

TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting
January 23, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rod Cross called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. also via Zoom in Toledo, Oregon.

Present	Absent	
X		Mayor Rod Cross
X		Council President Kim Bush
X		Councilor Jackie Kauffman
X		Councilor Tracy Mix
X		Councilor Frank Silvia
X		Councilor Jackie Burns
X		Councilor Andrew Keating

Staff present: City Recorder (CR) Lisa Figueroa, City Attorney (CA) Mike Adams, Police Chief (PC) Michael Pace

Mayor Cross opened the floor for comments from the public.

Stu Strom, resident, reported on recent Chamber of Commerce activities.

David Lapof, Fire Chief for the City of Siletz Fire District addressed the Council. He indicated his department is working with the City of Toledo and East Lincoln County Fire District to ensure there is coverage in the City of Toledo.

Barry Bruster, citizen, commented on the various types of mediation services that exist.

DECISION ITEMS

Consideration of a decision to allow staff to fill current and future dispatch vacancies created by severe staffing shortages and authorize a designee to sign and execute any agreements related to the shortage

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Cross/Silvia) to authorize Chief Pace to sign documents in accordance with having the emergency staffing positions for dispatch be filled; sign and execute all agreements in regards to the staffing shortage and the motion carried unanimously as follows:

Council member	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained
Mayor Cross	X		
Council President Bush	X		
Councilor Kauffman	X		
Councilor Mix	X		
Councilor Silvia	X		
Councilor Burns	X		
Councilor Keating	X		

Consideration of a decision to hire an investigator to conduct an investigation

The Council discussed holding another thorough investigation of the Fire Department related to several complaints received. CA Adams reported based on how one of the complaints was written; it is unclear whether the current investigator would be considered as a witness. He said they would be willing to provide a recommendation of other firms, who are able to conduct a third party investigation. The Council discussed options and concurred they would like to have a report that is available for the public to read. Following discussion, the Council directed CA Adams to provide the Council a list of recommended companies to conduct an investigation and they would hold a special meeting to review that list.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Councilor Silvia informed the Council he saw the Department of Environmental Quality at City Hall with Public Works Director Lorimor reviewing the areas they would be testing near the building.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Approve:

Attest:

/s/Mayor Rod Cross

/s/City Recorder Lisa Figueroa