

TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 4, 2009

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

Excused: Councilor Wes Chadwick

Staff present: Fire Chief (FC) Will Ewing, Treasurer Polly Chavarria, Public Works Director (PWD) Adam Denlinger, Library Director Peter Rayment, (PC) Police Chief Mark Fandrey and Assistant City Recorder Nancy Bryant.

Visitors present: Teresa Denlinger, Don Amberg, Betty Kamikawa and Terry Dillman.

Visitor Comments:

Betty Kamikawa announced a painting party will take place at the new child care center located in the Arcadia School building on March 9th and 10th at 3:30pm. The center is sponsored by the Lincoln County Association for Family and Community Education. She said they have a lot of work to do and welcome volunteers to help them get ready for the opening date of May 1, 2009. She also noted that a Family and Community Education member has donated \$5,000 to start the center.

Consent Calendar:

Motion-It was moved and seconded (Camara/Emmett) to approve the consent calendar consisting of the invoice list dated February 27, 2009 as well as council minutes dated February 18, 2009.

Motion passed 6-0 noting the absence of Councilor Chadwick.

Discussion and Information Items

Fire Department Equipment Replacement Plan Update

FC Ewing presented a proposed Toledo Fire Department Equipment Replacement Schedule. He said the dynamic of the plan may change if equipment fails sooner than anticipated. He noted the 1984 Pierce Fire engine scheduled for replacement in 2012 has a replacement cost of \$380,000. FC Ewing stated he is looking to council for direction in funding the plan.

Council and staff discussed different funding options to meet the equipment replacement needs as well as purchase options.

Mayor Cross suggested replacing the 2001 Ford Expedition vehicle sooner than the schedule allows taking advantage of the present lower prices.

2009 City Council Goals

CM Amberg provided the report prepared by John Baker listing the five strategic goals for 2009. She suggested council adopt the five strategic goals and work on the task list at a later date.

Council agreed that there is a lot of information in the report and much of it needs to be narrowed down for staff direction. They also agreed to meet in special session on March 11, 2009 at 7pm in the City Hall Conference Room as well as one hour early at the regular scheduled meetings of March 18th and March 25th to complete the final document.

Councilor Camara requested the word “insure” changed to “ensure” in goals number 2, 3 and 5.

Motion- It was moved and seconded (Emmett/Lyons) to adopt the proposed council strategic goals for 2009. **Motion passed 6-0** noting the absence of Councilor Chadwick.

Decision Items:

System Development Charges (SDC) Study Funding

As requested by council at the January 28, 2009 council work session Treasurer Chavarria provided council with a staff recommendation for funding the SDC methodology for the Sanitary Sewer, Storm Drain, Transportation and Parks infrastructure sectors.

The staff recommendation is as follows;

- There are funds available in the Sewer SDC Fund that could appropriately be used to pay for the Sanitary Sewer methodology. These funds are fully appropriated and available within the current budget and there are no current projects slated for this money.
- There is approximately \$3,930 available in the Transportation SDC Fund that could be used towards the Transportation methodology. This money is also fully appropriated and available this budget year. This leaves a balance of \$5,902 to complete the Transportation methodology. Both Transportation and Storm Drain are functions of the Street Fund, and as such the most appropriate place for the remaining expenditure for these sectors (totaling \$14,462) would be the Street Fund. There is money budgeted within the “Systems” line item of the Street Fund that could be used for these sectors. The money is currently slated for paving projects, and is carried from year to year as projects are completed. This money was not intended to be used for a paving project during the current fiscal year but was to be carried forward for future paving projects. The money is fully appropriated and would require no additional budget action to be used within this fiscal year.
- The most likely funds to be used for the Parks sector would be the “Parks Plan & Improvements” money in the General Reserve Funds. These funds have been set aside from the General Fund over a number of years for use on future park development for both new and existing parks. Within this year’s budget, the money is earmarked to be used for fencing improvements in the existing parks, and as grant match for Memorial Field grant. The money is fully appropriated and available to be spent this fiscal year with no further action of the council.

(PWD) Denlinger said this recommendation works for the public works department. Staff has looked at ways to cover the cost from the current budget. He noted the City is eligible for receiving \$25,000 in a Special City Allotment Grant for next year which will fund paving.

