

**TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 18, 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 (CP) Kim Bush
	X	Councilor Jackie Kauffman
X		Councilor Tracy Mix
X		Councilor Frank Silvia
X		Councilor Jackie Burns
X		Councilor Stu Strom

Staff present: City Manager (CM) Doug Wiggins, City Recorder (CR) Lisa Figueroa, Assistant City Manager (ACM) Amanda Carey, City Attorney (CA) Mike Adams, Police Chief (PC) Michael Pace, Finance Director (FD) Judy Richter; Library Director (LD) Deborah Trusty, Officer Tim Cross, Officer Conor Ringwald

2. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Presentation – Police Department

PC Pace provided a presentation and recognized Officer Ringwald with a lifesaving award. PC Pace introduced Tim Cross as a new officer and conducted the oath of office for Officer Cross.

Presentation – Yaquina Pacific Railroad Historical Society; Director Lisa Watson

Yaquina Pacific Railroad Historical Society Director Lisa Watson and Toledo Historical Society Treasurer Brenda Brown addressed the City Council. They informed the Council on how they contribute to promoting tourism for the City of Toledo through a Powerpoint. Ms. Watson indicated she is a certified trainer related to railroad safety. Ms. Brown said the History Center is open five days a week. Each organization commented on how they participate in community events and partnerships. They said both organizations had over 2,000 visitors last year. They stated in addition to their fundraising efforts, they typically receive money from the City's Contributions Fund and Lincoln County (County) through the Transient Lodging Tax, however they received word that funding from the County will decrease next year.

The Council inquired whether the County has provided any explanation to the decrease in funding and Ms. Watson replied she met with the County Administrator, who commented they have to find money to continue funding. The Council provided suggestions of regional organizations each of the organizations could reach out to. The Council questioned if the organizations know what percentage of the operations was funded by private donations versus grants. The Council considered including an article in the City newsletter listing all the nonprofits within the City to promote donations. There was a consensus of the Council to have Mayor Cross draft a letter to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners in regards to the issue.

3. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Chambers, citizen, commented on the City newsletter. He said the newsletter is very informative and suggested they include a summary of the Council meetings as to provide more information to the public.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items for consideration.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no items for consideration.

6. DECISION ITEMS

Letter of support request from the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County

CM Wiggins provided the council report and referenced the e-mail in the Council packet. He said they requested a letter of support from the Council for their program. He said Mr. Schuytema provided a letter and if the Council approves the request, they can authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the Council.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Strom/Silvia) to direct the City Manager to draft a letter of support for the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County and authorize Mayor Cross to sign it and the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1531, a resolution accepting and receiving grant funds from the Oregon State Fire Marshall for wildfire response

FD Richter provided the council report. She said this funding is similar to monies received from the State Fire Marshall's office during the previous wildfire season. She said it is \$35,000 and will provide two extra people in the Fire Department during the summer months.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Mix/Bush) to approve Resolution No 1531, A resolution of the Toledo City Council accepting and receiving grant funds from the Oregon State Fire Marshall for wildfire response and the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No 1532, A resolution recognizing grant revenue and making appropriations for spending for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

FD Richter delivered the council report. She said the Fire and Library Departments received \$59,816.49 in grants this fiscal year. She indicated due to the unforeseen circumstance, a resolution is needed to recognize those funds. She said after this resolution was prepared, the Library secured another grant, which will require another resolution at the next meeting.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Bush/Silvia) to adopt Resolution No. 1532 A Resolution of the Toledo City Council recognizing grant revenue and make appropriations for spending for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Resolution No. 1533, a resolution in support of establishing a continuum of care for the Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties region and registering with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in 2024

CM Wiggins updated the Council and indicated a presentation was provided to the Council before the new Councilors were appointed. He summarized the presentation and noted this will establish Linn, Lincoln and Benton Counties as their own Continuum of Care in order to be federally recognized.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Mix/Bush) to approve Resolution No. 1533, a resolution in support of establishing a continuum of care for the Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties region and registering with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in 2024.

A Memorandum of Agreement and appoint two City Councilors to a steering committee for construction of a community center and refurbishment of the pool

CA Adams provided the council report and referenced the packet materials. He said the Greater Toledo Pool and Recreation District (District) is its own separate Taxing District. He said staff requested two separate motions, the first is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the District and the second is to appoint two Councilors to a steering committee for consideration of a community center and the rehabilitation of the pool. He said this MOU is the first step in the process and future items for Council consideration would possibly include Intergovernmental Agreements with the District and the Urban Renewal Agency as well as a financial mechanism such as a bond agreement.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Strom/Bush) to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Greater Toledo Pool and Recreation District, a Political Subdivision of the State and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion – It was moved and seconded to appoint Mayor Cross and Council President Bush to a steering committee with Councilor Silvia as an alternate that will meet with Greater Toledo Pool and Recreation District representatives to bargain the project and act as City liaisons for the project and the motion carried unanimously.

Appoint a Council member(s) to local/regional committee vacancies as representatives of the City of Toledo

CM Wiggins updated the Council and indicated former Councilor Kamikawa served on several committees, which will need to be filled and he reviewed the information in the packet. He indicated he serves as the alternate to the committees. The Council discussed the schedules and determined who could serve on the committees. After further discussion, there was a consensus of the Council to appoint Councilor Burns to the Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation Executive Committee and Councilor Strom to the Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

City Attorney Contract review

Mayor Cross said the Council will increase the Attorney's salary by \$1,000/month, add a \$300/month vehicle allowance and for this fiscal year; reduce their hours from 40 hours to 36 hours a week effective upon execution of the agreement.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Bush/Silvia) to increase the City Attorney’s salary by \$1,000/month, add a \$300/month vehicle allowance and for this fiscal year; reduce their hours from 40 hours to 36 hours a week effective upon execution of the agreement and the motion carried unanimously.

7. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

LD Trusty provided a department report to the Council. She commented on the idea of the community center location near the library and encouraged the Council to consider the amount of parking needed for mobility challenged individuals. There was discussion about possible scenarios and the Council acknowledged her concern.

FD Richter indicated she began to review the final audit report.

CM Wiggins updated the Council on several activities. He said Community Outreach Specialist Katy Keuter has moved on but will come back for one day to connect with ACM Carey. He said the opening for the Public Works Director position has been posted and will close at the end of the month. He said there was a larger water line break on Fir Street recently. He noted it would cost \$70,000 to replace the asphalt and staff decided to replace the line, which may not occur until March of next year.

Councilor Strom appreciated going to the League of Oregon Cities’ (LOC) annual conference. He said it will be informative to speak to leaders from other cities and see they have the same issues as Toledo.

Councilor Mix said she was sorry to hear about the passing of Ed Johnston. She expressed appreciation for those who stay involved and express their concerns regardless of whether or not they agree with each other.

Councilor Silvia suggested the City of Toledo create a database of homeowners who are willing to share their perimeter videos that capture any crimes with the Police Department, which is similar to the City of Newport’s program. PC Pace replied it could be something the department could look into.

CP Bush said there will be an upcoming meeting with Representative Gomberg to listen to the homeowners from the Town Hall in regards to the homelessness issue in the City.

CP Bush also enjoyed the LOC’s annual conference.

Mayor Cross commented on the LOC conference as well and encouraged Councilors to attend next year. He said there is consideration to propose reinstatement of federal revenue sharing, which would provide funding directly to the cities. He said the current process is challenging and cumbersome for smaller cities. There was discussion in regards to Council contacting staff on matters that need to be addressed within the City.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Approve:

Attest:

/s/Mayor Rod Cross

/s/City Recorder Lisa Figueroa