

TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL

Work Session

May 27, 2020

6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rod Cross called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present	Absent	
<u>X</u>		<u>Mayor Rod Cross</u>
<u>X</u>		<u>Council President Joshua Smith</u>
	<u>X</u>	<u>Councilor Jackie Kauffman</u>
<u>X</u>		<u>Councilor Heather Jukich</u>
	<u>X</u>	<u>Councilor Bill Dalbey</u>
<u>X</u>		<u>Councilor Stu Strom</u>
<u>X</u>		<u>Councilor Betty Kamikawa</u>

Staff present: City Manager (CM) Judy Richter, City Recorder (CR) Lisa Figueroa, Police Chief (PC) Mike Pace, Public Works Director (PWD) Bill Zuspan, City Attorney (CA) David Robinson,

Visitors present: CJ Drake, Wayne Belmont, Kathy Crane, Craig Lash

2. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no visitor comments.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items for consideration.

4. DISCUSSION AND DECISION ITEMS

Authorize Contract with Sequoia Consulting to provide guidance on COVID-19 related resources for the City of Toledo

CM Richter indicated funding opportunities for reimbursements have arisen due to the COVID-19 pandemic but she is not familiar with where to look for those opportunities. She introduced Rachel Maddox-Hughes. Ms. Maddox-Hughes said she is currently working with Linn County to assist rural communities in seeking out similar funding options. She said she would be able to walk staff through the paperwork. She indicated since her work is in direct relation to COVID-19, her costs would be covered through state and FEMA funding.

It was moved and seconded (Jukich/Strom) to authorize City Manager Richter to enter into an agreement with Sequoia Consulting for COVID-19 response and recovery fundraising services and the motion carried unanimously.

Strategic Investment Program Agreement presentation

CM Richter introduced Wayne Belmont, Lincoln County Attorney, who wanted to meet with the Council in regards to this item. Mr. Belmont recalled the joint Public Hearing to consider an agreement between the City, Lincoln County and Georgia-Pacific (GP) to participate in the Strategic Investment Program (SIP). He summarized the program and indicated it is a 15-year property tax exemption on a portion of the capital investments that GP would make at the Mill. He said before a business could qualify for the program, they have to make \$25 million dollars' worth

of improvements. He said the JUNO project would allow GP to meet those requirements and then any improvements beyond that would qualify for an exemption. He said it is not a full exemption because a portion of the money that is returned to the taxing districts [except the school district] is in the form of a community service fee. He said the community service fee would require a separate agreement with the entities receiving that money [City, Port of Toledo, Lincoln County and the Greater Toledo Pool & Recreation District].

Mr. Belmont said there were concerns the County took to GP to negotiate terms; one which was the extent of the exemption. He referred to page 3 of the agreement [included in the packet] and said it establishes a floor on the taxes. He said they were able to negotiate a 35% community service fee, which is 10% more than the 25% by state law. The Council questioned whether the reduced tax base would be distributed in the community service fee in the same manner that the taxed property would be disbursed. Mr. Belmont said that would be included in a separate agreement between the taxing districts. Mayor Cross suggested the City use the extra 10% of the community service fee to implement its own environmental report to the community and residents.

It was moved and seconded (Smith/Strom) to approve the Strategic Investment Program Agreement, dated May 21, 2020, as presented before Toledo City Council and the motion carried four to one with Councilor Kamikawa opposed.

Resolution No. 1440, a resolution extending the state of emergency to June 17, 2020

CM Richter said the current declaration expires on May 31 and it is uncertain as to whether the County will be allowed to enter into Phase II.

It was moved and seconded (Smith/Jukich) to approve Resolution No. 1440, a resolution of the Toledo City Council extending the state of emergency to June 17, 2020.

5. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

PWD Zuspan reported Graham Street was relined recently and they are continuing through the projects in accordance with the Mutual Agreement and Order with the Department of Environmental Quality.

Mayor Cross indicated the state has authorized garage sales with social distancing measures in place. He said there will be a special emergency legislative session from June 22-27 to address issues related to COVID-19. He commented on the budget process this year and expressed concern over the contention between members and thanked staff for their work.

6. RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council recessed the Regular Meeting at 6:57 p.m. to enter into an Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(e) or ORS 192.660(2)(f).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Cross called the Executive Session to order at 7:03 p.m. and read the declaration of Executive Session under the provisions of ORS 192.660(2)(e) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions and ORS 192.660(2)(f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

Representatives of the news media and designated staff shall be allowed to attend the executive

session. All other members of the audience are asked to leave the room. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. No final decisions may be made in Executive Session.

Present	Absent	
X		Mayor Rod Cross
X		Council President Joshua Smith
	X	Councilor Jackie Kauffman
X		Councilor Heather Jukich
	X	Councilor Bill Dalbey
X		Councilor Stu Strom
X		Councilor Betty Kamikawa

Staff Present: City Manager Richter, City Attorney Robinson and City Recorder Figueroa

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

7. RECONVENE THE WORK SESSION

Mayor Cross reconvened the work session at 7:15 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

/s/City Recorder Lisa Figueroa

/s/Mayor Rod Cross