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Subjects: [Municipal Government](#)

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Biographical Sketch

Toledo City Councilman Peter Ujvagi was born in Budapest, Hungary, in 1949. He immigrated to the United States with his parents in 1957 and became an American citizen in 1967. After graduating from St. Francis de Sales High School in Toledo, he attended the University of Toledo, studying economics and political science.

Mr. Ujvagi entered public service in 1973. From 1973 to 1975, he was an assistant field director, and later a field director for the National Center for Urban Ethnic Affairs in Washington, D.C. where he promoted community organizing and neighborhood development. He also served as chair of the education committee for the National Campaign for Human Development from 1972 to 1975. From 1977 to 1979, Mr. Ujvagi was chair of the Committee on Governance, Citizen Participation and Neighborhood Empowerment. President Carter appointed him to the National Commission on Neighborhoods.

After leaving Washington, Mr. Ujvagi returned to Toledo and was elected to his first term on City Council in 1981. He has served continuously since then, being re-elected three times. Currently Mr. Ujvagi serves as president of Council. He is chair of the City of Toledo Economic Development and Planning Committee and an alternate for the Housing and Neighborhood and the Public Safety committees. He was head of the Lucas County Democratic Party from 1989 to 1993.

Mr. Ujvagi also has experience in the private sector. In 1997, Mr. Ujvagi was president of E & C Manufacturing Co., Inc., a family-owned precision machining, specialty machinery design, and building company. From 1989 to 1998 he worked as the managing partner of EuroStaco, Kft., a Hungarian-American joint venture company specializing in the sale of equipment and technology for infrastructure development, environmental control, and remediation. Mr. Ujvagi is married and has three children.

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Scope and Content Note

This collection consists mainly of materials generated by Peter Ujvagi, other members of City Council, and the various city departments and offices. While there are materials from as early as 1973, the bulk of the collection covers the years 1986 through 1989. To facilitate the researcher, the collection has been divided into two parts: **Part I: City and County Government** includes **S1: City Council, S2: City Departments, S3: City Offices, S4: City Commissions, Committees and Other Offices, S5: Toledo-Lucas County Offices and Commissions; Part II: Legislative and Miscellaneous Topics** includes **S6: Legislation, S7: Downtown Redevelopment, S8: Housing and the Homeless, S9: Other Topics, S10: Correspondence and Petitions, and S11: Miscellaneous**. A document generated by a city department or office listed in Part I which relates to one of the topics in Part II will be located in the folder on the topic described in Part II. However, a folder may be listed in more than one series. For example, the folder containing correspondence regarding the homeless is listed in both the Housing and Homeless series and the Correspondence series. Folders are arranged alphabetically by subject matter and each folder's contents are arranged chronologically.

PART I: CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

The first series, **City Council**, contains transcripts of Council hearings and meetings, the Executive Compensation Survey and memos and other documents from the office of Clerk of Council.

Consisting of two linear feet, **City Departments** is the largest series in the collection. The series contains memos, proposals, manuals, correspondence, etc. generated by the various city departments. Of particular interest is the Department of Community Development. In 1988, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) investigated the department's mishandling of the Homeownership Program. The findings of this investigation are contained in this series. The folders are arranged alphabetically under the name of each department.

The third series, **City Offices**, contains documents generated by the various city offices. Most notably, this series contains papers from the City Manager and the Chief of Police.

City Commissions, Committees and Other Offices contains documents created by other offices, commissions, and committees not previously described. Of special interest are the documents from the Charter Review Commission. This commission was formed to consider changing the city's form of government from the then City Manager system to the current strong Mayor form. Information about Toledo Municipal Court and the public schools are also located in this series.

PART II: LEGISLATIVE AND MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

The first series in Part II covers **Legislation**. Among the individual topics are the Vicious Dogs legislation regarding pit bulls and the Clean Indoor Air Law which limited smoking in public places, requiring, among other things, nonsmoking sections in restaurants

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Of particular interest is the **Downtown Redevelopment** series. In the 1980s numerous attempts were made to spark redevelopment in downtown Toledo. Among these were the failed Portside Festival Marketplace and the Hotel Sofitel. More successful were the opening of Promenade and International Parks and the creation of CitiFest. Also located in this series is information about the Commodore Island Development, the Seagate Centre, and the Willis B. Boyer.

The 1980s was a period of serious homelessness in America. Unfortunately, Toledo was not spared this problem. The **Housing and the Homeless** series contains information about the city's attempt to ameliorate this issue.

All remaining items are located in the **Other Topics** series. This series contains information on such controversies as the EMS Bankruptcy, the Monclova/Springfield Township annexations, and the Northwest Ohio Regional Jail.

