

**TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 3, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present	Absent	
X		Mayor Rod Cross
X		Council President Kim Bush
	X	Councilor Jackie Kauffman
	X	Councilor Tracy Mix
X		Councilor Frank Silvia
X		Councilor Jackie Burns
X		Councilor Stu Strom

Staff present: City Manager (CM) Doug Wiggins, City Recorder (CR) Lisa Figueroa, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager (ACM) Amanda Carey, City Attorney (CA) Mike Adams, Police Chief (PC) Michael Pace, Fire Chief (FC) Larry Robeson, Library Director (LD) Deborah Trusty

2. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from the meeting held September 6, 2023 and the work session held September 27, 2023

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Bush/Burns) to approve the consent agenda as presented and the motion carried unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion to consider whether to draft an ordinance prohibiting Fireworks sales in Toledo as requested by Lincoln County

Mayor Cross noted Lincoln County requested all cities within Lincoln County to ban fireworks and the sale of fireworks.

FC Robeson noted the Fire Defense Board, which includes Fire Chiefs within the County met to discuss the issue. He said typically, the Board has a unified view on issues and follows the view of the Oregon State Fire Marshall. He said he understands the perspective of why the request to ban fireworks is an issue, however he implied the ban will not stop the illegal activities that already occur. It was commented banning fireworks will not prevent the citizens who travel to other states to purchase illegal fireworks and set them off in the city limits and the citizens who comply with the law should not be reprimanded. The Council expressed concern for the nonprofit organizations in Toledo who rely on the fundraising sales of fireworks for their organization and how it would be enforced.

Shannon Hermann, citizen said the sale of fireworks is the second largest fundraiser for their organization.

After further deliberation, there was a consensus of the Council who do not agree with the request from Lincoln County and would not support a ban of fireworks or the sale of them.

5. DECISION ITEMS

Approve Fire Health and Safety Officer position and salary range

FC Robeson provided the council report. He said he would like to replace the Maintenance position with a new title and additional responsibilities. He noted the position would be in charge of all personal protective equipment and it would assist with all city employees that need safety training. The Council inquired about the future of the maintenance position. FC Robeson replied Daniel Morford, who was in the Fire Maintenance position will continue to serve Toledo while he is in Siletz.

Motion – It was moved and seconded (Bush/Silvia) to approve the position and salary range for the Fire Health and Safety Officer and the motion carried unanimously.

Bond Measure (topic added)

CM Wiggins provided a summary of the ballot measure that failed in the November 2023 special election. He indicated if Council plans to consider a new ballot measure in the primary election, then Council needs to provide direction to staff in regards to preparing a resolution for the ballot measure. The Council considered whether they should ask the electors to fund both the Ammon Reservoir tank replacement and the public safety building or split them into two separate measures. There was consideration to have both measures go to the ballot at the same time and it was suggested to forward the Ammon Reservoir Tank replacement first and then submit the public safety building at a future election. The Council requested this item be brought back for further discussion and possible decision item to include Councilors Mix and Kauffman.

6. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

FC Robeson provided a department report and said they are reviewing the data for 2023.

CR Figueroa reminded the Council of upcoming trainings and events in January and February.

ACM Carey updated the Council on activities in the Finance Department. She noted she plans to implement an IVR system, which is a module to take credit card payments over the phone securely. She said it can be integrated with the current financial software, which would allow them to input their information and not staff.

CM Wiggins reported budget season will begin soon and he will work with the Department Directors to prepare the City Budget. He encouraged the Council to attend the goal setting as that provides direction to the staff in preparing the budget.

Mayor Cross provided an update to the Council on the progress in regards to the recreation center with the Greater Toledo Pool District. He said the organizations plan to enter into intergovernmental agreements so they can place a request for proposals on the building concept.

Councilor Strom said he attended the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting and noted the program to remove recreational vehicles (RV) is underway and the City still has funds available to remove another RV.

Mayor Cross commented on his vacation to California. He said other cities have the same struggles as Toledo, but he appreciates how much the citizens in Toledo handle the challenges they face.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Approve:

Attest:

/s/Mayor Rod Cross

/s/City Recorder Lisa Figueroa