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## SEAL ROCK WATER DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE

## **Special Joint Meeting with Toledo City Council** via Zoom Video Meeting Platform July 1, 2020

# **Introduction to Remote Meeting:**

The City of Toledo hosted the special joint meeting via Zoom video platform in order to mitigate the transmission of the novel coronavirus and reduced risk of COVID-19 illness in accordance with Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-12 to suspend all public gatherings.

# **Call Regular Meeting to Order:**

Mayor Rod Cross called the joint meeting to order and ascertain guorum of their City Council members at 6:01 p.m. July 1, 2020.

### Present:

City of Toledo - Present were Mayor Rod Cross; Council President Joshua Smith; City Councilors - Heather Jukich, Betty Kamikawa, Bill Dalbey, Jackie Kaufman, Stu Strom: City Staff - City Attorney, David Robinson, and City Manager, Judy Richter; Public Works Director, Bill Zuspan; Police Chief, Michael Pace; City Recorder, Lisa Figueroa.

SRWD - Present were President Rob Mills, and commissioners Karen Otta, Deanna Gravelle, and Saundra Mies-Grantham. Staff: Adam Denlinger, General Manager; Joy King, Office Manager and District legal counsel, Jeff Hollen. No public attended the joint meeting.

**Excused Absences:** Commissioner Glen Morris

#### Discussion with SRWD Board of Commissioners:

Mayor Rod Cross opened the discussion with SRWD Board of Commissioners and turned over the time to President Rob Mills who thanked the City Council for inviting the District to this meeting to have an open discussion regarding the water purchase agreement. This invitation is the result of President Mills, under the direction of the SRWD Board, writing a letter to Toledo City Manager, Judy Richter to open a discussion. In response to the invitation, President Mills wrote a letter to Ms. Richter and the City Council. The letter offers the District's perspectives and recommendations for a new water purchase agreement which includes 5 basic elements of an agreement for the City Council's consideration. (See attached copy of the letter dated June 25, 2020).

Councilman Josh Smith asked the possibility of a catch-up payment for the miscalculation of the water rate in the past that hasn't been resolved. It was discussed it could be part of the negotiation if both parties would be willing to negotiate in good faith. The District has written down the basic elements as starting points for consideration and the City could add to the list of elements they want to be included in the discussion. President Mills recommended for a small group to discuss the framework of a water purchase agreement using the basic elements and whatever the City adds to the list. The draft agreement then would be presented to the City Council and the SRWD Board of Commissioners for review and approval. President Mills recommended that he together with Adam Denlinger will meet with City Mayor Rod Cross and City Manager, Judy Richter to start the discussion. Mayor Rod Cross said it would be a good starting point and asked the council if they agree that himself and Judy Richter will meet with President Mills and Adam Denlinger to start the discussion. There was a consensus with the City Council. Councilman Bill Dalbey wanted to make sure that there would be a discussion with the City Council first before the Mayor and the City Manager will have a discussion with the District. It was agreed that a meeting will be set up after August 1 for the City representatives and the District representatives to meet and start the discussion.

#### **Emergency Water to City of Newport:**

Adam Denlinger informed the council that it could be a few more days for the City of Newport to solve the problem with their water treatment plant to produce enough treated water to meet demands. Mayor Rod Cross expressed that he had a

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75 76 conversation with Newport City staff and officials and understood the problem at the City of Newport treatment plant could take another week to fix. Councilman Stu Strom wanted to know how much the District is charging the City of Newport for the water that is being supplied using the intertie. Adam Denlinger explained that the intertie is only used during emergencies and the District charges the City of Newport the same cost per thousand that the City of Toledo charges the District. There was also a discussion of having better communication during emergency water usage. The District sent emails to the City of Toledo treatment plant operator and the City Manager to coordinate the pumping schedule to meet the added water demand of the City of Newport. The District was not aware that the City has hired a new public works director at that time but has now added the email address of the Public Works Director to be included in any email communication.

Adjournment: After the discussion, the District asked to be excused and left the Zoom video conference at 6:30 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: July 9, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting.

Approved by Secretary	Date: