

**TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 21, 2022
6:30 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rod Cross called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. also via Zoom in Toledo, Oregon.

Present	Absent	
X		Mayor Rod Cross
X		Council President Betty Kamikawa
	X	Councilor Jackie Kauffman
X		Councilor Rob Duprau
X		Councilor Wade Carey
X		Councilor Tracy Mix
X		Councilor Kim Bush

Staff present: City Manager (CM) Judy Richter, City Recorder (CR) Lisa Figueroa, Police Chief (PC) Michael Pace, Public Works Director (PWD) Bill Zuspan, City Attorney (CA) Mike Adams, Dispatcher Katie Pimentel, Training Captain Shannon Brecik

2. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Presentation – Introduction of RARE Member, Katy Keuter

Katy Keuter introduced herself to the City Council.

Councilor Jackie Kauffman arrived at 6:32 p.m.

Presentation Toledo Public Safety Association

Toledo Public Safety Association (TPSA) President Shannon Brecik addressed the City Council. She commented on the recent intrusion at City Hall from individuals recording staff and indicated if someone went into the Police Department she would be terrified. She presented information to them on behalf of the Toledo Public Safety Association (TPSA) in regards to the requests made in the bargaining agreement. She said there are shortages nationwide and some companies are offering financial compensation to entice new employees or retain employees. She said there was data presented to the Council which indicated the Toledo fire employees are paid 21% below other fire personnel regionally, which is why they are requesting a 3% salary increase. She noted Toledo dispatchers handle multiple tasks as opposed to counterparts in larger cities who only have one task. She said in spite of the 8% Consumer Price Index increase, the TPSA is seeking a 5% increase for dispatchers. She said they are grateful, but they also believe what they are requesting is not unreasonable. The Council asked how many employees are union members and Ms. Brecik responded there are 12 employees.

3. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Chambers said he received an e-mail in regards to the Toledo Cemetery Association (TCA) regarding contact with the TCA. He commented the City is still trespassing and stated the City needs to settle the issue.

Katie Pimentel, dispatcher, addressed the City Council. She said the dispatch division has had a shortage and commented on a recent decision by the City Council in regards to an on call dispatcher and was discontent because the position would be offered approximately \$30 an hour while her salary crested at \$24 an hour. She said she has contemplated to go work for Lincoln City because they offer a higher salary and living wage. She said she is dedicated to PC Pace and the other employees in her department. She said if the City cannot afford to pay the dispatchers, then maybe it can afford to let them go and consolidate with Lincoln City. She noted PC Pace is going through dispatch training to get certified to help cover dispatcher shifts. She provided a life scenario example of what happens in a typical call. The Council asked clarification questions in regards to training and thanked Ms. Pimentel for her comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from the work session held August 24, 2022

Councilor Bush noted the Mayor's comments on page 3 regarding volunteers should be clarified to include the mention of the Summer Festival.

Motion – It was moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda as amended and the motion carried unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION

There were no items for discussion.

6. DECISION ITEMS

Request to allocate contribution funds received from the Yaquina Pacific Railroad Historical Society

Lisa Watson addressed the Council and indicated the Yaquina Pacific Railroad Historical Society (YPRHS) recently received funds from the Contribution Committee. She said the funds requested were for marketing their centennial but raised enough funds to cover marketing and instead would like to reallocate funds for a cab access structure, which was built to provide more access to visitors.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Carey/Mix) to approve the reallocation request made by the Yaquina Pacific Railroad Historical Society and the motion carried unanimously.

Authorize expenditure of \$50,000 to install asphalt at the City shops

PWD Zuspan presented the council report and noted it was included as a capital expenditure for this fiscal year. He said they would like to finish the project before the winter season arrives.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Mix/Kamikawa) to approve an expenditure of \$50,000 to place asphalt at the Public Works maintenance shops and the motion carried unanimously.

Declaring Public Works equipment as surplus

PWD Zuspan provided the council report and indicated the equipment has exceeded its lifespan. He said staff would hold an auction via sealed bids and answered clarification questions from the Council regarding the equipment.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Kamikawa/Kauffman) to declare the equipment listed in the “September 2022 Public Works Retired Equipment Inventory” as surplus and the motion carried unanimously.

Consider Underwriter Engagement Letter with D.A. Davidson & Co.

CM Richter presented the council report and noted it does not commit the City to any obligations at this time, but it is a preliminary agreement. The Council did not have any inquiries.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Mix/Bush) to approve the Underwriter Engagement Letter with D.A. Davidson & Co and authorize the City Manager to sign and execute the letter and the motion carried unanimously.

7. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

LD Trusty updated the Council on department activities. She said there will be a “Fall into Autumn” shared activity with the Pool District. She listed upcoming projects including one with the genealogy society and a Wikipedia class. She said the department continues to work on their podcast as well.

PWD Zuspan reported the generator for the Siletz pump station should arrive within the next week. He said the installation will begin as soon as it arrives. The Council inquired what the cost would be to purchase and install bullet proof glass at the police department.

PC Pace said he participated in the Oktoberfest, which is the third largest event in the state and had over 2 million visitors. He said there were not very many other departments who assisted but community was very supportive of police officers. He said Lights of Hope was successful and there were more people who attended than he expected. He said Sgt. Pitcher attended a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training and commented it was a good training.

CM Richter commented on the 24/7 service the Police Department provides within the community. She said she will be putting out a call to action for notes and comments supporting the Police Department and dispatchers.

Councilor Kamikawa noted the Sustainable Renewable Energy Utility Systems (SREUS) representatives said they received funding to build a demonstration SREUS system and indicated once they are able to obtain the parts, they intend to build a system here in Toledo within the next six months.

Councilor Bush said she participated in a tour of the Juno facility and was amazed by their accomplishments to reduce waste. She commented on the process to sort and clean through trash to remove up to 90% of waste from landfills and said they are currently at 60%. Mayor Cross noted the program initially was going to take waste from event venues but because of the coronavirus pandemic, the program used local household waste. He commended the Lights of Hope event.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. to enter into executive session.

Approve:

Attest:

/s/Mayor Rod Cross

/s/City Recorder Lisa Figueroa