

JOINT WORK SESSION  
TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL AND PORT OF TOLEDO COMMISSIONERS  
January 23, 2008

The joint work session began at 7:55pm.

**City Council Present:** Mayor Jim Chambers, Council President Rod Cross, Councilors Mark Camara, Sarah Cole and Bob Emmett.

**Excused:** Councilors Wes Chadwick and Ron Beckham.

**Staff Present:** City Manager (CM) Pete Wall, Utility/Recording Clerk Nancy Bryant, (FC) Fire Chief Will Ewing, (PWD) Adam Denlinger.

**Port Commissioners Present:** Gregg Harrison, Chuck Gerttula, John Miller and Cody Gray.

**Port Staff Present:** Port Manager, Bud Shoemake and Secretary Brenda Brown.

**Discussion Items**

**Port Master Plan Presentation**

Port Staff presented an overview of the Port of Toledo's Master Plan. The Port received a planning and marketing grant that facilitated hiring Cook and Associates to help plan the area of improvements. The Port has filed for a dredging permit for the Yaquina River up to the entrance into Depot Slough, a distance of 2000 feet with a depth of 10 feet. Some of the additions to the Port property will include restrooms with showers, a large gazebo, two large buildings, a green park area with pathways, an amphitheater and a pier with floating dock. A Port appointed Committee of four community members and one Commissioner developed the building design criteria. A transient dock will accommodate vessels up to 50 feet in length.

Mayor Chambers stated that it is the Memorial Field Committee's intent to hire the same consultant for the Memorial Field project to help the design tie together with the Port improvements.

It is anticipated that the Yaquina River dredging will be done in the fall of 2008. The placement of dredge material was discussed.

**City/Port Planning Grant Project Update**

Port Staff reported that the ongoing process is just now kicking off; a bridge has been considered for pedestrian crossing over the railroad tracks, the engineer is looking at improvements to the entire end of Main Street and ODOT has agreed to do some preliminary engineering to see that it all works. The plans from this grant will aid the City and Port to be ready for funding of improvements when it becomes available.

### **Toledo Airport**

Port Staff reported that the State has completed a master plan and in that plan they recommend closing the Toledo Airport. The port has an ongoing interest in the airport because it is adjacent to the boat launch. It is the shortest state run airport in the state and has a number of safety hazards. The property is leased with a condition that if it ever ceases to be used as an airport ownership will revert back to the City.

City Council, Commissioners and Staff discussed the possibility of partnering in a joint effort with the state to maintain the airport. Port staff suggested forming a sub-committee to look at options for future planning of the airport. (CM) Wall supported the idea of a sub-committee. City Council and Port Commissioners agreed that they will discuss it further.

### **Other**

City Council and Port Commissioners discussed partnering to enhance economic development.

Port Staff encouraged the City to develop criteria for the development of downtown buildings on Main Street. Mayor Chambers stated that many of the downtown development concerns might be answered if the City is successful in the Downtown Economic Development Grant.

Mayor Chambers gave an overview of the Memorial Field Committee project and its progress to date.

Commissioner Gray remembered a short video produced years ago by the City, Port and local businesses that was played on local television channels. Council Camara supported the idea of partnering with the Port and local businesses to do a promotional video. Councilor Cross suggested contact with Peter Vince at the Toledo High School to utilize their local cable channel broadcast.

### **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Harrison asked if council would be discussing urban renewal at the Council goal setting session meeting. Mayor Chambers affirmed.

### **Council Comments**

(CP) Cross noted his appreciation for the joint meeting with the Port of Toledo.

Mayor Chambers stated that the Council would be looking at their goals and how they might prioritize them at the next meeting scheduled for Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

The joint work session adjourned at 9:37pm.