

TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 4, 2009

Mayor Rod Cross called a regular meeting of the Toledo City Council to order at 7 pm. Councilors present: Wes Chadwick, Mark Camara, Nancy Lynne, Monica Lyons, Mary Young and Council President Bob Emmett.

Staff present: Toledo Police Sergeant (TPS) Mike Helton, Public Works Director (PWD) Adam Denlinger, Library Director Peter Rayment and Assistant City Recorder Nancy Bryant.

Visitors present: Angelo Stephenson, Teresa Methvin, Teresa Denlinger, Rich Glasgow, Don Amberg, Terry Dillman and Stuart Strom.

Visitor Comments:

Terry Dillman announced that 5 of the 6 Lincoln County Fair Board members have resigned and it is uncertain if there will be a Lincoln County Fair this coming summer. He is concerned for the 4H members who work hard all year for their participation in the county fair. He suggested the City of Toledo add a 4H fair to its list of summer events. He offered to coordinate such an event if the city is interested.

Mayor Cross suggested adding this topic to the February 25, 2009 Council Work Session and Dillman agreed to return on that date for the discussion.

Consent Calendar:

Motion-It was moved and seconded (Lynne/Camara) to approve the consent calendar consisting of the invoice list dated January 30, 2009 as well as council minutes dated January 19, 2009 and January 21, 2009. **Motion passed 7-0.**

Discussion and Information Items

LinCom 911 Update-Mass calling system reverse 911

Richard Glasgow the Director of Lincom 9-1-1 provided council with information regarding the mass calling system reverse 911. He said they are excited about this technology purchased last July. It is a county wide mass calling system and it gives them the ability to reach out to thousands of people in a short period of time. They can call up to 2400 people or more in one hour depending on the length of the message. This service is available for county wide use and is not LinCom member exclusive. When the request for calls is made the time it takes to get the calls out is less than 10 minutes. Pre designated areas within Lincoln County for emergency warnings include a 1000 yard margin around all the Schools in case of an incident at a school that may require evacuation of people nearby. It is an important tool to use in case of an emergency but should not be considered the sole source of community contact. He said it is important that the City of Toledo know it is available for their use.

In answer to council questions Glasgow provided the following information:

- Cell phone numbers are not included in the call list. Individuals can register their number to be placed on the list and the registered information is not shared with any other agency.

- Reverse 911 is the call service provider and they have petitioned for the patent to include non registered cell phone numbers.
- Lincom will partner with other centers to broadcast the warning or admonition to other communities to enhance the ability to exceed 2400 calls per hour if necessary. Our current telephone providers do not have the switches in place to make several thousand calls simultaneously as a larger community could.
- There is no cost to the city for the use of this service from Lincom.

Decision Items:

Skateboard Park

TPS Helton informed Council that the Toledo Skate Park is used primarily by unsupervised minors and it is not lit at night. As a public safety measure the Toledo Police Department is requesting that the park be closed at night. The non daylight closure will assist them in their patrols and investigating reported disturbances at the park at night. TPS Helton noted the importance of having posted signs at the park that clearly state when the park is closed to the public.

Councilor Camara voiced his concern for the sign verbiage. He said the words need to make it clear. TPS Helton noted because dusk to dawn could be vague it may be better to include 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes after sunrise.

Councilor Emmett stated his concern of people loitering in the general area around the park in the evenings and the jurisdiction of the Toledo police. TSP Helton said that there is a midnight curfew and this closure does give jurisdiction on the city owned property. The department would still be required to do nightly presence patrols in the area as they currently do. This change will provide the park users a clear understanding of when the park is closed.

Councilor Young requested the signs post the closure hours as opposed to the open hours.

Public Comment

There was none.

Motion-It was moved and seconded (Camara/Young) to close the Toledo Skate Park from dusk to dawn and post signage to that effect. **Motion passed 7-0.**

Proposed Grant Application

In the absence of the City Manager Michelle Amberg, Mayor Cross explained that staff recommends council authorize the City Manager to apply for a 2009 Lincoln County Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$20,000 to be used to replace the Toledo Pool's building heater. He said currently the City has received a \$5,000 grant from the Siletz Tribal Contribution fund, is due to receive a \$5,000 matching grant from Support Toledo Pool (STOP) committee, and has placed a little over \$4,000 in the pool reserve fund for the replacement of the pool heater. Councilor Camara suggested City Manager Amberg contact Lincoln County regarding their view of interest for these grants. Councilor Young suggested that STOP apply for the grant and the city could make application for the Fire Hall. Councilor Camara explained that he had previously

emailed other council members regarding the need to fix the administrative wing of the old fire hall or tear it down. He said this grant request has to tie into economic development and it does not seem appropriate to apply for the renovation or removal of the administrative wing of the old fire hall.

Mayor Cross will contact Sandy Blackman of STOP regarding the suggestion.

Public Comment

There was none.

