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What Happened in the Toledo City Council Meeting of 3-5-19

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CHERRY PRESENTS:

R-094-19 Recognize local heroes Police, Firefighters, and TARTA bus driver.

My Position: Support.

Heroic acts are worthy of praise, particularly when public safety officers go above and beyond the call of duty. Even a TARTA bus driver was recognized for a recent situation involving bravery.

Resolution adopted at the Toledo City Council meeting of March 5, 2019.

SECOND READING ITEMS:

O-002-19 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 action will allow the excavation of acreage at the former Champion Spark Plug property and establish a lease with Crestline for the site for a term of five years plus an additional five years.

Ordinance referred back to the Administration at the Toledo City Council Meeting of March 5, 2019.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CHERRY PRESENTS:

A-095-19 Appointment - Tax Board of Review

My Position: Support.

A replacement has been made for a person whose term has ended.

Appointment confirmed at the Toledo City Council meeting of March 5, 2019.

O-096-19 Authorizing the disappropriation of \$37,745 from the Capital Improvement Fund; authorizing the appropriation of same in the Capital Improvement fund for the purchase of audio/visual system equipment and installation; authorizing the expenditure of \$144,300 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the purchase of audio/visual system equipment and installation for Toledo City Council Chambers; authorizing the Mayor to enter into contracts

My Position: Support.

An upgrade to the audiovisual equipment in council chambers is long overdue. It will not only improve the quality of proceedings for Council Members, but also help the public see and hear what is taking place in our meetings and hearings better - through livestreaming to homes in real time or as they listen to debate and observe while seated in the audience at an actual meeting.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of March 5, 2019.

COUNCIL MEMBER SPANG PRESENTS:

O-097-19 Authorizing the appropriation of \$1,250,000 from the unappropriated balance of the Capital Improvement Fund for the 2019 Sidewalk Program; authorizing the expenditure of \$1,250,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the 2019 Sidewalk Program; authorizing the Mayor to prepare plans and specifications, acquire required rights-of-way as appropriate, and enter into contracts for this project within the Division of Engineering Services.

My Position: Support.

We will most likely get more mileage from repairing the sidewalks with this relatively small amount of money, especially in the older neighborhoods where the roots of large trees have torn them up dramatically.

First reading was held on this ordinance at the Toledo City Council meeting of March 5, 2019.

NEW ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

R-098-19 Accepting the petition of Andrea Teague 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.

These energy improvements will cost the owner \$20,644.

Resolution adopted at the Toledo City Council meeting of March 5, 2019.

O-099-19 Determining to proceed with certain 3540 Brock Drive, Toledo, OH 43623 Special 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 allows the project to move forward.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of March 5, 2019.

O-100-19 Levying special assessments for the 3540 Brock Drive, Toledo, OH 43623 Special Energy Improvement Project; and declaring an emergency.

My Position: Support.

Collection of the imposed assessment is allowed by this action.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of March 5, 2019.

O-101-19 Approving a Petition For Special Assessments for Special Energy Improvement Projects and a Supplemental Plan for the Northwest Ohio Advanced Energy Improvement District under Chapter 1710 of the Ohio Revised Code; to authorize and levy special assessments for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, and improving certain public improvements in the City of Toledo in cooperation with the Northwest Ohio Advanced Energy Improvement District; and to approve an Energy Project Cooperative Agreement and Special Assessment Agreement in connection with such improvements and special assessments.

My Position: Support.

Approval of this petition will be made by this action as well as imposing payment.

Ordinance was amended and passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of March 5, 2019.

TOLEDO MUNICIPAL COURT:

O-102-19 Authorizing the Clerk of Toledo Municipal Court to enter into an agreement with TAB Products Company, LLC for the purchase of case file folders for \$60,478.52.

My Position: Support.

Each case will have its own file folder and insert for efficiency in record-keeping.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of March 5, 2019.

CITY PLAN COMMISSION:

O-103-19 Authorizing the Mayor to accept and deposit funds in the amount of \$232,470 from the Board of Lucas County Commissioners for the Lucas County General Planning Program into the Operations Grant Fund; and authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of said funds.