Council expressed their appreciation to staff for their team work in completion of this issue.

Public Comment

There was none.

Motion-it was moved and seconded (Young/Camara) to approve the funding recommendation for development of System Development Charge (SDC) methodology for Sanitary Sewer, Storm Drain, Transportation and Parks. **Motion passed 6-0** noting the absence of Councilor Chadwick.

City Attorney Recruitment

CM Amberg provided council with a draft potential Request for Proposal for City Attorney Services. She said the committee will be meeting soon to review the proposal and return to council with a final document.

Council agreed to take no action and wait for a recommendation from the City Attorney Search Team.

Public Comment

There was none.

Proposed Grant Application

FC Ewing proposed a planned application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) which will soon be open. The requested funds will support the rescue component of the City's emergency response. He said the City will be able to fund the match with a small portion of the funds allocated for replacement of extrication equipment already in the department's replacement program. The request is anticipated to be approximately \$80,000 with a match requirement of approximately \$4000.

FC Ewing explained the grant process as well as equipment technology updates. He reported that he recently attended a grant writing training and is ready to apply when this grant becomes available.

Councilors Camara and Young commend FC Ewing for being prepared by taking the grant writing class.

Public Comment

There was none.

Motion- It was moved and seconded (Lynne/Young) to authorize the City of Toledo to apply for the Fire Grant contingent on the City Managers review and approval. **Motion passed 6-0** noting the absence of Councilor Chadwick.

Reports and Comments:

Department Reports

There were none.

City Manager's Report

CM Amberg reported the following:

- The Library levy will be back on the ballot for November of this year at the same amount of seven cents per thousand.
- There is still a vacancy on Planning Commission however an application packet was picked up today.
- She will open the old fire hall and work with the Master Gardeners to recycle plastic tarping from damaged greenhouses on Saturday March 7th.
- The City will host a webcast presentation by the National League of Cities regarding the stimulus package at noon on March 11th. It will take place in the City Hall Council Chambers.
- A hearing on the Writ of Mandamus recently filed against the City is scheduled for March 20th. She encouraged anyone with interest to attend.
- A joint Toledo City Council/Port of Toledo meeting is scheduled for March 12th at 7 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.
- The Newport Airport has scheduled an open house for March 15th at 11:30 am. Seaport Airlines will be flying their inaugural flights. Everyone is invited.
- She will attend the Newport City Council meeting on March 16th in support of the Lincoln Community Land Trust.

Council Comments

Councilor Lynne noted that she was surprised to see a new Toledo telephone prefix of 635. She said it is a Charter Communications phone number.

Councilor Camara announced the Oregon Coast Bank will be opening a branch in Toledo near the Post Office. Also, he reported that the Toledo Development Association is working to recruit a wood artist to Toledo.

Councilor Lyons noted a comment that she overheard recently stating that Toledo is just a mill town and will always be just a mill town. She requested that staff and other representatives of Toledo not make that comment. She believes that Toledo is much more than a mill town.

Councilor Emmett thanked staff for working well together and looking forward to the needs and completion of council goals. He appreciates their work.

Councilor Young also thanked staff for working as a team.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Cross reported the following:

- He commended CM Amberg for the job she is doing for all of the citizens of Toledo. She is running a good operation and it shows in the dedication and happiness of staff.
- The Oregon Main Street team will be in Toledo for an assessment on April 2nd. There will be a lunch at 11:30 am with stake holders and at 1:30 pm they will meet with the Mayor and City Manager ending the day with a press conference at 4:30pm. On April 3rd at 5:30 pm there will be a wrap up time with the group.

- May 9th is scheduled as a day to take care of Toledo. Volunteers will take care of the flowerbeds and other housekeeping things that need to be done to keep this town beautiful.
- He plans to attend the painting party at Arcadia School and invites everyone to participate. He noted the new director for the child center was in attendance at this meeting.

Teresa Denlinger introduced herself as the Director of the new child center opening in Toledo. She said she appreciates the citizen support for the center.

Mayor Cross called a 5 minute recess at 8:16pm and announced an executive session will follow.

The Council meeting resumed at 8:21 pm and Mayor Cross called for an executive session according to ORS 192.660(2) concerning (d) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations and (h) To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Assistant City Recorder

Mayor