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What Happened in the Toledo City Council Agenda Review Meeting Of 4-9-19

APPOINTMENTS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR:

TMP-3882 Appointment - Old West End Historic District Commission

My Position: Support.

Michelle Kirkbride has been recommended for reappointment. Her term will be for two (2) years, expiring on 3/20/2021.

TMP-3883 Appointment - Old West End Historic District Commission

My Position: Support.

Crystal Phelps has been recommended to fill a vacancy. Her term will be for three (3) years, expiring 4/16/2022.

SECOND READING ITEMS:

O-149-19 Authorizing the mayor to enter, execute and deliver a real estate purchase agreement and other needed instruments for the sale and conveyance of 214 Dura Avenue to Bryson Transport Services; authorizing the deposit of net sale proceeds; making certain findings with respect thereto; waiving the notice and competitive bidding provisions of T.M.C. 187.19.

My Position: Support.

This property is next to the police tow lot. Bryson Transport Services is a trucking company that purchased it from the City of Toledo, through the Land Bank "as is" for \$200,000.

O-154-19 Authorizing the Mayor to accept, deposit, appropriate and expend the Community Development Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in an amount estimated to be \$6,711,564; authorizing the expenditure of CDBG carryover funds from all years prior to program year 2019

(45th) in the amount of \$1,035,000; and authorizing submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of the One-Year Action Plan.

My Position: Support.

Receipt of this HUD money for CDBG allocations will go towards Public Service Activities for these Third Party Partners: Arts Commission (\$32,000), Aurora Project (\$90,000), Beach House (\$165,855), Believe Center (\$44,638.60), Family House (\$58,843), Grace Community Center (\$38,609), Helping Hands of St Louis (\$25,948), Legal Aid of Western Ohio (\$50,000), Martin Luther King Kitchen (\$54,000), Neighborhood Health Association (\$157,647), Toledo GROWS (\$42,467), Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board (\$26,000), Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board – Direct Financial Assistance (\$44,546), Toledo Seagate Food Bank (\$30,000), and the Zepf Center (\$25,000). It will also provide for these Capacity, Community Development Corporation, Housing, and other activities: Compassion Health Toledo (\$50,006), East Toledo Family Center (\$23,500), Lucas Housing Services Program (\$75,000), Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity (\$430,000), NeighborWorks Toledo Region (\$493,071), Preferred Properties (\$40,000), and Sofia Quintero Art & Cultural Center (\$47,000). City of Toledo Department Allocations include: Plan Commission (\$58,858), Law Department-Housing Prosecutor (\$46,789), Lucas County Regional Health District (\$62,800), Youth Commission (\$20,000), Pathway, Inc. (formerly EOPA) (\$281,000), Fair Housing (\$195,000), Department of Neighborhood and Business Development – Division of Administration Service (\$1,088,454.80), Division of Housing (\$1,572,574.20), Code Enforcement (\$523,027), Beautification Action Team (\$770,900), Department of Development (\$146,030.40), CDBG Carryover Funds will be used for these programs: LISC Housing Repair (\$500,000), Cameras for Illegal Dumping Task Force (\$10,000) and Capacity Building Programming (\$25,000).

O-155-19 Authorizing the Mayor to accept, deposit, appropriate, and expend the Emergency Solutions Grant estimated to be \$606,390 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to fund Emergency Solutions Grant Program activities.

My Position: Support.

Receipt of this HUD money for Emergency Solutions Grant Allocations will go towards Public Service Activities for Homeless Service Providers: Beach House Shelter (\$62,109), Catholic Charities – La Posada (\$24,040), Family House (\$95,042), St. Paul’s Community Center (\$30,000); Stabilization Services for United Way-Diversion/Central Intake (\$104,750) and Beach House – Rapid Re-Housing (\$97,126); Direct Financial Assistance (\$100,771.35); TLCHB ESG Administration (\$45,751.65).

O-156-19 Authorizing the Mayor to accept, deposit, appropriate and expend the HOME Investment Partnership Program Grant estimated to be \$2,245,266 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the purpose of funding the 2018 HOME Investment Partnership Program.

My Position: Support.

Receipt of this HUD money for HOME Allocations will go towards providing affordable housing to low and moderate-income individuals or families. It also compels the City of Toledo to follow HUD guidelines.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CHERRY PRESENTS:

TMP-3871 Designate Michigan St. from Madison to Adams as Clyde Scoles Way.

My Position: Strongly Support.

Mr. Clyde Scoles did a phenomenal job of heading up the Lucas County Public Libraries. The impact of his work will serve Toledo for many years to come. He made an indelible mark on this community.

COUNCILMAN RILEY PRESENTS:

TMP-3884 Resolution expressing support for regional public transit.

