

TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
March 2, 2016

Mayor Billie Jo Smith called the meeting to order at 6:50pm. Councilors present: Julie Rockwell, Jackie Kauffman, and Council President (CP) Jill Lyon.
Councilors Michele Johnson and Alma Baxter arrived at 6:55pm.
Councilors excused: Terri Strom.

Staff present: City Manager (CM) Jay Baughman, City Attorney/Planner (CA) Michael Adams, Police Chief (PC) Dave Enyeart, and City Recorder (CR) Nancy Bryant.

Visitors present: Jerry Seth, Janice Watson, Bill Farley, Josh Smith and Deanne Dunlap.

Interview for Budget Committee

Council interviewed Josh Smith of Toledo, applicant for the vacant budget committee position.

Jerry Seth stated that Josh Smith has been a welcome addition to the planning commission. CA Adams concurred with Mr. Seth's statement.

Visitors/Public Comment

There were no visitor comments.

Consent Calendar

Motion- It was moved and seconded (Kauffman/Rockwell) to approve the consent calendar consisting of the City Council minutes of February 9, 2016 and February 17, 2016.

Motion passed 6-0, noting the absence of Councilor Strom.

Discussion and Information Items

Committee Updates

There were no committee updates.

City Drug-free Workplace Policy

CM Baughman reported that the new Oregon recreational marijuana law has no employment provisions. He stated that the City of Toledo will assume the "No Impairment" workplace policy as with its current drug-free workplace policy regarding drugs and alcohol. The exception to the No Impairment policy are the employees who work in public safety, those with commercial driver's licenses and lifeguards. Those employees hold safety sensitive positions and are expected to follow a "Zero Tolerance Policy".

CM Baughman noted that administration will make the drug-free workplace policy known to all City employees.

In answer to Council questions staff responded as follows:

- Employees who are not holding safety sensitive positions would only be required to submit a drug test under reasonable suspicion.
- There is no legislated acceptable limit of THC as in testing for alcohol limits.

- There are no known court challenges regarding this type of policy.

Decision Items

Request for Partial Closure of Main Street for the Summer Street Market Event

CM Baughman reported that this topic was discussed by Council during two previous Council meetings. Staff was directed to work with the organizers of the Street market to make it work. He noted that he has spoken with Councilor Strom, as the representative of the Toledo Downtown Association, regarding his proposal for meeting the needs of business access and Americans with Disabilities Act compliance. Two parking spaces will be provided at both ends of the closure to allow for handicapped and business access parking. He also noted that he has notified the Lincoln County Transit of the potential Thursday closures.

CA Adams noted that Toledo Municipal Court, located in the Council Chambers of City Hall, begins at 8:30 on Thursday mornings twice per month. A closure of Main Street at 8am may cause some difficulties for those attending Court.

CM Baughman noted that a street closure sign will be located at the top of Main Street each morning of the market dates.

CP Lyon noted that Council's decision on this matter is not the fate of the Main Street Market and is only considering whether to approve the request to close the street on market dates. She also noted that if there are public complaints regarding access to City Hall during the closure dates Council should reevaluate its decision.

Councilor Baxter stated that she is a fan of the Street Market but she is not a fan of the street closure plan.

Public comment: There was no public comment.

Motion- It was moved and seconded (Rockwell/Johnson) to approve a request for a portion of Main Street from 2nd Street NW to 1st Street NW on Thursdays between June 2nd, 2016 and September 29th, 2016 from 9am to 4pm for the Toledo Street Market, contingent upon receipt of liability insurance from the Toledo Downtown Association.

Motion passed 4-2, noting that Councilors Kauffman and Baxter voted no and the absence of Councilor Strom.

Appointment to the Budget Committee

Mayor Smith called for vote by show of hands regarding appointment of Josh Smith to the Budget Committee for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2018.

Public comment: There was no public comment.

Council voted unanimously by show of hands, noting the absence of Councilor Strom, to appoint Josh Smith to the Budget Committee for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2018.

Reports and Comments

Department Report

There were no department reports.

City Manager's Report

CM Baughman reported the following:

- The Mid Coast Watershed Council is meeting March 3rd at the Central Lincoln PUD building. Local Historian Lloyd Palmer will be the guest speaker.
- A City management team will be meeting with management of the Seal Rock Water District to discuss upcoming projects and budgetary impacts.

Council Comments

CP Lyon announced that the "First Weekend" event is coming up this weekend. She noted an article in the Newport News-Times regarding the City of Siletz's decision to enter into a contract with the Lincoln County Sheriff for police services. She expressed her disappointment that the City of Toledo isn't an option for providing that service to the Siletz area.

Mayor Comments

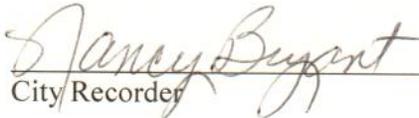
Mayor Smith reported the following:

- Congressman Kurt Schrader will be hosting a round-table event for elected officials on March 10th.
- She will be attending a training for elected officials at the Oregon Coast Community College regarding employee evaluations. She encouraged other councilors to attend as well.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned the meeting at 7:47pm.

ATTEST:


City Recorder

APPROVE:


Mayor