



# Agenda Review

## Toledo City Council

April 7, 2026

# Landfill Gas Flare, Emergency Repair

- Landfill flare system inlet valve failure caused complete system shutdown.
- Immediate action was required to restore operation and to maintain compliance with federal regulations and the landfill's air pollution control permit.
- APTIM was contacted to expedite the repair under an emergency contract as the system original equipment manufacturer and installer.
- Request to enter into contract with APTIM for an amount not to exceed \$15,000 and waive the competitive bidding process.

# City Wide Vehicle Lease Program

- Authorizes the annual expenditure for the enterprise lease agreement.
- The vehicle lease program reduces the demand on our capital budget by reducing purchases.
- By leasing new vehicles every few years, we can provide more energy efficient vehicles, while reducing maintenance costs.

# Major Mechanical, Building Improvements

- Authorizes our annual expenditure of \$500,000 from Capital Improvement Fund to help maintain city-owned assets.
- This Ordinance allows Facility Operations the ability to handle emergencies due to mechanical failures, deferred maintenance, and other related building improvements.

# Non-Emergency Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Program

- Authorizing \$1 million from Capital Improvement Fund for annual vehicle and equipment replacements.
- We take a high-level look at vehicles and equipment city wide to determine age, mileage, maintenance expenses, cost effectiveness, and operational need.
- Vehicles will be taken out of service or reassigned as they are replaced. Decommissioned vehicles are sold at auction.
- Competitive bidding is waived for subject equipment from vendor lots with demonstrated limited availability, and specialized equipment repairs.

# Police Vehicles and Equipment

- Authorizing \$1 million from Capital Improvement Fund for annual police interceptor replacement program.
- Provides 14 pursuit-rated vehicle replacements, providing updated technology, efficient, and a reduction in maintenance costs.

# Park Infrastructure Revitalization

- Authorizes the purchase of assets to upgrade City of Toledo Parks infrastructure.
- Replaces worn and damaged items, including but not limited to, benches, picnic tables, grills, pathways, parking lots, signage, and drinking fountains.
- These upgrades enhance park experiences for all visitors.



# Correction To Funds for Air Grant

- The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) in 2023 awarded a grant for the amount of \$1,350,000 and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) awarded a grant for the amount of \$650,000 both of which were authorized to be deposited into the Operation Grant Fund.
- Subsequently, the OEPA increased their grant award by \$81,624 and USEPA decreased their grant award by \$89,987.
- No additional match or impact to the general fund.

# Grit Collection Parts and Equipment

- Treatment of wastewater requires removal of grit and other deleterious material from the sewage to protect equipment from premature wear associated with the abrasive nature of these materials.
- Because of this abrasive nature, certain parts and equipment of the grit removal system wear out and have to be replaced to ensure proper and reliable function of the system.
- Because of the nature of the system and characteristics unique to the installation at the Bay View Water Reclamation Facility, and to ensure proper fit and function, parts and equipment must be purchased from the original equipment manufacturer, Amwell, Inc.
- This ordinance seeks to provide the legislation necessary to waive the competitive bidding process and allow for the purchase of up to \$184,000 of repair/replacement parts and equipment from Amwell, the OEM in order to restore two grit tanks and return them to service. The items will be installed by Plant staff.

# Hach Process Control Equipment Replacement

- Process control equipment (sensors, probes, controllers, etc.) at the Bay View Wastewater Treatment Plant is essential for ensuring compliance with environmental and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit regulations and maintaining consistent water quality.
- The Division of Water Reclamation must replace such equipment when needed, and currently has a need to replace several pieces of Hach process control equipment, including:
  - Hach probes, controllers, displays, and sensor caps for reading the dissolved oxygen levels in the aeration tanks and in the final effluent. Dissolved oxygen is critical for the growth of microorganisms used to treat wastewater.
  - Hach pH probes and sensors, which are used to monitor and test the pH of wastewater in the secondary treatment area and at the final effluent of the wastewater treatment plant. The monitoring and adjusting of pH is critical so as not to disrupt microorganism growth in the Plant or reduce the water quality of the effluent that is released into the river.
- The cost to replace this equipment is estimated at \$65,000 and the funds are available in the operating budget.

# Reynolds Area Pump Station Property Acquisition

- Due to space constraints on the existing Reynolds Area Pump Station site, some of the planned infrastructure improvements will need to be located on adjacent property to the north.
- The Division is proposing to purchase a portion of the parcel at 4150 Airport Highway totaling approximately 2/3 acres adjacent to the existing Reynolds Area Pump Station site for this purpose.



# Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Source Water Protective Strategies Grant

- The Division of Water Treatment recently prepared and submitted a grant application with collaboration from The Ohio State University (OSU) to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) for source water protection strategies.
- The grant includes an educational campaign by OSU Extension within the western Lake Erie basin to increase awareness and understanding of the connection between nutrient management and Lake Erie health.
- The grant application was recently approved by OEPA in the amount of \$15,129.
- Educational efforts will include a 'train the trainee' program to better educate OSU extension agents, the preparation of a professional educational video, educational efforts with agricultural students in the watershed and general education of producers, residents and students about the connection between nutrient management and the health of Lake Erie.
- The proposed grant structure would involve OSU completing educational activities within the Lake Erie basin, with the City of Toledo covering direct expenses not to exceed \$15,129. OEPA will then reimburse the City of Toledo for those expenses.

# Total Organic Carbon (TOC) Meters

- Real-time monitoring of organic levels in raw water and finished tap water provides an early warning of difficult-to-treat water during spring runoff.
- High organic readings can indicate increased algae levels in the lake during the summer months.
- Our existing meters are obsolete and the manufacturer no longer produces replacement parts, so new in-line TOC meters (real-time monitoring in the raw water main) and Bench-Top meters (for laboratory sampling) are needed to maintain water quality.
- The Bench-Top unit is required to perform mandatory TOC analyses *required by the Ohio EPA*, making replacement necessary to maintain regulatory compliance.

# Four Ultra Violet 254 Meters

- The Water Plant has found that reading and tracking high-organic raw water and its subsequent treatment to be an issue every spring
- Additional **real-time data** from the difference between the organic levels in raw, untreated water and tap water is an **effective means and early warning** for the hard-to-treat water in the Spring runoff
- High organic readouts are also indicators of higher algae levels in the lake in the summer months
- **Reduces risk** of under- or over-ozonation while potentially lowering associated energy and operating costs
- The plant spends approximately \$60,000 per year on oxygen to produce ozone, not including electrical costs; a 10% reduction would **save \$6,000**

# City Website Updates

- Enhancements to the City of Toledo website will **improve functionality and user experience** and ensure that ADA compliance and security updates are complete.
- Improvements will **ensure compliance with the updated Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) effective** April 2026.
- Additional functionality improvements will enable more **dynamic page content**, creating a more engaging user experience.
- Madhouse has worked on the City of Toledo website since 2020; waiving competitive bidding allows us to continue to **benefit from their specialized expertise**.

# Owens Corning Worldwide Headquarters Investment

- Retains one of Toledo's Fortune 500 corporate headquarters in downtown Toledo for the next 30 years
- Leverages a \$250 million investment in the worldwide headquarters
- Retains 1,036 high-paying jobs and creates a minimum of 25 new jobs
- Advances Glass City Riverwalk through partnership with Metroparks and Owens Corning to enable public access, construction, and long-term maintenance of the riverfront

## Ordinances

- Extends existing TIF for 30 years (through 2054) to support reinvestment and site improvements
  - Requires payments to Toledo Public Schools for full term of the TIF
- Amends Development Agreement to reflect updated commitments, investment, and job retention
- Authorizes Agreement for construction of the Glass City Riverwalk on the headquarters property

# Consent to Ohio Department of Transportation to rehabilitate the Craig Memorial Bridge

- This ordinance allows ODOT to rehabilitate the Craig Memorial Bridge on State Route 65 within the City.
- The project will upgrade the electrical and mechanical components of the lift bridge.
- This work will require single lane closures for most of the duration of the construction, then a 180 day full closure with a detour route.
- This work is anticipated to start in 2028 and be completed in 2029.
- This project is fully funded by ODOT with no costs to the City of Toledo.

# Arlington Sewer Repair Supplemental

- Ordinance 442-25 requested loans of \$16 million to replace a 48-inch sewer main located on Arlington Avenue.
- Due to several days of wet weather, it was necessary to request several additional pumps to which increased the cost of the project by \$2 million.
- Requesting a supplemental loan in the amount of \$2 million from OWDA.

# Authorizing the settlement of the personal injury claims of Julie Robinson

- Julie Robinson brought personal injury claims against the City of Toledo after she was injured in a motor vehicle accident involving a city vehicle in 2019.
- After a jury trial in Lucas County Common Pleas Court resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff, the City and Ms. Robinson mediated the case post judgment and agreed to settle all of Ms. Robinson's claims for \$750,000.
- This outcome is in the best interest of the City given the reality of the jury verdict and the uncertainty inherent in the appeals process.



**Thank you.**

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