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What Happened in the Toledo City Council Meeting of 6-26-19

SECOND READING ITEM

O-274-19 Authorizing the expenditure not to exceed \$50,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund District Improvement Program for the construction of an entry arch and sidewalks at Ottawa Park Amphitheater, city-owned property located in Ottawa Park; authorizing the Mayor to execute the necessary contract(s).

My Position: Support.

The amphitheater is owned by the City. As a direct result of an application from The Friends of Ottawa-Jermain Park, this project will come to fruition, with the approval of this legislation.

Ordinance held at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

O-286-19 Authorizing the expenditure of \$49,502 from the Capital Improvement Fund for facility improvements; authorizing the mayor to accept bids and award contracts for labor, materials and professional services necessary to complete said project(s).

My Position: Support.

These projects include facility improvements at Facility and Fleet Operations.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

COUNCILMAN RILEY PRESENTS:

R-295-19 Authorizing the application for funding from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' NatureWorks grant to construct improvements for the outdoor amphitheater in Ottawa Park.

My Position: Support.

If approved, this grant application will add additional funds to support other revenue obtained for the Ottawa Park amphitheater.

Resolution adopted at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

COUNCIL MEMBERS KOMIVES AND HARPER PRESENT:

R-296-19 Opposing and Condemning the Enactment of the 133rd Ohio General Assembly's Six-week Abortion Ban through Substitute Senate Bill 23.

My Position: Support.

Resolution adopted at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE:

R-297-19 Authorizing and expressing the City of Toledo's support for applications to the Ohio Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Grant Programs for funds to construct infrastructure enhancements and engage in education and encouragement activities to improve pedestrian and bicycle access for students traveling to Toledo Public Schools and Washington Local Schools.

My Position: Strongly Support.

Included are both infrastructure (including crosswalk counter displays, signage and a pedestrian crossing signal) and noninfrastructure (a project coordinator, safety education messages and material for bike/walk to school days).

Resolution adopted at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

R-298-19 Resolution in support of the City of Toledo applications to the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance for transportation infrastructure projects.

My Position: Support.

The city will be involved in multiple application rounds for traffic signal, bridge and road projects that have been deemed necessary. We must pay 20% of the construction costs.

First reading was held on this ordinance at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

O-299-19 Authorizing the disappropriation of an amount not to exceed \$415,566 from the Water Operating Fund, an amount not to exceed \$458,995 from the Sewer Operating Fund and an amount not to exceed \$405,414 from the Storm Water Operating Fund; authorizing the appropriation and operating transfer of \$215,434 from the Water Replacement Fund, \$143,505 from the Sewer Replacement Fund and \$94,586 from the Storm Water Replacement Fund; authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of \$631,000 from the Water Operating Fund; authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of \$602,500 from the Sanitary Sewer Operating fund; authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of \$500,000 from the Storm Water Operating Fund for the restoration of sidewalks, drive approaches, and street cuts due to water, sanitary, and storm repairs and improvements; authorizing the mayor to accept bids and enter into contracts.

My Position: Support.

Bids will go in for three utility contracts for projects covering 1700 locations. Sanitary and storm repairs and water repairs that caused damage to streets, drive approaches, curbs and sidewalks will be paid for by this ordinance.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES:

O-300-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Vision Benefits of America (VBA) for the provision of vision insurance services for the City of Toledo's Exempt, Teamsters Local 20, UAW Local 12 and AFSCME Local 3411 employees for a term of two (2) years; waive competitive bidding; and further authorizing the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$38,386.80 per annum.

My Position: Support.

Waiving the bidding process will give the city a financial advantage in this case. Originally, there were four bids.

Ordinance amended and passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OPERATIONS:

O-301-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the purchase of gas masks and communication equipment for SWAT; authorizing the Law Enforcement Trust Fund expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$72,413.70.

My Position: Support.

Planet Bids and Strack, Inc. won the bid and met all specifications and requirements.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

O-302-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Perry ProTech; authorizing the expenditure of funds not to exceed \$13,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund and \$149 from the General Fund; waiving the competitive bidding requirements of TMC 187.

My Position: Support.

A Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) camera will be installed in Joe E. Brown Park. The bidding process was waived because the City of Toledo is already doing business with the aforementioned company for our other RTCC cameras.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

O-303-19 Authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of \$205,000 of bond proceeds from the unappropriated balance of the Water Bond Improvement Fund; authorizing the acceptance, deposit, appropriation and expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$120,000 from the Lucas County Sanitary Engineer's Office into the Water Improvement Fund; authorizing the mayor to accept bids and to execute the necessary contracts for the Water General Plan Phase 2.

My Position: Support.

A water quality model and unidirectional flushing program will be developed with these funds. It will be deducted from the original \$750,000 appropriated for an Ohio EPA mandated study of the water distribution system.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

O-304-19 Authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of \$145,336 from the unappropriated balance of the Storm Water Utility Improvement Fund for the emergency repair of a storm sewer outfall on Chatham Valley; authorizing the mayor to enter into necessary agreements and waiving the competitive bidding requirement of the TMC 187.

My Position: Support.

The work has already started. A sinkhole between two houses on this street was caused by the collapse of a storm sewer. Hanks Plumbing and Heating was hired to do the repair.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

O-305-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter, execute and deliver a real estate purchase agreement and other needed instruments for the sale and conveyance of a portion of 2340 S. Reynolds Rd. to the Trustees of Local Union No. 18 of the International Union of Operating Engineers; 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 is the site of the former Clarion Hotel. The city acquired it through the Land Bank. The buyer will use it to build a bigger, new Local 18 office.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

O-306-19 Repealing Chapter 1311.08 (Renewal of Certificates), of the Toledo Municipal Code; enacting a new Chapter 1311.08 (Certificates of Renewal).

