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What Happened in the Toledo City Council Meeting of 1-22-19

APPOINTMENTS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR:

O-028-19 Appointment - Board of Building Appeals

My Position: Support.

The Mayor is recommending Matthew Fisher to replace Jerome Parker for a five-year term expiring, 12/31/2023.

Appointment confirmed at the Toledo City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.

O-029-19 Appointment - Board of Zoning Appeals

My Position: Support.

The Mayor is recommending Robert Pasker to replace Ken Fallows for a five-year term expiring, 12/31/2023.

Appointment confirmed at the Toledo City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.

O-030-19 Appointment - Civilian Police Review Board

My Position: Support.

The Mayor is recommending that Sandra J. Miller continue the term of Lou Vasquez which will expire on 6/30/2020.

Appointment confirmed at the Toledo City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.

O-031-19 Appointment - TARTA Board

My Position: Support.

The Mayor is recommending that Marla King continue the term of Matthew S. Heyman which will expire on 2/28/2021.

Appointment confirmed at the Toledo City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.

SECOND READING ITEM:

O-003-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a golf course management agreement for the operation of the Ottawa Park, Detwiler, and Collins Park municipal golf courses; authorizing the deposit of net golf course revenue into the golf course improvement fund; authorizing the Mayor to execute a settlement and release agreement with Master Golf Management Group with respect to the termination of the current golf course lease agreement.

My Position: Support.

This is a contract for golf course management and releasing the agreement with Master Golf Management Group, effective March 31, 2019. The management of our three golf courses will change to Davey Golf, a division of Davey Tree Expert Company. There was considerable discussion about the condition of our golf courses (Detwiler, Collins Park and Ottawa Park). Expenditures of \$150,000 for golf course equipment and inventory plus \$195,000 for future golf course operations will also be permitted by this ordinance. According to Doug Stephens from Engineering Services, this company will be “in it from day one”. The expectation is that these courses will be greatly improved and beautiful, which should make their use more appealing to our citizens who are golfers.

Ordinance amended and passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.

COUNCILMAN SYKES PRESENTS:

O-032-19 Urging banks, credit unions and other financial agencies to create programs and work with federal employees, non-profit organizations and contractors affected by the government shutdown.

My Position: Support.

Resolution amended and adopted at the Toledo City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON PRESENTS:

O-033-19 Urging TARTA to continue diligently look for ways to reinstate Sunday and holiday transportation services to those who rely solely on TARTA for transportation.

My Position: Support.

Resolution adopted at the Toledo City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.

NEW ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

O-034-19 Accepting the petition of the City School District of the City of Toledo, Lucas County, The Young Men’s Christian Association of Greater Toledo, and Northwest Ohio Advanced Energy Improvement District for special assessments for various special energy improvement projects in accordance with Chapters 1710 and 727 of the Ohio Revised Code; declaring the necessity of proceeding with the special energy improvement projects and approving the plans and specifications therefor; stating the method for making the special assessments against the benefitted properties and the amount of such special assessments.

My Position: Support.

This request is for improvements that include Lavatory and Sink Aerators, Building Controls and LED Lighting. Annual assessments of \$21,962.17 will begin in 2019 and total \$417,281.20 over a period of 19 years. This action accepts the necessity of these energy improvements at the West Toledo YMCA on 2010 Tremainsville Rd.

Resolution adopted at the Toledo City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.

O-035-19 Determining to proceed with certain the City School District of the City of Toledo, Lucas County, and The Young Men’s Christian Association of Greater Toledo Energy Improvement Projects by way of special assessments in accordance with Chapters 1710 and 727 of the Ohio Revised Code.

My Position: Support.

This action approves proceeding with the energy improvements at the West Toledo YMCA.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.

O-036-19 Levying special assessments for the City School District of the City of Toledo, Lucas County, and The Young Men’s Christian Association of Greater Toledo.

My Position: Support.

This action levys the assessments for prescribed energy improvements at the West Toledo YMCA.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR:

O-037-19 Amending the Toledo Municipal Code by repealing Section 2101.01 and enacting a new Section 2101.01 to change the Salary Group classification of the Executive Director of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion from E-2 to E-4; to change the title of the top administrative position within the Office of Diversity and Inclusion from Executive Director to Director.

My Position: Support.

In order for the City of Toledo to attract and recruit highly qualified employees for our jobs, offering a competitive salary is an absolute necessity. For all the important reasons given for having someone in this position, the salary also indicates our commitment to not tolerating discrimination in the workplace.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

O-038-19 Authorizing the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$4,500,000 in the Water Operating Fund for the removal, hauling and beneficial reuse of spent lime produced by the Division of Water Treatment; authorizing the mayor to accept bids and execute the necessary contract or contracts.

My Position: Support.

This action allows the City to dispose of this by product of the water treatment process in an environmentally safe manner.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.

O-039-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Easement Agreement with Generations Pipeline, LLC for the grant of an easement for installation, operation, and maintenance of a 16-inch subsurface gas pipeline across a portion of city-owned real estate known as the Collins Park Water Treatment Plant, 3040 York Street, Toledo, Ohio, for purposes of providing natural gas service for the Cliffs Natural Resources, Inc. HBI Production Project; authorizing the Mayor to execute needed instruments and agreements in connection with such easement grant; authorizing the Mayor to accept and deposit funds as reimbursement for City incurred expenses associated with the pipeline installation into the Water Operating Fund from Generations Pipeline, LLC in consideration of the easement grant.

My Position: Support.

This piping will supply a gas pipeline for natural gas to the Ironville site, which is the location of the Cleveland Cliffs Project.

