

**TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
August 25, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rod Cross called the electronically to order at 6:00 p.m. electronically via Zoom in Toledo, Oregon.

Present	Absent	
X	_____	Mayor Rod Cross
X	_____	Council President Joshua Smith
X	_____	Councilor Jackie Kauffman
X	_____	Councilor Rob Duprau
X	_____	Councilor Todd Michels
X	_____	Councilor Betty Kamikawa
X	_____	Councilor Wade Carey

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

2. PRESENTATIONS

Don Thompson, Johnny Kraczek and Paul Freeman addressed the City Council. They provided a presentation about the Sustainable Renewable Energy Utility Systems (SREUS) Pilot Project. Mr. Thompson explained SREUS is an alternative system that could replace the current water treatment process by using water oxidation reaction which produces enough heat to breakdown bio waste and other toxins [including plastics, green waste, etc.] to a molecular level. They indicated the system can produce power/electricity, cleaner water as well as extract salts and other minerals. They provided a virtual presentation of the treatment system. They commented the water being released would be warm and should be stored in holding tanks before it is released into any streams. There was discussion about overflows to the system and Mr. Kraczek answered other clarification questions about things that could affect the system such as release of black liquor into the system. Councilor Kamikawa indicated she has been in contact with Senator Merkley’s office in regards to this project and requested \$6 million for the system and a training facility. Councilor Carey noted the City of Toledo could be eligible for energy efficiency and conservation funds or a rebate up to 70% of the project from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) regardless of who pays the bill, provided it qualifies for the rebate. The Council thanked Mr. Thompson, Mr. Kraczek and Mr. Freeman for their presentation. Mayor Cross noted he would add a discussion item to the meeting tonight for the Council to consider.

3. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items for consideration.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion for the City to consider pursuing the option of an alternative treatment system through SREUS

There was a consensus of the Council to move forward and pursue the proposed treatment system for the City of Toledo. The Council requested a copy of the video presentation be extracted and made available on the City Website.

6. DECISION ITEMS

Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 1397 An Ordinance of the Toledo City Council making certain determinations and findings relating to and approving the Toledo Urban Renewal Plan and directing that a notice of approval be published

CM Richter provided the staff report and noted the packet includes a letter from the Port of Toledo, which requested the City adopt a process to allow input from each of the taxing districts. She said the Greater Toledo Pool & Recreation District had the same request, however their request was not as formal. There was discussion about whether to include their input on every project. Elaine Howard of Elaine Howard Consulting indicated she believes including the Port on economic development projects is reasonable and said the City could respond that the Agency is looking at the potential of an advisory committee and once they make the decision the Agency would let the Port of Toledo know. She recommended the City Manager meet with the Port Director annually if the Agency does not select an advisory committee. The Council discussed allowing the Port of Toledo and the Greater Toledo Pool & Recreation District to provide input no later than the Friday before the second (2nd) budget committee meeting and the rest of the Council concurred with the suggestion.

Debbie Scacco, Port of Toledo Assistant Manager, addressed the Council and indicated the Port of Toledo would prefer an advisory committee and she noted Section 2 of the resolution states the Council will adopt a recommendation.

Lorna Davis, Port of Toledo District Manager, commented the Port would like to have a chance to provide input on projects.

CM Richter indicated she would write a letter to the Greater Toledo Pool & Recreation District and the Port of Toledo and note the Council's deadline. The Council discussed whether to include every taxing district affected by the Agency. Ms. Howard said the Council must provide an annual report to all taxing districts each January and stated the Council communicate with all of the taxing districts at that time.

Motion – It was moved by Councilor Carey to adopt Ordinance No. 1397, An Ordinance of the Toledo City Council making certain determinations and findings relating to and approving the Toledo Urban Renewal Plan and directing that a notice of approval be published by title only.

It was noted the Public Hearing was not opened and Councilor Carey withdrew his motion.

Mayor Cross opened the Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Ms. Howard provided a report to the Council about the Urban Renewal District and reviewed the total assessed value accumulations, projects, the Urban Renewal Plan and the amendment process. Mayor Cross closed the Public Hearing at 8:11 p.m.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Carey/Kamikawa) to adopt Ordinance No. 1397, An Ordinance of the Toledo City Council making certain determinations and findings relating to and approving the Toledo Urban Renewal Plan and directing that a notice of approval be published by title only and the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1473, a resolution of the Toledo City Council authorizing the City of Toledo to apply for a grant for a Housing Needs Analysis

CM Richter noted Contract Planner Justin Peterson is working on a grant application with the Department of Land Conservation (DLCDC) to complete a Housing Needs Analysis for a buildable lands inventory. She indicated the resolution is needed as part of the application authorizing the City to apply for the grant.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Smith/Kauffman) to approve Resolution No 1470 to apply for a grant to complete the Housing Needs Analysis and Buildable Lands Inventory.

CM Richter noted it is actually Resolution No. 1473.

Councilor Smith amended his motion to approve Resolution No 1473 to apply for a grant to complete the Housing Needs Analysis and Buildable Lands Inventory. Councilor Kauffman seconded the amended motion and it carried unanimously.

Authorize funding for the purchase of a police patrol vehicle

PC Pace indicated he conducted more research at the direction of the Council for alternative vehicle options to what was previously presented. He said he consulted with Lincoln County mechanics shops [who service the department's vehicles] as well and with the information provided they prefer to choose a Dodge Durango.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Michels/Kamikawa) to Motion to authorize \$57,070.12 for the purchase of a police patrol vehicle and the motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of street closure for Art Toledo Art, Oysters & Brews event September 4, 2021

CR Figueroa presented the staff report and noted initially the Art, Oysters & Brews event was scheduled for the first weekends in June, July and August but extended it to September 4 recently. She noted the ART Toledo group had concerns about the new coronavirus (COVID-19) mandates and the group wanted to expand the event along Main Street to allow for social distancing. She referenced the map included in the packet and indicated that staff would notify the businesses and Lincoln County transit who would be affected by the closure. The Council suggested the closure be pulled in a little so as not to affect the residents of the building at the end of Main Street and SE 2nd Street. CR Figueroa indicated at the next Council meeting staff will present a permit

application to consume alcohol in public places for Timbers Restaurant because their initial application did not include September.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Smith/Kauffman) to approve the street closure request as amended and the motion carried unanimously.

7. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

PC Pace commented on the Lights of Hope event scheduled and said it would be modified to comply with Governor Brown’s COVID-19 mandates. He said they are in the background process for a Community Services Officer and recently completed the hiring process for a dispatcher.

FC Robeson commented on the recent drought and whether restrictions will be lifted to allow campfires.

PWD Zuspan reported on recent activities including an emergency call last night about a collision with a hydrant near Georgia-Pacific Mill.

CM Richter announced the City received a letter in regards to receiving a \$30,000 grant for Drinking Water Source Protection Plan. She reminded the Council of the Town Hall scheduled for September 16, 2021 and said she distributed posters for everyone. She said the City received \$404,000 of the American Recovery Plan Act money, which some may have to go toward the Butler Bridge project and the American Cell Tower purchase should be completed very soon.

Mayor Cross encouraged everyone to attend the Art, Oysters & Brews event and indicated the Jamboree this weekend has been cancelled.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Approve:

Attest:

/s/Mayor Rod Cross

/s/City Recorder Lisa Figueroa