

# CITY OF TOLEDO

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## What Happened in the Toledo City Council Agenda Review Meeting of 1-21-20

### COUNCIL PRESIDENT CHERRY PRESENTS:

R-029-20 Recognize Mercy Health System for hosting active shooter preparedness training at Waite High School November 5, 2019.

**My Position: Support.**

### SECOND READING ITEM:

O-002-20 Amending the Toledo Municipal Code by enacting a new Chapter 1312, Registration of Persons, Firms or Corporations in the General Contracting and Interiors Industry.

**My Position: Held Pending Ongoing Study.**

**The city is trying to ensure that both the interiors industry and general contractors hire only qualified and trained employees. A multitude of concerns have been unveiled both pro and con at each council meeting where this legislation has been discussed and at the public hearing held for community input. A committee hearing will be held on January 29, 2020 at 2:00 pm in Council Chambers to discuss this matter further. It is open to the public for comment.**

### APPOINTMENT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:

A-003-20 Appointment - Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)

**My Position: Support.**

**Council President Cherry appointed himself to the board.**

### DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & RESCUE OPERATIONS:

O-031-20 Authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement establishing the Lucas County 911 Regional Council of Government to organize and operate a Public Safety Answering Point.

**My Position: Support.**

**This action will merge the 911 operations in the county for the purpose of consolidating and organizing them under a more efficient emergency plan. A primary goal is achieving accurate routing of call responses across the entire region.**

O-032-20 Authorizing the mayor to accept an Ohio Statewide Search and Rescue (Water) Capability (Am. Sub. HB 166, 133th GA) grant from Ohio Emergency Management Agency in an amount not to exceed \$6,000 for the City of Toledo, Department of Fire & Rescue Operations; authorizing the deposit, appropriation and expenditure of funds into the Operation Grants Fund.

**My Position: Support.**

**Rescue Capability and collapse search will be supported by the acceptance of this grant. The Toledo Fire and Rescue Department will be able to build and sustain their team efforts through training, supply purchases, equipment maintenance and administrative costs by utilizing these funds.**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

O-033-20 Amending the Toledo Municipal Code by repealing Chapter 933.10(a) and replacing it with a new Chapter 933.10(a) and enacting a new Chapter 933.10(c), Customer Assistance Program.

**My Position: Held Pending Hearing Input.**

**Approving this legislation would adjust the terms for small loans to property owners who qualify for help repairing leads in lateral iron pipes, by relaxing the requirement. Also, this ordinance would add a grant to aid customers in paying their water bills. A committee hearing will be held on January 27, 2020 at 4:00 pm in Council Chambers to discuss this matter further. It is open to the public for comment.**

O-034-20 Authorizing the appropriation of \$225,000 from the unappropriated balance of the Water Replacement Fund and operating transfer of same into the Water Operating Fund; authorizing the appropriation of \$250,000 from the unappropriated balance of the Sewer Replacement Fund and operating transfer of same into the Sewer Operating Fund; authorizing the appropriation of \$25,000 from the unappropriated balance of the Storm Water Replacement Fund and operating transfer of same into the Storm Water Operating Fund; authorizing an expenditure

of an amount not to exceed \$225,000 from the Water Operating Fund; authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$250,000 from the Sewer Operating Fund; authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$25,000 from the Storm Water Operating Fund to fund the customer assistance grant program.

**My Position: Held Pending Hearing Input.**

**Low income storm water and sewer customers who need help paying for these services will receive assistance through this legislation. This ordinance seeks to minimize losses under this program for turnoff, collection agency and lien authority. A committee hearing will be held January 27, 2020 at 4:00 pm in Council Chambers to discuss the matter further. It is open to the public for comment.**

O-035-20 Authorizing the appropriation of \$50,000 from the unappropriated balance of the Water Replacement Fund and operating transfer of same into the Water Operating Fund; authorizing the appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$50,000 from the Water Operating Fund; authorizing the expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 from the Water Operating fund to fund the privately owned lead service line Lead Service Replacement Loan program.