First reading was held on this ordinance at the Toledo City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT:

O-040-19 Authorizing the Mayor to (i) enter into one or more easement agreements (the “Easements”) with IronUnits LLC for the grant of a surface easement and aerial easement for the installation, operation, and maintenance of a rail line and conveyor system across portions of City-owned Front Street right-of-way and (ii) consent to the grant of an easement from the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority over certain land adjacent to the Front Street right-of-way over which the City has existing easement rights (the “Port Easement”), all for purposes of the development, construction and operation of the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc. HBI Production Plant Project on adjacent land (the “Project”); authorizing the Mayor to execute needed instruments and agreements in connection with such easement grants; authorizing the Mayor to accept and deposit funds as reimbursement for City incurred expenses associated with such easement grants.

My Position: Support.

This entire project is a huge one with Cliffs Natural Resources, Inc. The easement is important to the progress of developing property adjacent to the Front Street right-of-way. Needed are: a surface easement under the Front Street over pass; and an aerial easement near the intersection of Millard at Front. It is a conveyor system.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.

O-041-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Maumee Riverfront Metropark Project Development Agreement with the Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area; making certain findings with respect thereto; waiving the competitive bidding process of Toledo Municipal Code Chapter 187 with respect to the conveyance of real property.

My Position: Support.

The Metroparks are collaborative partners with Toledo that bring an important compliment to the City’s Parks and Recreation system. This development on Riverside Drive, Marina Drive, Main Street and Front Street is a substantive step in the restoration of the Riverfront Metropark. There will be a committee hearing on this agreement on January 24, 2019 to discuss the details at 4:00 pm in Council Chambers, for those interested.

First reading was held on this ordinance at the Toledo City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

O-042-19 Approving the Capital Improvement Budget for the years 2019 - 2023; authorizing the appropriation of \$11,434,676 for capital projects.

My Position: Support.

There will be a Budget Oversight Committee hearing on January 23, 2019 at 4:00 pm in Council Chambers to discuss this appropriation in detail. Action by Council will be needed for administration to be able to expand these funds for the capital projects.

First reading was held on this ordinance at the Toledo City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CHERRY, CHAIR, ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE, REPORTS AS APPROVED:

O-043-19 Changing the zoning maps attached to Part 11, Planning and Zoning, Toledo Municipal Code, for the property located at 2105, 2139, 2141 & 2147 Lawrence 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 this change. The proposed rezoning is for development of commercial offices.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.

O-044-19 Changing the zoning maps attached to Part 11, Planning and Zoning, Toledo Municipal Code, for the property located at 4216 Secor Rd. in the City of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio.

My Position: Support.

The Toledo City Plan Commission and the Zoning and Planning Committee of Toledo City Council recommended approval of this change. The zoning proposal is for the expansion of the auto repair service there, to the rear of the property.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.

O-045-19 Changing the zoning maps attached to Part 11, Planning and Zoning, Toledo Municipal Code, for the property located at 625 Adams Street, 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 this change. The applicant intends to convert the second and third floors of the building on this site to loft apartments.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.

O-046-19 Approving and adopting the M-11-13 Junction Avenue Neighborhood Plan as an amendment to the Toledo 20/20 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Toledo, Ohio.

My Position: Support.

The Junction Coalition is fighting blight in this neighborhood. The Junction Neighborhood Master Plan was developed for systemic change to take place. The Toledo Design Center helped formulate the Master Plan and presented the details for Council's review. It is a worthy project that deserves our support for the revitalization of this neglected segment of the Toledo vicinity.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CHERRY, CHAIR, ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE, REPORTS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION:

O-047-19 Changing the zoning maps attached to Part 11, Planning and Zoning, Toledo Municipal Code, for the property located at 1630 & 1632 W. Laskey Rd, in the City of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio.

My Position: Support With Reservation.

The Toledo City Plan Commission recommended approval of this change for a proposed used auto sales expansion. However, the Toledo City Council Zoning and Planning Committee forwarded it to City Council without recommendation.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.

O-048-19 Granting a Special Use Permit for used auto sales facility for a site located at 1630 & 1632 W Laskey Rd, in the City of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio; subject to certain conditions.

My Position: Support With Reservation.

The Toledo City Plan Commission recommended approval of this Special Use Permit to allow this change. Currently, it has been illegally operating as a used car sales lot. The approval is subject to the owner agreeing to forty-seven (47) conditions of which the applicant must satisfy: 20 from the Division of Engineering Services, 2 from Sewer and Drainage Services, 6 from Environmental Services, 1 from the Division of Transportation and 18 from the Plan Commission. The Zoning and Planning Committee sent it to City Council without recommendation. Perhaps, it will be clear that the applicant has agreed to the conditions at the time of our vote.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.

ITEM LIKELY TO BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:

O-049-19 Waiving the collection of water, sewer, storm sewer and refuse fees, suspending late fees and termination of service for federal employees affected by the federal government shutdown until 30 days after shutdown ends.

My Position: Support.

It does not hurt the City of Toledo to show compassion for its citizens. Due to the current federal government shutdown, residents who are federal employees are not receiving their pay checks. Some may need or could use a break from paying city-related monthly bills and fees. It is totally within our power to grant such a waiver.

As an act of goodwill, this ordinance may help those affected financially by the shutdown to stretch what money they do have for paying other vital necessities. It was written with the confidence that those who need to take advantage of this reprieve will pay what is owed, when made whole, according to terms specified in the legislation.

This is a great way to show Toledoans that our city government cares about them. It is also a reminder of the late former Mayor Michael Collins' mantra, "You will do better in Toledo".

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.