

**TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

July 1, 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>          </u>	<u>Mayor Rod Cross</u>
<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>Council President Joshua Smith</u>
<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>Councilor Jackie Kauffman</u>
<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>Councilor Heather Jukich</u>
<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>Councilor Bill Dalbey</u>
<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>Councilor Stu Strom</u>
<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>Councilor Betty Kamikawa</u>

Staff present: City Manager (CM) Judy Richter, City Recorder (CR) Lisa Figueroa, Police Chief (PC) Michael Pace, Public Works Director (PWD) Bill Zuspan, Fire Chief (FC) Larry Robeson, City Attorney (CA) David Robinson, Library Director (LD) Deborah Trusty

Visitors present: Nancy Bryant, Craig Lash

**2. DISCUSSION WITH SEAL ROCK WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Board of Commissioners present: Board President (BP) Rob Mills, Commissioners Karen Otta; Deanna Gravelle Seal Rock Water District (SRWD) Staff present: Manager Adam Denlinger, Office Manager Joy King and Legal Counsel Jeff Hollen

Commissioner Deanna Gravelle arrived at 6:10 p.m.

CM Richter summarized the correspondence she had with BP Mills and indicated a copy of the letter received on June 25 from BP Mills is included in the packet. BP Mills reviewed SRWD's recommended elements to include in an agreement between the two organizations:

- SRWD would agree to a rate increase of \$3.95/gallon through December 31, 2021
- SRWD could pay the monthly base rate for a 6-inch commercial meter
- SRWD could consider a minimum annual purchase
- SRWD is open to negotiating an emergency supply for water beyond 2021

Several Council members expressed reservations in regards to considering an agreement with SRWD for future use because previous negotiations with SRWD resulted in SRWD withdrawing from a vote on said agreement. There was discussion and consensus from both sides that indicated if a smaller group met, there would need to be clear direction on both sides for the representatives to be able to negotiate on behalf each of the organizations. Following discussion, the Council determined they need to include this item on future meetings for further discussion.

### **3. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments.

### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Consider approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting held March 4, 2020 the Emergency Meeting held March 23, 2020 and the Regular Meeting held April 15, 2020**

**Motion** – It was moved and seconded (Smith/Strom) to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and the motion carried six to one with Councilor Jukich opposed.

### **5. DISCUSSION AND DECISION ITEMS**

**Resolution No. 1449, a resolution setting the Street Lighting Utility Fee for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and repealing Resolution No. 1420**

CM Richter indicated this resolution is before the Council following the discussion on June 24. She said a resolution must be adopted each year and there is no increase proposed for this year with the fee remaining at \$2.50 per month effective July 1, 2020.

**Motion** – It was moved and seconded (Strom/Smith) adopt Resolution No 1449, a Resolution of the Toledo City Council setting the Street Lighting Utility Fee for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year and repealing Resolution No 1420 and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Consideration of Grant Opportunity Information from Sequoia Consulting**

Rachel Maddox-Hughes said they have found a creative place making grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. She said the grant uses arts and culture to improve communities in various ways such as creating public spaces or artistic or business development. She said it is a partnership between a non-profit organization and local government with a 50% match [money or in-kind]. She said the due date is August 6. She highlighted a conversation she and the Mayor had with the Oregon Arts Commission/Business Oregon, who is looking to create a Cultural District Program and want to push for it in legislation and funding for the 2023-2025 biennium. She suggested they create a community case study with vibrant arts in a downtown area and indicated the Oregon Art Commission expressed interest in considering Toledo as its case study. The Council asked questions in regards to designing public spaces and if it would apply to parks. Ms. Maddox-Hughes indicated this could be an opportunity to showcase Toledo. After further discussion, a consensus of the Council agreed to proceed with the grant opportunity.

#### **Renewal of Contract to provide Pro Tem Attorney Services with Osterlund Law**

The Council asked clarification questions about changes in the contract in regards to education reimbursement and counsel attending Department Director meetings. CM Richter indicated she recommended those changes following the recommendation of the Budget Committee in an effort to conserve funds. There was discussion about having legal counsel attending Department Director meetings and whether to keep the training stipend included. There was a consensus of the Council to allow CA Robinson to attend the Department Directors meetings and keep the training stipend included in the agreement.

**Motion** – It was moved and seconded (Smith/Jukich) to approve renewal of contract for Pro Tem attorney services with Osterlund Law and the motion carried unanimously.

**6. REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

PWD Zuspan announced staff purchased a street sweeper, which should arrive within the month. He said the Veterans Deck was completely refurbished this week. He said the a/c units were installed at the Police Department and Fire Department server room.

CM Richter said the City received a Cares Act reimbursement of approximately \$40,000 and said there would be another opportunity this month.

Mayor Cross inquired whether the Council can discuss SRWD agreement conditions in an Executive Session. CA Robinson said there is not a statute that he believes would qualify for an executive session. CP Smith requested it be added to the next two Council meetings for discussion.

CP Smith said he attended a Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation meeting where they discussed the Oregon Department of Transportation would revise some corner signage [advisory speeds] starting with Highway 101. He said they will eventually get the whole state completed.

Councilor Kamikawa said she attended a Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting where they discussed public restrooms being open in spite of many buildings being closed. She said she was approached by a citizen that lives on French Avenue who suggested a mirror be installed to see oncoming traffic. PWD Zuspan responded in the past, citizens have purchased the mirror and then City staff would install it. There was discussion about possibly making French Avenue one way uphill for safety concerns.

Mayor Cross said he learned there is more funding available for small businesses and said business owners can contact the Small Business Development Center through Oregon Coast Community College.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

/s/City Recorder Lisa Figueroa

/s/Mayor Rod Cross