**My Position: Held Pending Hearing Input.**

**A one-time zero percent (0%) loan to residential water customers will be provided by this program. It can only be used for replacing privately owned lead service lines and the amount cannot exceed \$2,000. A committee hearing will be held January 27, 2020 at 4:00 pm in Council Chambers to discuss this matter further. It is open to the public for comment.**

O-036-20 Repealing Toledo Municipal Code Section 929.03; enacting a new Toledo Municipal Code Section 292.03 to establish new monthly billing for the sewer rates.

**My Position: Support.**

**Competitive rates for our sanitary sewer services will be established by this ordinance. It will provide sufficient funding for paying the debt service on the construction that was financed as well as finishing the Consent Decree Compliance. The new Regional Water Commission is responsible for monitoring these rates and keeping them as low as possible. It establishes new monthly billing of sewer rates.**

O-037-20 Authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of \$1,225,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the repair, reconstruction and professional design services

of Levis Square Park (Phase 2); authorizing the mayor to accept bids and award contracts necessary to complete said project(s).

**My Position: Held Pending Further Study.**

**The design life and other park and landscape elements for Levis Square Park have past their usefulness. Reconstruction or repair of drainage structures and conduits, utility connections, stairs, planting beds and walls will be done.**

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT:**

O-038-20 Amending Ordinance No. 206-19 to increase the amount authorized for special assessment for energy efficiency improvements to the Imagination Station city-owned facility.

**My Position: Strongly Support.**

**This ordinance will increase future assessments from \$400,000 to \$1,100,000 for the Imagination Station Theatre and expansion.**

O-039-20 Approving the proposal of Niki Toledo for the expansion of their retail establishment within the Toledo Enterprise Zone; making certain findings and determinations in connection therewith; approving and authorizing the execution of an agreement and other documents, which grant real property tax exemptions.

**My Position: Support.**

**This is a property tax exemption for redevelopment of the former Elder Beerman property of 50% of the assessed valuation for 15 years and then 100% on the increase in assessed valuation after the remediation. Niki Toledo will invest an estimated total of \$12,746,560 including \$8,499,160 in real property.**

O-040-20 Authorizing the mayor to enter, execute and deliver a Purchase Agreement and other needed instruments for the sale and conveyance of 11.89 acres in the southern portion of Willy's Park for \$75,000 to the Woodlawn Cemetery Historical Association. Inc.; 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.**

**The sale of these 11.89 acres of Willys Park to Woodlawn Cemetery is for waterbodies restoration.**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

O-041-20 Authorizing the mayor to enter into and execute cooperative agreements between the City of Toledo and Lucas County and to give consent to Lucas County for roadway improvements and resurfacing work on Summit Street from the bridge over Ottawa River to 130th Street within the city limits.

**My Position: Support.**

**Authorization of this cooperative agreement with Lucas County will make roadwork possible from the Ottawa River bridge to 130<sup>th</sup> Street. It will include a roundabout conversion at Summit Street and Shoreland Avenue.**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE:**

O-042-20 Authorizing customer work agreements with The Toledo Edison Company providing for the replacement of existing streetlights throughout the city with LED streetlights.

**My Position: Support.**

**This agreement with Toledo Edison is for the replacement of 28,000 streetlights to LED at a total cost of \$5,796,000.**

O-043-20 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Energy Conservation and Facilities Improvement Project contract with Leopardo Companies, Inc.; authorizing the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$292,000 from the General Fund for the purpose of payment for the detailed engineering assessment component of the Project; authorizing the implementation of the guaranteed savings performance component of the project subject to the limitation that total Project costs shall not exceed the savings and additional revenue generated by the project's improvements over the average life of such improvements; making certain findings with respect thereto; authorizing the expenditure of funds.

**My Position: Support.**

**Leopardo Companies will contract with the city to upgrade eight (8) of the 137 buildings that the City of Toledo owns and operates.**

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

O-044-20 Authorizing the mayor to enter into an employee wellness program service agreement with the Lucas County Board of Commissioners; authorizing the expenditure of \$77,250 to reimburse the Board for the administration of an employee wellness program for a one (1) year period commencing January 1, 2020; waiving the competitive bidding requirements of TMC Chapter 187.

**My Position: Support.**

**The city is interested in encouraging health and wellness for its employees.  
This expenditure to Lucas County supports this initiative through December  
31, 2020.**