Correspondence and Petitions is the next series. It is divided into four subsections: Correspondence from constituents, correspondence from constituents on specific topics, correspondence from governmental officials or agencies, and petitions. When available, the response to a piece of correspondence is attached to the correspondence.

The final series is **Miscellaneous**. It contains newspaper articles and press releases among other miscellaneous items.

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**PART I
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	2	Hearings/ Budget (1986)
	3	Hearings/ Job Retention and Economic Development, 1986
	4	Meetings and Miscellaneous Hearings, 1980-1983, 1986-1987, 1989, n.d.
	5	Office of Clerk of Council, 1986-1989

S2: City Departments

Department of Community Development

2	1	Block Grants, 1986-1988, n.d.
	2	Homeownership Program Investigation, 1988, n.d.
	3	Housing and the Homeless, 1985, 1987-1988, n.d.
	4	Litter Control, 1981, 1985-1988, n.d.
	5	Inspection Division, 1982-1983, 1985-1988
	6	Miscellaneous, 1981, 1984-1989
	7	Policy and Procedure Manual, 1986
	8	Redevelopment Section, 1987
	9	Renewal Operations Division, 1986-1988
	10	Tax Abatement, 1986-1987

Department of Finance

	11	Accounts Division, 1988-1989
	12	Annual Information Statement, 1987
	13	Audit, 1988
	14	Capital Improvements Program, 1986-1988
	15	Employee Health Care, 1986, 1988
	16	Miscellaneous, 1981-1982, 1984-1987
	17	Taxation, 1981, 1987-1988
	18	Treasury, 1979, 1981, 1983, 1986-1988

19 **Department of Health, 1986, 1988**

20 **Department of Human Resources, 1988-1989**

21 **Department of Law, 1982, 1983, 1985-1989, n.d.**

Department of Natural Resources

3	1	Capital Project Requests, 1987
3	2	Cemeteries, 1981, 1986
	3	Citizens Advisory Recreation Commission, 1987-1988

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- 4 Miscellaneous, 1984-1989
- 5 Parks and Forestry, 1981, 1983-1984, 1986-1989
- 6 Recreation, 1983, 1985-1988
- 7 **Department of Personnel and Civil Service, 1986-1987**
- Department of Public Safety**
- 8 Fire Division, 1987-1989
- 9 Hazardous Materials Manual, 1978
- 10 Traffic Engineering, 1983, 1985-1989
- Department of Public Service**
- 11 Engineering and Construction, 1983, 1985-1988
- 12 Berdan Avenue Project, 1986
- 13 Upriver Bridge/Backside Railroad Routes, 1988
- 14 Miscellaneous, 1986-1989
- 15 Motor Equipment Division, 1987
- 16 Solid Waste/House Bill 592, 1985-1988
- 17 Streets, Bridges, and Harbor, 1985-1989
- Department of Public Utilities**
- 18 Administrative Services, 1985-1989
- 19 Environmental Services, 1985-1987
- 20 Miscellaneous, 1986-1989
- 21 Sewer and Drainage Services, 1983, 1986-1988
- 22 Toledo Edison, 1986-1989
- 23 Water, 1986-1988, n.d.
- 24 Water Reclamation, 1986-1988
- 25 **Department of Purchases and Supplies, 1986-1987**

- S3: City Offices**
- 1 6 Affirmative Action, 1987-1989, n.d.
- 7 Auditor, 1986-1989
- 8 Budget, 1985-1988
- 9 Chief of Police, 1983, 1985-1988
- 10 City Manager, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1987-1989
- 11 Contractual Compliance, 1986, 1988
- 12 Economic Development Manager, 1986-1989
- 13 Management Services, 1986-1988
- 14 Nuisance Abatement, 1986-1988
- 15 Public Information Coordinator, 1988

- S4: City Commissions, Committees and Other Offices**
- 16 Broadway Redevelopment Committee, 1985,1987
- 17 Charter Review Commission, 1985-1986, n.d.
- 18 Family Violence Prevention Services, 1987
- 4 29 Housing and Neighborhood Preservation Committee, 1985, 1987-1989
- 4 31 Revitalization Through Foreclosure Task Force, 1988
- 1 19 Toledo Municipal Court, 1986, 1988
- 20 Toledo Municipal Court/Environmental Court, 1985-1989, n.d

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- 21 Toledo Public Schools, 1983, 1987
- 22 Toledo Sesquicentennial Commission, 1986-1987