My Position: Support.

This ordinance allows license renewals for contractor and construction trades registration to the end of this year.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

O-307-19 Authorizing the expenditure of \$65,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for Facility Improvements to the lobby of the Building Inspection office; authorizing the mayor to accept bids and award contracts for said purchases.

My Position: Support.

This office is located on the 16th floor of One Government Center.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE:

O-308-19 Authorizing an operating transfer of \$700,000 from the General Fund to the Golf Course Improvement Fund for the continued operation of the Ottawa Park,

Detwiler, and Collins Park municipal golf courses; authorizing an increase of \$850,000 in estimated revenues for the Golf Course Improvement Fund; authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of \$1,550,000 from the Golf Course Improvement Fund for golf course operations.

My Position: Support.

This loan is the cost of what it will take to restore Ottawa Park, Detwiler and Collins Park municipal golf courses back to the gems they once were. We need to give the Administration a chance to remedy years of neglect, correct insufficient managerial oversight and make preparations and adjustments for Mother Nature's temporary set backs related to weather. It is a price that Council should be cautiously willing to pay in order to exercise our legislative authority to right wrongs that have been perpetrated against our golf courses for decades. These golf courses are three valuable City of Toledo assets that we should neither throw away nor give away. They are the people's golf courses. My understanding is that each one could generate as much as \$1 million each when maintained and managed properly. The terms intrafund loan and loan were deleted from the text of the ordinance. So, this action approved the simple transfer of \$700,000 from the General Fund to the Golf Course Improvement Fund.

Ordinance amended and passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

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

O-309-19 Changing the zoning maps attached to Part 11, Planning and Zoning, Toledo Municipal Code, for the property located at 1807 W. Bancroft 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 approved this change from Office Commercial to Single Dwelling Residential. It will become zoned as a single family residence, which is its existing use.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

O-310-19 Granting a Special Use Permit for a Community Recreation- Active for an outreach Community Center for a site located at 1623 Broadway Street, in the City of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio; subject to certain conditions.

My Position: Support.

Both the Toledo City Plan Commission and the Toledo City Council Zoning and Planning Committee approved this special use permit. It is currently a vacant building. The proposed use is for it to become an outreach community center.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

O-311-19 Changing the zoning maps attached to Part 11, Planning and Zoning, Toledo Municipal Code, for the property located at 22 N. Erie 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 approval for this property's zoning to change from Light Industrial to Downtown Commercial. The proposed use is commercial space on the first floor and residential use on the second and third floors.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

O-312-19 Granting an amendment to a Special Use Permit for site modifications for a site located at 3301 Upton Avenue, in the City of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio; subject to certain conditions.

My Position: Strongly Support.

Both the Toledo City Plan Commission and the Toledo City Council Zoning and Planning Committee recommended the approval of this amendment to the special use permit already in place. The proposed improvements will realign the existing entrance drive and extend the raised walkway and decorative fence all the way down to McKinley Elementary School. Repaving, restriping and landscaping will be done. Twenty seven parking spaces will be added. The site is currently an educational facility and will continue to be one. Toledo Technology Academy, various offices and McKinley Elementary School are housed on this campus.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

O-313-19 Changing the zoning maps attached to Part 11, Planning and Zoning, Toledo Municipal Code, for the property located at 624 Main 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 the approval of this zone change from Duplex Residential to Storefront Commercial. The proposed use is a drug and alcohol treatment center. It is currently zoned as a commercial building.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

O-314-19 Granting a Special Use Permit for a Non Residential Drug and Alcohol Treatment Center for a site located at 624 Main Street, in the City of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio; subject to certain conditions; granting of a waiver.

My Position: Support.

Both the Toledo City Plan Commission and the Toledo City Council Zoning and Planning Committee recommended the approval of this Special Use Permit. Here we have yet another business trying to help the city address substance abuse.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

THE CLERK REPORTS:

R-315-19 Declaring the intent to vacate the 80.00 foot wide Water Street running from Jefferson Avenue to the north and Monroe Street to the south, being in the City of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio; and declaring an emergency.

My Position: Support.

This location is behind Fort Industry Square.

Resolution adopted at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

COUNCIL MEMBERS KOMIVES AND RILEY, CHAIR, WATER QUALITY & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE AND STREETS, PUBLIC SERVICES & UTILITIES COMMITTEE, REPORT AS APPROVED:

O-284-19 Authorizing the Mayor to renew the city's agreement with ReCommunity through 2021 in order to continue facilitation of the processing of single-stream recycling materials; authorizing the Agreement to have deferred payment terms indexed to the prevailing annual market rate of recyclables; authorizing appropriation and expenditures; waiving the competitive bidding provisions of TMC 187.

My Position: Support.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

ITEM LIKELY TO BE RELIEVED OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

O-173-19 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.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.

ITEM LIKELY TO BE RELIEVED OF NEIGHBORHOODS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH COMMITTEE:

O-287-19 Approving the Northwest Ohio Advanced Energy Improvement District Residential Program Plan; authorizing and approving the execution, delivery, and performance of a City Residential PACE Cooperative Agreement with respect to property assessed clean energy transactions in cooperation with the Northwest Ohio Advanced Energy Improvement District and the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority; authorizing the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority to approve petitions and plans for public improvements or public services submitted by the owners of real property within the City requesting that their property be added to the territory of the Northwest Ohio Advanced Energy Improvement District and assessed for the costs of such plans on behalf of the Council of the City.

My Position: Support.

Ordinance passed at the Toledo City Council meeting of June 26, 2019.