My Position: Support.

This will take the decision to the voters for agreement on allowing sales tax funding to appear on the ballot for TARTA.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CHERRY PRESENTS:

TMP-3885 Authorizing the expenditure not to exceed \$13,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund District Improvement Program for the development of a landmark design at "The Triangle," city-owned property at the intersection of Airport Highway and South Avenue; authorizing the Mayor to execute the necessary contract(s).

My Position: Support.

Expenses will include flags (\$140), flag poles (\$1,500), solar flag pole lights (\$300), sculpture materials and labor (\$1,000), stone welcome sign (\$5,000), military emblems (\$840), bricks (\$1,500), streets and welcome signs (\$1,350), lumber planks (\$840), screws/brackets/fasteners (\$100) and cement (\$400).

COUNCILMAN WANIEWSKI PRESENTS:

TMP-3886 Authorizing the expenditure not to exceed \$115,320 from the Capital Improvement Fund District Improvement Program for the purchase and installation of decorative streetlights along Sylvania Avenue from approximately Douglas Road to Secor Road on the north side of the roadway; authorizing the Mayor to accept bids and to execute the necessary contract(s).

My Position: Support.

This will help fulfill the vision of giving an already vibrant business district a facelift.

COUNCIL MEMBERS KOMIVES AND HARPER PRESENT:

TMP-3887 Enacting a new Toledo Municipal Code Chapter 768, Pay Equity Act to Prohibit the Inquiry and Use of Salary History in Hiring Practices in the City of Toledo.

My Position: Support.

Although it may not be a commonly asked question, employers in the City of Toledo will not be able to ask an applicant how much he or she was paid at a previous job.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

1 TMP-3854 Authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement for professional information technology services to convert from quarterly billing to monthly billing in the Division of Utilities Administration; waiving competitive bid requirements of TMC Chapter 187; authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of \$110,574 from the Water Replacement Fund, \$142,937 from the Sewer Replacement Fund and \$16,182 from the Storm Water Utility Replacement Fund.

My Position: Support.

This may help residents pay their water bills because the amount paid might be a little less on a monthly basis. Paying every month for twelve (12) months instead of four times a year every three months is being proposed. It should be noted that any Toledoans who are 65 or older or totally disabled, regardless of income, are entitled to the Senior Water discount. Call 419-245-1800, 7 am to 6 pm M-F or Walk-In at 420 Madison, 8 am – 4:30 pm for an application.

2 TMP-3853 Authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement for SAP Service Cloud Implementation for the Customer Relation Management (CRM) module; waiving the formal competitive bid requirements of TMC Chapter 187; authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of \$166,898 from the Water Replacement Fund,

\$215,746 from the Sewer Replacement Fund and \$24,424 from the Storm Water Utility Replacement Fund.

My Position: Support.

Our SAP billing system at the Department of Public Utilities needs to be migrated to another hosting location. The current version of CRM has to be replaced because SAP is no longer capable of supporting it.

- 3 TMP-3856 Authorizing the mayor to enter into a Software as a Service license agreement for use of the Customer Relation Management (CRM) system in the Division of Utilities Administration; waiving the competitive bid requirements of TMC Chapter 187; authorizing the appropriation of \$39,770 from the Water Replacement Fund; \$51,410 from the Sewer Replacement Fund, and \$5,820 for the Storm Water Utility Replacement Fund; authorizing the operating transfer of said funds to the Utility Administrative Services Fund; authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of \$97,000 for licenses for use of the Software as a Service with SAP.

My Position: Support.

Licenses are needed for the billing software at the Department of Public Utilities. This ordinance approves payment for obtaining them.

- 4 TMP-3851 Authorizing the disappropriation of \$151,208.95 from the Water Bond Improvement Fund; authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of \$151,208.95 in the Water Bond Improvement Fund for the Pump, Motor, Large Valve, Repair/Rebuild/Replacement Project at the Collins Park Water Treatment Plant; authorizing the Mayor to execute the necessary contract(s) for the design, preparation of plans and specifications, engineering, bidding, construction oversight, testing, permits, renovation, construction, appurtenances, and other related work, tasks, equipment, and materials needed.

My Position: Support.

Various improvements will be made to the water treatment High Service Pump Station with money left over from completed projects. These additional funds are coming from a 2013 Series Bond.

- 5 TMP-3833 Authorizing the appropriation and expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$390,000 from the unappropriated balance of the Stormwater Improvement Fund for various Drainage Improvement Projects; authorizing the mayor to accept bids and enter into contracts for said Drainage Improvement Projects.

My Position: Support.

