

TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
August 23, 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		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. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items for consideration.

4. DISCUSSION

Can the City afford to pay Council members a stipend

Mayor Cross indicated he wanted to add this topic for discussion to consider whether the City should implement a stipend for Council members. He noted several other cities within the state offer stipends and said for example, the City of Halsey provides a stipend of \$300 per month to Council members and \$400 to the Mayor. He said the topic has been discussed at the League of Oregon Cities' meetings recently. The Council debated whether a stipend would improve volunteerism for Council vacancies. It was noted the stipend would be a taxable income and one Councilor suggested there be an option to opt out of receiving the stipend if it were available. After further discussion, the Council asked for the topic to be brought back at a future meeting for more consideration.

5. DECISION ITEMS

Approve purchase of new vehicle for Public Works and surplus of trade in vehicle

CM Richter said this item was held over from the last meeting after Council requested more information. She referenced the packet, which included information comparing an F150 with an F250. The Council inquired why the vehicle order was made before it came before the Council. CM Richter indicated it was her understanding former Public Works Director Bill Zuspan placed the order because of the long wait time for vehicles and stated she is not certain of the details. Councilor Mix referred to a handout she passed out before the meeting comparing a F150 to a

F250 because it was not addressed in the packet materials. She expressed concern in regards to the vehicle order being placed before the request to Council because anything beyond the City Manager's authority must go before Council as a policy.

There was discussion in regards to when the vehicle would be delivered and Council members commented on whether the grounds vehicle would be needed for heavier tasks in the winter and appreciated the packet comparison.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Kamikawa/Kauffman) Motion to approve purchase of 2023 Ford F150 SuperCab Pickup Truck and approve the surplus of a 2006 Ford F250 as a trade in vehicle and the motion carried four to one with Council Mix opposed.

Permit application, consideration to extend alcohol services to outdoor seating area; Elks Lodge

CR Figueroa provided the council report and referenced the Council packet. She noted staff including Contract Planner Justin Peterson met with Barry Bruster of the Elks Lodge to clarify what was included in their request. She noted they want to extend their services to an outside patio. She commented there is currently no policy in the City in regards to a business requesting to expand services to serve alcohol and staff preferred to bring it to the Council for review. The Council reviewed the request, there was discussion about whether the services would impact the neighboring residences such and it was noted the Council could impose any conditions they feel would apply.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Mix/Kauffman) to approve the permit application to extend alcohol services for an outdoor seating for the Elks Lodge so long as they include an appropriate egress, and consideration for the neighbors such as noise and lights and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve a Contract with C-More Pipe Services for \$43,000

CM Richter summarized the council report and indicated this is another project related to the inflow and infiltration mitigation. She said the contractor is ready to proceed with Council approval.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Kamikawa/Bush) to approve a contract with C-More Pipe Services for \$43,000 and authorizing the City manager to sign the contract.

6. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

PC said the County was offering to the cities a class for a Medical Death Investigation certification and he said two employees were interested and will attend that class.

CA Adams said he will work on a draft Livability Code for the Council to review in a future meeting.

CM Richter thanked the Council and said she enjoyed serving as City Manager for the last three years.

Councilor Mix commented about postings she has seen on social media regarding accessibility to the Police Department and she said she invited them to the Council meeting. She said she would really like to see more people volunteer in the City because she said she has learned a lot in her time serving the City.

CP Kamikawa said Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation cancelled their meeting this month but they are proceeding with planning for future improvements to Highway 101.

Mayor Cross commented on how citizens can assist to make change in the community. He provided an example from several years ago when residents of a Toledo neighborhood would record video outside their homes and they would provide video to the Police Department when crimes were committed in their neighborhood and they were able to reduce the crimes that occurred in that area. He said he was in Salem recently discussing the tools needed to be able to build on the Coast. He said Chalk the Block happened over the weekend and some of the panels were amazing.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approve:

Attest:

/s/Mayor Rod Cross

/s/City Recorder Lisa Figueroa