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## **TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

March 19, 2008

Mayor Jim Chambers called a regular meeting of the Toledo City Council to order at 7pm. Councilors present: Mark Camara, Bob Emmett, Ron Beckham, Wes Chadwick, and Council President Rod Cross.

Excused: Councilor Sarah Cole

Staff present: City Manager (CM) Pete Wall, Fire Chief (FC) Will Ewing, Police Chief (PC) Mark Fandrey, Public Works Director (PWD) Adam Denlinger and Utility/Recording Clerk Nancy Bryant.

Visitors present: Katherine Pederson, Marcia Williams, Jeff Bertuleit, Kiera Morgan, Paul Joannides, Jim Fossum and Toni Johnson.

### **Visitor Comments:**

There were none.

### **Consent Calendar:**

**Motion**-It was moved and seconded (Camara/Chadwick) to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of the invoice list dated March 13, 2008 and Council minutes dated March 5, 2008.

**Motion passed 6-0**

### **Discussion and Information Items:**

#### **Lincoln County Fairboard update**

Lincoln County Fair board members Kiera Morgan and Paul Joannides provided Council with an update on the 2008 Centennial County Fair, which will be held on July 18<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. In an effort to make the fair more affordable for locals the admission fees have been reduced. Some of the entertainment and activities will include a rodeo, mud drags, a children's village, fishing and hunting exhibits, Spiderman from Marvel Comics, Brads World of Reptiles and the 45 piece 234<sup>th</sup> Army Band to play a two hour concert.

Council thanked Ms. Morgan and Mr. Joannides for their presentation.

#### **2008 City Council Goals Implementation Update-Develop a Proactive Code Enforcement Program**

The Toledo Police Department has drafted a proposed press release for a public information campaign to inform citizens of the upcoming abatement efforts under Toledo Municipal Code 10.24 regarding discarded vehicles. This project is established under the 2008 Goal Implementation Plan. This is the final step in phase I of the project. (PC) Fandrey ask that Council review and provide input for the press release.

Council and staff discussed additions to the press release to reflect that the abatement efforts are by direction of the Council.

Council thanked (PC) Fandrey for his work on the project.

### **Decision Items:**

#### **Authorize the City of Toledo to apply for a FEMA “Fire Act Grant”.**

(PC) Ewing recommended Council authorize the City of Toledo to apply for the Fire Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The grant request of approximately \$100,000 will require a 5% match. If awarded, the grant funds will be used for phase two of the Firefighter Safety Enhancement Program. This phase will include; radio equipment upgrade, a set of stabilizers for use at motor vehicle crashes, extrication equipment and a thermal imaging camera.

**Motion-**It was moved and seconded (Cross/Camara) to authorize the City of Toledo to apply for the FEMA “Fire Act Grant”. **Motion passed 6-0**

#### **Proposed Resolution-A Resolution approving of a Petition to form the Central Coast Aquatic District and the Inclusion of the City of Toledo within that proposed district**

(CM) Wall recommended Council discuss the proposed resolution and decide whether or not to approve Toledo becoming part of the proposed Aquatic District. The process is that in order for a district to include the city the governing body of the incorporated city must approve a resolution.

Jeff Bertuleit, Board Member and Katherine Pederson President of the Friends of the Central Coast Aquatic District provided testimony in favor of the City of Toledo’s inclusion to the Aquatic District.

Council discussed their concerns regarding the additional tax burden for Toledo residents and the fact that there are no current plans in the proposal to include funding for the Toledo Swim Pool.

#### **Public Comment**

There was none.

There was no motion to take action on the proposed resolution approving a petition to form the Central Coast Aquatic District. **Decision Item died due to lack of motion.**

#### **Proposed Ordinance Providing for the Establishment and administration of Rules Governing Cross Connection Control Measures for the City of Toledo and Amending Toledo Municipal Code, Title 13, Section 13.12.030 and Repealing Section 13.12.240.**

Staff recommended Council adopt City ordinance revision allowing staff to enforce new cross connection and backflow regulations as a requirement by Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-061-0070. (PWD) Denlinger reported to Council that last year’s Department of Human Services annual report indicated that the ordinance revision is needed to comply with current standards.

Council and Staff discussed the proposed ordinance content as well as Council's concern regarding the potential exclusion of residential water users in the cross connection and backflow regulation and inspection standards.

(PWD) Denlinger explained that if residential water users are using water only for domestic purposes they are excluded from the regulations and inspections program. He said the regulations are designed to protect our system from contaminants that would be used by commercial and industrial water users.