Motion- It was moved and seconded (Emmett/Young) to recommend that the City Manager apply or assist the STOP committee to apply for the 2009 Lincoln County Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$20,000 to be used to replace the Toledo Pool building's heater. **Motion passed 7-0.**

Library Reserve Funds

LD Rayment explained that this issue is somewhat premature but the possibility of connecting the Toledo Public Library to a fiber telecommunication cable has been raised. He said the Toledo Public Library is connected to the Coastal Resource Sharing Network (CRSN) and the internet by T1 (1.4 MB of bandwidth) frame relay. The cost is approximately \$300 per month, which CRSN pays. For the same monthly charge a fiber cable connection would provide 3 to 4 MB of bandwidth. This would open up a number of avenues that cannot be supported with what we have now. Wade Guidry, the CRSN Systems Manager suggests that when the time comes to do the project, CRSN foot the bill (as a 70% discount could be achieved by the e-rate); the city could then reimburse CRSN for the 30% not covered. Staff is recommending council authorize the use of no more than \$5,000 of Library Reserve Funds to complete connecting the Toledo Public Library to a fiber telecommunication cable. LD Rayment stated it is his intention to place this expenditure in the 2009/10 budget. He said council can either commit to the project now or let it go through the regular budget process.

There was a general discussion regarding who owns the fiber optic cable, where the cable will run, the conduits that still need to be placed and the e-rate application due date.

Public Comment

There was none.

By consensus Council chose to deal with the issue in the 2009/10 budget process.

Potential Stimulus Funding

PWD Denlinger explained the State of Oregon could receive funding in 2009, as part of a federal economic package, a portion of which will be available to local public agencies for public transportation improvements. If a federal economic stimulus bill for transportation projects is passed by Congress, the Oregon Local Program Committee will be responsible for creating a method of fund distribution and project selection. Cities have been encouraged to provide information related to transportation projects meeting Oregon Department of Transportation

funding requirements. Those requirements included projects that could be completed within a fairly quick timeline. The City of Toledo has a project that meets the requirements, complete with some engineering, left over from the Business Highway-20 improvements. Scope of work would include the installation of over 2300-feet of pedestrian walkway along Business-20 from 3rd Street to Ridge Road. This section of walkway along with storm drain infrastructure improvements was previously designed and engineered but was not completed due to lack of funding. In the event that stimulus funding is approved for this project staff will use existing engineering documents to prepare project specifications necessary for the creation of a request for proposal. Staff is recommending council adopt a resolution authorizing staff to apply for possible stimulus funding.

In response to council questions PWD Denlinger said the proposed resolution does not lock us into this specific project but it does require that it be a transportation project through ODOT. This is the only project that has been submitted to ODOT at this time. Staff has looked at other infrastructure projects that could be shovel ready but this project happens to have engineering and design which brought it to the surface quickly.

Public comment

There was none.

Motion-It was moved and seconded (Emmett/Camara) to adopt Resolution No. 1246 authorizing the City of Toledo to apply for possible stimulus funding for infrastructure improvements and delegating the authority to the City Manager to sign the application. **Motion Passed 7-0.**

Reports and Comments:

Department Reports

PWD Denlinger reported the following:

- Crews discovered a rupture on the Mill Creek raw water line located in the wetlands adjacent to the Yaquina River near Elk City Road. The crew was able to use the bridge constructed during last year's improvements to the system to access the raw water line to complete the repairs. They located the leak on Monday of this week and by the close of the same business day the department was successful in obtaining an emergency authorization permit to begin work immediately. A local excavator was brought in and the line was safely repaired by three o'clock today. PWD Denlinger commended the public works staff for their work on this repair.
- During the repair period the city was able to pull water from the Siletz line. If a rupture of the Mill Creek raw water line occurred at a time when we could not pull off of the Siletz line the city could face an issue of not having enough water to meet the demand.
- The water leak repair in the City Hall Council Chambers is complete. There will be some work done to the south wall of the room but it should not obstruct the use of the room.
- The outside access door to the council chambers has a new keyless lock system. The access codes are for staff use only. The lock was installed to comply with Police Chief Fandrey's vulnerability assessment of the building. The objective is to have a single entry to City Hall. Eventually the handicapped entry on the north side of the building will also have the same type of locking mechanism. That door lock will be hard wired to a buzzer that can allow staff at the front office to let the general public in the building.

Mayor Cross inquired about access to the public restrooms.

PWD Denlinger stated the public can still have access to the public restrooms but will be required to come into the building through the front or north doors. There are handicap accessible restrooms in City Hall. Staff is working on updated signage.

City Manager's Report

CM Amberg was not in attendance.

Council Comments

Councilor Camara said he hopes the City Manager gets well soon.

Councilor Young announced Monday February 9th there will be a meeting at 6:30pm at Toledo Jr/Sr High School media center for open discussion regarding future budget cuts. Stand for Children is a movement who plans to go to the State Capital on February 16th to let legislators know that small school funding is important.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Cross reported the following:

- Mayors Day at the Capital. In speaking with League of Oregon Cities Representatives and our Oregon Mayors Representatives three things that are legislative priorities for this coming session were discussed: ethics reform, transportation funding and unfunded mandates from the State.
- During the day at the capital he was able to talk with Representative Jean Cowan regarding increasing the small city allotment funding.
- February 18th the League of Oregon Cities will be hosting a Small Cities Conference here in Toledo starting at 11am. Interested persons can call the City Manager for the meeting venue.
- He thanked Terry Dillman for looking forward on the County Fair issue and bringing it to council's attention.

Angelo Stephenson stated that he has enjoyed this meeting and the council's open discussion.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Assistant City Recorder

Mayor