

TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
May 4, 2016

Mayor Billie Jo Smith called the Toledo City Council work session to order at 7:00pm.  
Councilors present: Michele Johnson, Alma Baxter, Terri Strom, and Council President Jill Lyon.  
Councilors excused: Julie Rockwell and Jackie Kauffman.

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

Visitors present: Janice Watson and Jerry Seth.

**Visitor Comments:**

There were no visitor comments.

**Consent Calendar**

**Motion-** It was moved and seconded (Lyon/Baxter) to approve the consent calendar consisting of the City Council minutes of April 12, 2016 and April 20, 2016.

**Motion passed 5-0**, noting the absence of Councilors Rockwell and Kauffman.

**Discussion and Information Items**

**Committee Updates**

There were no committee updates.

**Decision Items**

**Setting a Date for the Permanent Closure of the Toledo Public Swimming Pool**

CM Baughman reported that at the April 12, 2016 City Council work session, the Toledo City Council discussed the impact that the Toledo Public Swimming Pool has on the City's budget. The City is facing an operational deficit projected out in the next five years to reach nearly \$400,000 by the year 2021. The pool facility is old and in poor repair and the cost to maintain the pool structure and system gets more expensive each year. Operating the pool (open swim, lessons, etc.) costs the City \$250,000 a year. With the condition of the pool and low attendance at the facility, Council determined that it made the most sense to begin preparations to close the pool or otherwise divest itself from the maintenance and operation of the facility. After some discussion Council determined that the City should set a closure date of June 30, 2017 unless a community committee can come up with a viable plan by December 31, 2016 to take over the facility by which City Council can then decide if the closure date should be extended to December 31, 2017.

He noted that this information regarding the condition of the pool, and what could be done to save the pool was shared with the public at the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 City Council meeting, which was not only televised but heavily attended by the community.

CP Lyon thanked Councilor Baxter for coming up with this solution and she noted that the citizens now have an avenue to deal with this.

Councilor Baxter stated that it is important to recognize that the populous will have the opportunity to decide if they will support the operation of the facility. She said that she is hopeful that the facility will survive.

Mayor Smith noted that there is a community committee that will be meeting next week to begin putting a plan in place by December. She added that Council is being as fair as possible by providing the community time to develop a plan to keep a swimming pool in the city.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

**Motion**-it was moved and seconded (Lyon/Baxter) to set June 30, 2017 for the date to permanently close the Toledo Public Swimming Pool unless a community committee can come up with a viable plan by December 31, 2016 to take over the facility by which City Council can then decide if the closure date should be extended to December 31, 2017.

**Motion passed 5-0**, noting the absence of Councilor Rockwell and Kauffman.

### **Award of 2016 Paving Project**

PW Ritzman reported that staff reviewed the streets in Toledo and selected and prioritized those that would be prime candidates for a pavement overlay. A list of candidate streets was sent to all of the underground utility companies to assure that no pending projects would result in digging up the streets after overlay. The lists were also compared with the City's master plans for sewer and water project conflicts.

The highest priority streets that do not require pavement grinding were selected for Phase 1. Some high priority streets will be included in the next phase which will include pavement grinding. Other streets will be included in subsequent street overlay and sealing projects.

Streets identified in this phase include: SE 7<sup>th</sup> Street from Fir Street to Gaither Way, SE Alder Lane Drive from Alder Way to Maple Street, NW Aspen Street from Skyline to Elm Street, NW Elm Street, NW 11<sup>th</sup> Place, and NW Deer Drive.

Plans and specifications for this project were prepared. The project was duly advertised in the local newspaper as well as the Journal of Daily Commerce. The bids were opened and read aloud on April 26, 2016 at City Hall. One bid was submitted on time; Road and Driveway Company of Newport in the amount of \$170,000.20.

CM Baughman noted his appreciation for the work that PWD Ritzman has put into this project. He also noted that the street pavement projects list is posted on the City website.

Public Comment: There was no public comment

**Motion**-it was moved and seconded (Strom/Baxter) to award the project for the "2016 Paving Repairs Phase 1" to low bidder Road and Driveway Company for \$170,702.20.

**Motion passed 5-0**, noting the absence of Councilors Rockwell and Kauffman.

### **Department Reports**

CA Adams reported that there is an annexation survey link on the city website for properties located in the UBG but not in City limits. Staff would appreciate comments from property owners regarding interest in voluntary annexation into the city limits.

**City Manager Comments**

CM Baughman reported the following:

- The recent water leak at the swimming pool women’s restroom has been repaired.
- Georgia-Pacific Toledo presented a donation of \$5,000 to the Toledo Public Library for landscaping in front of the building.
- The City’s budget hearing is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.
- Staff met with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss ways to refine the City’s outdoor event process.
- City department heads will be attending the CIS Spring Supervisor Training next week.

**Council Comments**

Councilor Johnson asked if Fort Nye Park is worth keeping as a city park or should the city sell the property for residential use. She also asked if there are still County roads within the city that have not been transferred to the City. CP Lyon noted that the County has transferred many if not all of the County roads within the City limits.

Councilor Johnson asked for an update on an offer to purchase City owned property on River Road. CA Adams reported that he has been in contact with Mr. Dave Howard regarding his offer to purchase City owned property which is located adjacent to his property. He will provide more information to Council at the next Council work session.

CP Lyon noted that Friday is the next deadline for the monthly city newsletter column. After some discussion by Council; CM Baughman stated that staff will write a column for the next newsletter.

**Mayor Comments**

Mayor Smith commented on the following:

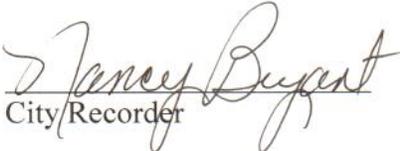
- A presentation on “Cascadia Preparedness” is scheduled for May 26th from 6pm to 7:30pm at the Toledo Fire Station.
- She will hold “Chat with the Mayor” at the Yaquina Museum of Art on Alder Street.
- She will be attending the public administration evaluation training at the Oregon Coast Community College scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 9pm.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:46pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

  
 City Recorder

  
 Mayor