My Position: Support.

Annually, this adoption is made for Plan Commission operations.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of March 5, 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OPERATIONS:

O-104-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a two-year Accurint Virtual Crime Center agreement with Lexis Nexis Risk Solutions, Inc.; authorizing the General Fund expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$50,882.00 for the first year and subject to future appropriations \$52,408.46 for the second year; waiving the competitive bidding requirements of TMC Chapter 187.

My Position: Support.

Approval of this request will give the Police Department access to a next generation policing platform to help them solve crimes.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of March 5, 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & RESCUE OPERATIONS:

O-105-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Pro-Tech Sales for the purchase of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) for the Toledo Fire and Rescue Department authorizing the expenditure of \$29,075 from the General Fund.

My Position: Support.

Twenty-five (25) active shooter response casualty kits, ballistic helmets and upper body armor protection vests will be purchased with the expenditure.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of March 5, 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

O-106-19 Authorizing the mayor to enter into a Hazardous Materials Training Grant Agreement with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO); authorizing the Mayor to accept and deposit \$17,089 in grant proceeds into the Operation Grants Fund; authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of grant funds; authorizing the mayor to accept bids and execute necessary contracts.

My Position: Support.

This will pay for an 8-hour OSHA Refresher course for our environmental personnel.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of March 5, 2019.

O-107-19 Providing for the rehabilitation of sidewalks and driveway approaches on various streets in the City of Toledo.

My Position: Strongly Support.

This will pay for damage done by city-owned trees. It is a procedural resolution that helps limit the city's liability.

Ordinance was amended and adopted at the Toledo City Council meeting of March 5, 2019.

O-108-19 Authorizing the expenditure of \$800,000 from the Capital Improvement Program Fund and authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of \$448,000 from the Special Assessment Improvement Fund for the 2019 Sidewalk Program; authorizing the mayor to prepare plans and specifications, acquire required rights-of-way as appropriate, and enter into contracts for this project within the Division of Engineering Services.

My Position: Support.

Now the appropriation that was approved by Ordinance 42-19 can be spent and notice can be given to property owners.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of March 5, 2019.

R-109-19 Declaring it necessary to improve Collingwood Avenue, between Nesselwood Avenue and Winthrop Street by installing twenty-one (21) street lights.

My Position: Support.

A one time installation cost of \$42,337 and an annual cost of \$5,154 will resolve the issue of a lack of lighting on this avenue. This action is in response to many complaints from residents.

Resolution adopted at the Toledo City Council meeting of March 5, 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE:

O-110-19 Authorizing the expenditure of \$125,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for purchase of snow and ice brine equipment; authorizing the Mayor to enter into contracts for capital equipment.

My Position: Support.

Equipment for seven (7) single axle trucks will be purchased with this money to increase efficiency and decrease man-hours for this specialized work.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of March 5, 2019.

O-111-19 Authorizing the expenditure of \$425,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the design, construction and construction oversight of Gas Collection and Control System repairs, replacement and/or rehabilitation at the Hoffman Road Landfill; authorizing the Mayor to enter into contracts for said purchases.

My Position: Support.

Landfill gases must be properly collected and the risk of gas-related odors mitigated. This upgrade may increase the possibility of collected gas being used for renewable energy as well.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of March 5, 2019.

O-112-19 Authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of \$121,700 from the unappropriated balance of the Capital Improvement Fund for landfill infrastructure improvements and equipment replacement; authorizing the Mayor to accept bids and award contracts necessary to complete infrastructure improvement(s) and replacement of landfill equipment.

My Position: Support.

An insurance claim of \$51,500 from equipment damage on a landfill compactor and the combined sale of that piece of equipment and a 1996 D7 Dozer for \$79,200.00 will provide these funds for infrastructure improvements to the landfill.

O-113-19 Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of March 5, 2019.
Authorizing the expenditure of \$200,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the repair and/or replacement of HVAC and major mechanical systems; authorizing the Mayor to accept bids and award contracts for labor, materials and professional services necessary to complete said project(s).

My Position: Support.

Metal recycling thefts and emergency repairs contributed to the need for this expense.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of March 5, 2019.