

# CITY OF TOLEDO

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## What Happened in the Toledo City Council Agenda Review of 11-13-18

### COUNCIL PRESIDENT CHERRY PRESENTS:

R-482-18 Recognize Small Business Saturday, November 24, 2018.

**My Position: Support.**

**Small Business Saturday is an American holiday held the Saturday after our United States Thanksgiving. We should support small businesses as much as possible. They constitute the backbone of our economy. Small Business Saturday is a counterpart of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, both of which feature big box retail stores and e-commerce, respectively. This is a way to encourage shoppers to patronize brick and mortar local businesses.**

### SECOND READING ITEMS:

R-473-18 Resolution to protect the Federal Community Reinvestment Act - lending & investment in low- and moderate communities around the country.

**My Position: Support.**

**This landmark civil rights law ended the discriminatory practice of financial institutions drawing a red line on a map around neighborhoods that they did not want to offer financial services. Unfortunately, the problem still exists and the full potential of the Community Reinvestment Act has not been reached. With this legislation, our city is taking a stance to oppose efforts undermining the intent of this law or relaxing its goals.**

O-476-18 Repealing Chapter 1307 (Fees), of the Toledo Municipal Code; enacting a new Chapter 1307 (Fees).

**My Position: Support.**

**This ordinance streamlines and simplifies city permits. It specifies the permit fees for inspections and administrative services, plan review, licensing, refrigeration, hydronic, HVAC, plumbing, electrical and building. Construction trade and contractor renewal fees and registration fees remain unchanged.**

O-477-18 Authorizing the mayor to enter into a real property lease, by and between the city of Toledo and Crestline Paving and Excavating Co., Inc. ("Crestline") for approximately 8.78 acres located at 750 Montrose Toledo, Ohio 43607; waiving the competitive bidding requirement as required by T.M.C. Chapter 187.

**My Position: Support.**

**This property is on the southern portion of the former Champion Spark Plug Company. This legislation will allow the city to lease these premises for five years and one five year renewal. The annual rent is one dollar. Opportunity for community input should be a part of the plan.**

O-478-18 Authorizing the expenditure of \$50,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for purchase of two pool vehicles for the Division of Transportation at 110 North Westwood Avenue; authorizing the Mayor to accept bids and award contracts necessary to complete said project(s).

**My Position: Support.**

**Two trucks are needed for this division's everyday legally mandated transportation engineering field work.**

O-480-18 Changing the zoning maps attached to Part 11, Planning and Zoning, Toledo Municipal Code, for the property located at 3319 Nebraska Avenue, in the City of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio.

**My Position: Support.**

**Both the Toledo City Plan Commission and the Toledo City Council Zoning and Planning Committee recommended approval of this zone change from multi-dwelling residential and limited industrial to single family residential. This brings the property into compliance with its surroundings.**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & RESCUE OPERATIONS:**

1. TMP-3383 Authorizing the mayor to accept a Fire Safer Grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency in an amount not to exceed \$820,991 for the Department of Fire & Rescue Operations; authorizing the deposit, appropriation and expenditure of grant proceeds in the Operation Grant Fund.

**My Position: Support.**

**This is a wonderful feather in the cap of the Toledo Fire Rescue Department. The city is required to contribute a cost match of \$510,313 in non-federal funds. Operational staffing must be maintained during the grant period.**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

2. TMP-3369 Authorizing the expenditure of \$50,000 from the Utility Administrative Services Fund for the purchase of computers and software; authorizing the mayor to enter into contracts.

**My Position: Support.**

**The Utility Administration division needs to replace laptops and desktop computers.**

**DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT:**

3. TMP-3372 Authorizing the expenditure of \$19,000 from the Contractual Services line item of the Division of Business Development's General Fund Budget for yellow book commercial appraisals for the five TARTA-owned transit stations in downtown Toledo; authorizing the mayor to accept bids and award contracts necessary to complete said project(s).

**My Position: Support.**

**A yellow book appraisal is required for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to release its properties and interests. The Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions (UASFLA) or the yellow book is a set of standards for appraisals and appraisal reviews being acquired by the federal government. It is intended to promote uniformity and efficiency.**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE:**

4. TMP-3397 Authorizing the disappropriation of \$1,000,880 from the Capital Improvement Fund; authorizing the appropriation of \$1,000,880 for the District Improvement Program.

**My Position: Support.**

**Projects authorized by a previous ordinance provided \$3,350,000 for capital projects. Most of them have been completed or are almost done. This ordinance reappropriates the unused balance for additional improvements in council districts that were funded by this original appropriation.**

5. TMP-3356 Authorizing the re-appropriation of \$48,000 in the Special Assessment Fund for professional services for LED street light planning.

**My Position: Support.**

**This ordinance will allow the implementation of the plan for these lighting conversions. The agreement is with Palmer Energy.**

6. TMP-3343 Authorizing the disappropriation of \$100,000 from the Facility Operations Fund; authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of \$100,000 from the Facility Operations Fund for maintaining city-owned assets; authorizing the mayor to enter into contracts for said purpose.

**My Position: Support.**

**Facility Operations has depleted its resources for this fiscal year. This is the amount needed for them to maintain city-owned facilities until the end of 2018.**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:**

7. TMP-3377 Authorizing the issuance and sale of taxable industrial development bond anticipation notes, in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,450,000, to refund advances made to retire notes issued for the purpose of acquiring the former MedCorp site and other property for sale or lease for private redevelopment; appropriating the proceeds of the Notes; authorizing the expenditure of those proceeds for that purpose.

**My Position: Support.**

**This allows the city to re-issue notes for the MedCorp site in this amount.**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES:**

8. TMP-3378 Authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract for citywide seasonal, intern, temporary, and youth program supplemental staffing services for two (2) years with the option to renew for up to one (1) additional year; authorizing the expenditure of funds.

**My Position: Support.**

**This ordinance approves a contract with Job1USA. However, the city is continuing to reduce its reliance on supplemental staffing. We have had a relationship with this company for 19 years. They provide us with substitutes.**