City Hall
206 N. Main St.
Toledo, Oregon 97391
6:00 p.m.

TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL
Regular City Council Meeting
June 4, 2025

1. **Call to** Order
    a. Mayor Rod Cross called the Toledo City Council Regular Meeting for June 4, 2025, to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited,

2. **Roll Call**
    a. Present were Councilors Kaufman, Silvia, Mix, Keating, and Mayor Cross. Councilor Burns joined the meeting via Zoom but initially had technical difficulties with video and audio. It was noted that there were enough councilors present to conduct business.

3. **Visitors/Public Comment**
    a. John Robinson addressed the Council briefly to thank Amber and David for taking care of his concerns. He mentioned that he had originally intended to speak about an issue, but after speaking with Amber and David earlier in the day, his concerns had been addressed. He commended Amber for being "right on top of things" and noted it was a "good start right out of the gate."

4. **Consent Agenda**
    a. The consent agenda included the minutes from the May 28, 2025 meeting, a resolution authorizing rate adjustments for solid waste disposal services provided by Dahl Disposal Services and repealing Resolution No. 1554, and a resolution authorizing signers on the City of Toledo bank accounts.
    b. Councilor Mix moved to accept the entire consent agenda, seconded by Councilor Kauffman. The motion carried 5-0.

5. **Discussion and Decision Items**
    a. Options for Additions to the After-Action Review Project
        i. Sia Lindstrom from Jensen Strategies presented options to expand the community engagement portion of the After Action Review project. Four options were presented:
        ii. Communications ($2,375): Creating a city webpage dedicated to the project with regular updates throughout the project's life.
        iii. Additional Interviews ($4,200): Conducting up to five stakeholder interviews with community members to gather more community perspective.
        iv. Community Rollout ($12,000): Conducting a 90-minute in-person

community meeting to present findings, answer questions, and gather feedback, along with an online survey component.

v. Action Plan Development (cost not specified): Working with the new city manager to develop an implementation plan for recommendations.

vi. During discussion, councilors expressed budget concerns but emphasized the importance of transparency. Councilor Mix noted that transparency was the greatest point of frustration for the community throughout the past year. Councilor Silvia expressed concern about ensuring information would be accessible to residents without internet access.

vii. There was consensus among the council to approve the first option (Communications) immediately, while holding off on the other options until later in the process when the new city manager is in place.

viii. Councilor Keating moved to authorize the city manager pro tem to authorize and execute an amendment to the After Action Review with Jensen Strategies to include an additional service under their category of communications. Councilor Kauffman seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

b. The Council took a 10-minute recess to observe the high school senior parade passing down Main Street.

c. Street Lighting Fees

i. Finance Director Judy presented calculations regarding street lighting fee increases needed to cover a $15,000 annual budget shortfall ($1,250/month). She initially proposed raising residential rates by $0.75/month, commercial rates by $1.50, and industrial rates by $5.00, which would generate approximately $1,116 monthly.

ii. Mayor Cross and several councilors expressed concerns about the fairness of the rate structure, particularly regarding industrial users like Georgia Pacific that generate significantly more traffic but don't pay proportionately higher fees. Mayor Cross noted that Georgia Pacific has approximately 400 employees and 200 trucks daily using the streets but only pays about four times what a household of four people pays.

iii. After discussion and calculations, the Council reached consensus to:

1. Leave residential rates unchanged
2. Increase commercial rates by $11.00 per month
3. Increase industrial rates by $15.00 per month

iv. This approach would generate the needed revenue while avoiding additional burden on residential customers who recently experienced water bill increases. Judy will bring back a resolution reflecting these changes at a future meeting.

d. Approve hiring Hicks Striping & Curbing to paint center lines & fog lines in the City of Toledo

i. Public Works Director Lorimor presented a request to hire Hicks Striping & Curbing for the annual painting of center lines and fog lines on city streets. He noted this is crucial for the safety of those using Toledo streets for travel and would impact the budget by $54,000.

ii. Councilor Keating moved to approve hiring Hicks Striping & Curbing to paint center lines and fog lines on the streets of Toledo. Councilor Silvia seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

e. Approve scope and partnership with GSI Water Solutions for Mill Creek Forest Stewardship Plan and Siletz River Critical Area Protection Support
    i. Public Works Director Lorimor presented a request to approve the Interim City Manager signing a contract with GSI Water Solutions to assist and execute the Mill Creek Forest Stewardship Plan and the Siletz River Critical Area Protection Plan.
    ii. Lorimor explained that the city had been awarded a 2024 Drinking Water Source Protection Grant from Business Oregon for this purpose. The grant is for $70,000 and would cover all expenses incurred. The project timeline would run from January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026 (15 months).
    iii. Councilor Keating moved to approve having Interim City Manager Clyne sign the contract with GSI Water Solutions Inc. to assist and execute the Mill Creek Forest Stewardship Plan and Siletz River Critical Area Protection Plan for the City of Toledo. Councilor Kauffman seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

f. Application to consume alcohol in public places – Glastonbury Renaissance Faire
    i. The Council reviewed an application from the Glastonbury Renaissance Faire for alcohol consumption in public places. Police Chief Pace confirmed that the police department had reviewed the application and found no issues.
    ii. Councilors expressed concerns about ensuring the alcohol consumption area would be properly fenced and monitored, particularly to prevent underage access. There was discussion about how OLCC (Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission) requirements had become less stringent since COVID-19.
    iii. Councilor Silvia moved to approve the application with the conditions that they fence in the alcohol drinking consumption and selling area and that it be monitored. Councilor Keating seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

6. Reports and Comments

a. City Manager Pro Tem David Clyne provided updates on several items in the issue tracker
    i. Fire policies had been clarified at the previous meeting
    ii. Charter review was suggested for a September work session
    iii. Public safety fee discussions were recommended for a future work session
    iv. Ordinance 14-23 needed review for inconsistencies and possible procedural issues with adoption

b. Clyne noted they would be working with the city attorney to address any issues with Ordinance 14-23 and would report back soon.

7. Council Comments

a. **Council President Bush** – None
b. **Councilor Mix** – None
c. **Councilor Burns** – None
d. **Councilor Silvia** – None
e. **Councilor Kauffman** – None
f. **Councilor Keating -** None

8. Mayor's Comments

a. Mayor Cross reported on his participation in a cooking competition that raised nearly $1,000 for Food Share. He and Councilor Silvia came in second place with their Italian-inspired dishes. The Mayor encouraged more participation in next year's event.
b. He also discussed concerns about recent Oregon Government Ethics Commission rulings regarding what constitutes compensation for public officials, including food served at meetings being considered a taxable benefit. He expressed frustration with what he viewed as misplaced priorities by the commission.
c. Mayor Cross shared positive news regarding a potential $5.6 million in lottery funding for the public safety building, noting that Toledo remains at the top of the funding list and could receive the money this fall.

9. Future Agenda Items

a. None

10. Adjournment

a. The mayor adjourned the meeting.

APPROVE:

Mayor Rod Cross

ATTEST:

City Recorder Paul Johnson