### **Public Comment**

There was none

**Motion-**It was moved and seconded (Camara/Beckham) by second reading to adopt Ordinance No. 1320 an Ordinance Providing for the Establishment and administration of Rules Governing Cross Connection Control Measures for the City of Toledo and Amending Toledo Municipal Code, Title 13, Section 13.12.030 and Repealing Section 13.12.240, subject to the suggested changes. **Motion passed 6-0**

### **Proposed Resolution Authorizing the City of Toledo to apply for the 2008 State of Oregon Local Government Parks Grant.**

(PWD) Denlinger reported the Public Works Department has been successful at using Local Government Grants to construct and enhance area parks. Most recently, grant funding was used to complete improvements to the Memorial Field facility which included new state-of-art ball field lighting, complete renovation of the electrical system to provide uninterrupted power for events such as annual Summer Festival, and construction of a new roof over the grandstands. This year matching requirements for the Local Government Grant Program have been reduced from 40-percent to 20-percent for municipalities with a population of less than 5,000.

Many other infrastructure improvements need to be completed. Some of the items being considered for improvement include fencing around the park, install/replace sidewalk to include ADA standards, installation of new restroom facilities, along with storm drainage, turf upgrades and irrigation. Improvements are estimated to be \$200,000. Grant match for this project will be \$40,000 from the general reserve fund, parks plans and improvements account. The department will use a combination of agency labor and equipment, along with inmate labor as soft cost to satisfy the requirement for the grant match.

(PWD) Denlinger recommends Council adopt a resolution authorizing staff to apply for the 2008 State of Oregon Local Government Parks Grant.

Mayor Chambers stated that these grant funds are a great opportunity for the City and he clarified that the park improvements funded by this grant will not take place of the final Memorial Field Committee plan. He also requested that landscaping be included in case there are funds available for that purpose.

**Motion-**It was moved and seconded (Cross/Camara) to adopt Resolution No. 1229 authorizing the City of Toledo to apply for the 2008 State of Oregon Local Government Parks Grant for infrastructure improvements to Memorial Field and delegating the authority to the City Manager to sign the application. **Motion passed 6-0**

## **Reports and Comments:**

### **Department Reports**

#### **Public Works**

(PWD) Denlinger stated that he would have an update next month on the progress of the River Road/Mill Creek raw water line repair project.

### **City Manager's Report**

- (CM) Wall announced the Council's screening committee has narrowed the applications for City Manager down to five and background checks are being done. He suggested interviews start on the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> of April using the same process as last time. The April 11th schedule includes applicants meeting with department heads and a community reception will follow in the evening. Staff would like to schedule applicant interviews with Council on April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- (FC) Ewing prepared a grant request for the Emergency Preparedness Grant fund of Lincoln County. Increased storage for emergency supplies was included in the grant request and (CM) Wall has received notice that the grant request has been approved.
- He announced that an application has been filed for the vacancy on the Budget Committee and the interview of that applicant by Council is scheduled for the March 26<sup>th</sup> Council work session.

### **Council Comments**

Councilor Beckham stated that he is proud of the Department Heads; they are doing a great job. He also noted that the Library had a circulation of over 5000. He said it is nice to have the Toledo Library available with the type of weather we have.

Councilor Camara announced the Toledo Development Association has a USDA grant called the Made in Toledo Project. As part of that grant there will be some architectural renderings of several buildings in the commercial district depicting what they could look like if they were restored. The architects will be walking around Toledo on March 31<sup>st</sup> followed by a nightly meeting in which the architects and representatives of the Downtown Development Association will present their findings.

(CP) Cross reported that he and Library Director Peter Rayment attended a meeting regarding middle school sports. The group is looking into forming a countywide recreation district that would benefit everyone. They will have more information by the middle of April. (CP) Cross will report back to Council when more information is available.

Councilor Emmett said (CP) Cross's report sounds like a good idea.

### **Mayor Comments**

- Mayor Chambers attended the Fire Department Awards Banquet. He is very proud of our Fire Department and its volunteers. Fire Chief Ewing gave an interesting presentation and it was a good banquet.

- Toledo was again named Tree City USA. This is the 14<sup>th</sup> year for this designation.
- Plum Creek will possibly notify grant applicants by next week.

Mayor Chambers called a brief recess at 9:10 pm and announced an Executive Session will follow.

The Council meeting resumed at 9:20 pm and Mayor Chambers called for an executive session according to ORS 192.660(2) concerning (e) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

**Adjournment:**

The Council returned to regular session and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

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Utility/Recording Clerk

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Mayor