This money will pay for drainage and replacement projects that the Department of Public Utilities deems as nuisance and chronic problems. It is an annual appropriation request.

- 6 TMP-3849 Authorizing the expenditure of \$17,680 from the Sanitary Sewer Operating Fund to pay the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for Water Reclamation's 2019 membership dues.

My Position: Support.

This is an appropriate affiliation that the city should maintain. NACWA is a nationally recognized leader in environmental policy.

- 7 TMP-3850 Authorizing the mayor to accept bids and enter into an agreement for Sewer repairs for Sewer Repair Zone 2 (west); authorizing an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$1,236,890 annually from the Sanitary Sewer Operating Fund and the Storm Water Operating Fund.

My Position: Support.

Cash Services, LLC is an excavating company that provided the best and lowest bid. It is a new contractor for the city.

DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT:

- 8 TMP-3722 Authorizing the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$35,000 from the General Fund for consulting services related to the development of a universal pre-kindergarten program in the city of Toledo; waiving the competitive bidding requirements of TMC Chapter 187; authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Savage Consulting LLC for said services.

My Position: Held Pending More Detailed Information.

Although I am extremely supportive of Universal Pre-K and getting the weight of the City behind it, this request has come out of the blue. No Financial Impact Statement was provided. No business plan was given. It is a puzzlement that Council is being asked to approve the expenditure of tax payer dollars for something that has been given scant explanation and one that is unrelated to actual Pre-K implementation. We were told previously that no current City money would be used for Pre-K. In addition, what educationally sound reason is there for this unexpected, unappropriated, unbid cost to the General Fund?

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

9 TMP-3847 Declaring it necessary to improve Dorr Street at the intersection of Sawyer Road by installing street lighting.

My Position: Support.

This is a very dark intersection. Property owners have requested LED lighting for safety and protection. The annual cost to the city will be \$118.32.

10 TMP-3848 Declaring it necessary to improve Machen Street at the alley between Putnam Street and Warren Street by installing street lighting.

My Position: Support.

The annual cost to the city for this lighting will be \$111.48. This request came from the city itself for the safety and protection of residents in the area.

11 TMP-3832 Authorizing the improvement to Collingwood Avenue, between Nesselwood Avenue and Winthrop Street by installing twenty-one (21) street lights; authorizing the annual cost of \$5,154 for said improvement from the General Fund; authorizing the payment of \$42,337 from the General Fund to Toledo Edison for a one-time installation cost.

My Position: Support.

As a consequence of numerous complaints, these 50 watt LED lights will be installed. There has been an absence of illumination on this stretch of Collingwood.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE:

12 TMP-3827 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement to accept material that can be used as an alternate daily cover at the landfill; authorizing the acceptance and deposit of any revenues generated as a result of accepting this material into the General Fund.

My Position: Support.

Currently, the city uses soil and conccover (a blend of polymers and recycled fiber that forms a slurry when mixed with water) as an alternative daily cover. Other alternatives are being identified that may even generate revenue. Auto Shredder Residuals (ASR) is one alternative being reviewed to reduce operational costs, among others.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

13 TMP-3855 Authorizing the disappropriation of \$435,405 from the Capital Improvement Fund; authorizing the appropriation of \$3,543,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund and the expenditure of same for additional capital improvement projects; authorizing the Mayor to award contracts for said improvement projects.

My Position: Support.

The intention is for these monies to be used for additional CIP projects with funds that were made available from the reduction of CIP transfer to the general fund this year. Already, \$1,250,000 of the original \$4,250,000 reduction in CIP transfer has been applied to sidewalk improvements.

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OPERATIONS:

14 TMP-3802 Authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and to accept and deposit an OCJS Violence Against Women Act Grant (VAWA) in the amount of \$27,633.46 for the Toledo Police Department Domestic Violence Unit; authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of funds from the Operation Grants fund.

My Position: Support.

These grant funds will pay for training, follow up and equipment needed for investigating violence against women. We get this grant annually.

15 TMP-3852 Authorizing the Mayor to accept as a donation a 2008 GMC Savana 2500 van retrofitted for use as an ice cream truck valued at \$22,500 from the Toledo Police Foundation.

My Position: Support.

This will be so much fun for Toledo children! Toledo Police Officers will man this truck and pass but free ice cream to children in the neighborhoods. It will be called the Community Ice Cream Truck Program and is intended to help build positive relationships with our citizens.

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & RESCUE OPERATIONS:

16 TMP-3859 Amending Ordinance 380-18, by repealing Section 1 and enacting a new Section 1 in order to re-classify the purpose of the expenditure.

My Position: Support.

The roof at Fire Station 7 is leaking and the roofs at Stations 4 and 14 are even worse with more immediate roofing repairs needed.