthia George

Ms. George addressed the City Council and expressed concern on the water contamination of the Yaquina River and watershed. She commented on the study completed by the Midcoast Watershed Council recently as well as the study completed by the City several years ago. She declared there is a rise of contaminants such as bacteria and aluminum in the water, negatively impacting the environment. She said she is worried the Olalla watershed has been drained. The Council thanked her for the presentation.

3. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from the executive session and the regular meeting held April 5, 2023

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

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no items for consideration.

6. DECISION ITEMS

Resolution No. 1518, calling a measure election to submit to the electors of the City in November 2023

CM Richter indicated this topic was discussed in a previous meeting and the Council requested additional information. She said there would be a cost to the City to include a ballot on the special election in 2023, which could be between \$4,000 and \$5,000. She said if another City happens to include a ballot, it may decrease the cost to Toledo, but there is no guarantee. She said another option is to include the ballot in the 2024 May primary, but the City would need a majority of the votes to pass the General Obligation Bond. The Council debated on when to forward the ballot measure to the voters. Several Council members expressed concern if they waited to forward the bond until next year for reasons such as competing against other bonds or waiting for the funding distribution from the County. There was discussion in regards to whether the bond would impact families struggling financially. It was suggested to create information that indicates the bond will replace the one expiring or hosting a Town Hall.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Mix/Bush) to approve Resolution No. 1518, a resolution of the Toledo City Council calling a measure election to submit to the electors of the City the question of contracting a general obligation bonded indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,650,000 to finance capital costs; declaring intent to reimburse expenditures; and related matters and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Architectural Design Proposal Amendment #1 by Scott Edwards Architecture for Exterior repairs to new Public Safety Building

CM Richter addressed the Council and said this came before the Council previously. She said the amount then was approximately \$40,000. She said the amount has changed because the City has additional funds to change out the windows as well as the siding and the roofing. She said the new amount is the total cost and not in addition to the previous \$40,000.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Kauffman/Kamikawa) to approve the Scott Edwards Architecture Amendment #1 proposal of approximately \$83,350 for Exterior Repairs to the new Public Safety Building and authorize City Manager to sign and the motion carried unanimously.

Appoint individuals to the Contributions Committee

CR Figueroa presented the council report and indicated it is a follow up to the Resolution previously adopted by the Council that formalized the policy and reconstituted the Committee.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Mix/Bush) to approve the proposed appointments to the Contributions Committee as presented and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve expenditure of up to \$41,000 for street striping

PWD Zuspan provided the council report. He said the project was not completed last year and the project needs to be completed. He indicated the paint that will be used will last longer in case follow up maintenance is not completed in a timely manner.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Mix/Kauffman) to approve an expenditure of up to \$41,000 for street striping and the motion carried unanimously.

7. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

PWD Zuspan reported the Arcadia Park restroom project will begin soon.

CM Richter reminded the interviews for the City Manager position will be tomorrow.

CP Kamikawa updated the Council on committee meetings. She said Lincoln County wants to hire a seasonal employee to assist with the recreational vehicle cleanup. She said illegal dumping in County parks has become an issue as well. She announced the old tire roundup will occur in September as well.

Mayor Cross said he was in Salem this week to meet with Legislators and the League of Oregon Cities. He said he has been seeking funding for the public safety building. He said there are several pilot projects around the state including one in Lincoln County.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Approve:

Attest:

/s/Mayor Rod Cross

/s/City Recorder Lisa Figueroa