

TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
February 25, 2009

The council work session began at 6:24 pm.

Council Present: Mayor Rod Cross, Mark Camara, Wes Chadwick, Monica Lyons, Nancy Lynne, Mary Young, and Council President Bob Emmett.

Excused: Wes Chadwick

Staff Present: City Manager (CM) Michelle Amberg and Assistant City Recorder Nancy Bryant.

Visitors: Don Amberg, Janice Watson and Jay Watson.

General Discussion and Information Items

Review City Council Agenda of March 4, 2009

Council and staff reviewed the preliminary council agenda of March 4, 2009. There were no changes.

5th Street Realignment Update

Council and staff discussed the NW 5th Street access issue. CM Amberg stated that in the opinion of the City Planner the City need not be involved in a realignment of 5th Street and that ingress and egress can be established by the adjacent property owners. She will discuss the issue further with the City Planner and they will make contact with the appropriate property owners.

Jay and Janice Watson stated that they are eager to establish legal access from their property on 5th Street to A Street.

Lincoln County 4-H Projects and Activities Update

Terry Dillman reported to Council that there is current negotiation for a 4H event to be held at the Lincoln County Fair Grounds this summer but it is possible they will need a different location for future events. He suggested the City consider whether they would like to add a 4H attraction of some sort to an existing annual event in Toledo in the future.

Mayor Cross thanked Mr. Dillman for the 4H fair update. He said people are excited about getting the 4H organization here in Toledo. He asked that Mr. Dillman let those involved in the 4H program know that they will be welcome in Toledo.

Toledo City Council Committee Update

Council resolved to wait until after the 2009/10 council goals are complete to update the council committee list.

Lincoln County Land Trust Update

CM Amberg reported that Lincoln Community Land Trust, a non profit organization in Lincoln County will be requesting help from cities in Lincoln County for their three year start up costs.

There was a general discussion regarding how the land trust program works, owner equity as well as available land within the City of Toledo and outside city limits.

COPS Grant Update

CM Amberg explained the city has the ability to apply for another COPS grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. Council and staff discussed the grant requirements and agreed to proceed with the application process.

City Attorney Recruitment Update

CM Amberg stated that she has corresponded with Chris Crean of Beery, Elsner & Hammond LLP regarding representation of the City in the Writ of Mandamus litigation issue. Council and staff agreed to extend the current contract with the firm of Beery, Elsner & Hammond for this litigation issue. Council and staff then discussed how they want to proceed with the City Attorney recruitment. The previously designated City Attorney Search Team will address the issue and report back to council.

Other Discussions

CM Amberg announced that through the Main Street Program an historic inventory took place on Main Street in Toledo on February 19th. It was determined that city needs more information about the advantages of the process of getting historical buildings on the national registry and the city may not have all of the information needed regarding funding resources.

Councilor Emmett inquired about grants for coastal zones particularly Olalla Slough and application deadlines. CM Amberg stated that Jim Chambers was going to follow up on that through the County. She will contact Chambers and let him know that Councilor Emmett is willing to be involved in that project.

Councilor Camara inquired about the street utility fee issue. CM Amberg stated that the ordinance and fee resolution can be ready for review during the March work session and then as a decision item at the April 1st council meeting. Mayor Cross suggested the first reading of the ordinance done in mid April with a second reading in May.

Council and staff also discussed code enforcement within the City of Toledo. Council agreed that this issue is worthy of further discussion on a future agenda.

Council discussed a memorandum from City Planner Rusty Klem regarding the regulation of open-air uses. Mayor Cross suggested Council review the memo as well as the City Code and provide feedback to the City Planner.

Mayor Cross announced a Toledo High School girl's basketball game will take place in Burns on Saturday afternoon. The game will also be broadcast on the radio at 3pm that day.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Assistant City Recorder

Mayor