S5: Toledo-Lucas County Offices and Commissions

- 23 TARTA, 1986, 1988
- 24 Toledo-Lucas County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Hotel Report, 1982, 1986
- 25 Toledo-Lucas County Council for Human Services, 1985-1988
- 26 Toledo-Lucas County Plan Commission, 1986-1988
- 27 Old West End Historic District Commission, 1986-1988
- 28 Vistula Historic District Commission, 1987
- 29 Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, 1986-1988

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S6: Legislation

- 4 1 3/4% Income Tax Renewal, 1982-1988
- 2 911 Implementation Plan, 1986
- 3 Adult Entertainment Regulations, 1977
- 4 Adult Entertainment Regulations, 1978-1979, 1982-1984, 1988
- 5 14 Correspondence regarding Adult Entertainment, 1987, 1988, n.d.
- 4 5 Arson Insurance Claims, 1982
- 6 Clean Indoor Air Law, 1987-1988
- 7 Vicious Dogs, 1980, 1988-1989, n.d.

Miscellaneous Legislation

- 8 Amendments, 1985-1987
- 9 Ordinances, 1982-1983, 1986-1989
- 10 Proposals, 1987-1989, n.d.
- 11 Resolutions, 1987
- 12 State of Ohio, 1988, n.d.

S7: Downtown Redevelopment

- 13 City Fest/ Rally by the River, 1985-1988
- 14 Downtown Central Business District Plan, 1985
- 15 Downtown Parking, 1983, 1988
- 16 Downtown Toledo Pedestrian Concourse Board, 1987
- 17 Greater Toledo Marketing Group, 1985, 1986
- 18 Greater Toledo Office of Tourism and Conventions, 1987-1988
- 19 International Park, 1987-1989
- 20 Middle Grounds/Commodore Island Development, 1985-1988
- 21 Portside/Hotel Sofitel, 1986-1987, n.d.
- 4 22 Promenade Park, 1985-1987
- 23 Promenade Park/Street Performers, 1987-1988
- 24 River East Economic Revitalization Corporation, 1983-1986

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- 25 Seagate Centre, 1986-1988
26 Uptown Association, 1987-1989, n.d
27 Willis B. Boyer, 1987
- S8: Housing and the Homeless**
- 5 15 Correspondence Regarding Housing and the Homeless
2 2 Dept. of Community Development/ Homeownership Program
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3 Dept. of Community Development/ Housing and the Homeless, 1985,
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4 28 Group Homes, 1984-1986, n.d
29 Housing and Neighborhood Preservation Committee, 1985, 1987-1989
30 Housing Trust Fund, 1986-1988
37 Manufactured Homes, 1987-1988
31 Revitalization Through Foreclosure Task Force, 1988
20 Toledo Municipal Court/Environmental Court, 1985-1989, n.d
- S9: Other Topics**
- 32 Buckeye Basin Greenbelt Parkway Project, 1987-1988
33 EMS Bankruptcy, 1985-1986
34 J. Preston Levis Regional Computer Center, 1985-1988, n.d.
35 Junction Avenue Business District Revitalization Plan, 1986
36 Landfills, 1986-1988
37 Manufactured Homes, 1987-1988
38 Monclova/Springfield Township Annexations, 1987-1988, n.d.
5 1 Northwest Ohio Center for Labor-Management Cooperation, 1985-
1987
2 Northwest Ohio Regional Jail, 1986-1988, n.d.
3 Toledo Area Chamber of Commerce Small Manufacturers Retention
Program, 1988
4 Warren-Sherman Community Council/ Inez Nash Park, 1987
- S10: Correspondence and Petitions**
- Correspondence from Constituents**
- 5 From Attorneys, 1985-1987
6 From Groups, misc. topics, 1981, 1983, 1986-1989, n.d.
7 From Groups/ Citizens Monitoring Board, 1986-1989
8 From Groups/ Funding Requests, 1986-1989, n.d.
9 From Individuals/Complaints, 1985-1989, n.d.
10 To Individuals/Responses to Complaints, 1986-1988
11 From Individuals/Misc. Topics, 1983, 1986-1989, n.d.
12 From Professional and Business Organizations, 1981;, 1986-1989, n.d.
5 13 From Social and Philanthropic Organizations, 1983, 1986-1989, n.d.
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- 16 Toledo Police Academy, 1987, 1989
- 17 Thank You Notes and Congratulations, 1981-1988
- 18 Winkle, William (Fire Chief), 1988, 1989
- Correspondence from Government Officials or Agencies**
- 19 City Manager, 1985-1989
- 20 City Council Members, 1981-1989
- 21 Other Governmental Agencies, 1986-1989, n.d.
- 22 Peter Ujvagi, 1983, 1986-1987, 1989
- 23 **Petitions**, 1986-1988, n.d.

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- 25 Newspaper Articles, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1988
- 26 Press Releases, 1986-1989, n.d.