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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works and Police DEPARTMENTS

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2020 CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS INFORMATION:

There are three city council seats available for election during the November 3rd General Election.

- Seat 2 (Councilor Emily Berlant)
- Seat 4 (Councilor John Harrison)
- Seat 6 (Councilor Jason Clark).

Filing is currently opened and will close August 25th.

Contact the City Elections Official, Gabriella Shahi, at gciprazo@cityoftalent.org, for more information on how to file. You can also visit the Jackson County Elections Office website for more detailed information about the general process for running for city office.

All all Talent residents interested in Talent City leadership are encouraged to file. Prior City leadership is not required to run.

Energy News: Dealing with Summer Heat

As the days become warmer and longer, I decided July's article will focus on some ways to deal with the summer heat. During the past couple of hot spells we've had in recent weeks, I implemented these no cost changes at my home which resulted in a 25% savings on our natural gas bill and resulted in comfortable living without breaking the bank!! Here are some tips 'n tricks to try:

Use Fans: A ceiling fan can make you feel 4°F cooler. Use a circulating fan near an open window at night to rid the house of daytime heat. Make sure to turn off ceiling fans if you leave, motors can waste a lot of energy when left on for long periods of time.

Close Windows & Drapes/Blinds During the Day: This will reduce the amount of sun energy from entering your house.

Open Windows at Night: Open windows opposite one another for cross-ventilation. This allows the house to cool quickly and for free! *Pro Tip – Plant some good smelling flowers or herbs by the window to make your house smell great! My house has lavender by one window and a spice garden at the other!*

Install a Programmable Thermostat: Program it to automatically decrease the cooling when you are not home or sleeping.

Plant a Deciduous Tree on South Side: Save some energy by planting a deciduous tree on the southern side of your house. In summer, the leaves will block the sun's energy. In winter, with no leaves, it will allow the sun to heat your house. *Pro Tip- Trees can block solar arrays. So if you have solar (or plan on getting it) make sure to pick your tree wisely so they work well together!*

If anyone would like more information about these activities or implements one of the tips 'n tricks , feel free to reach out to me via email (below).

Michael Hoch, City of Talent - Energy Efficiency Coordinator & RARE Participant

TALENT POLICE DEPARTMENT

In light of recent events across the nation involving law enforcement, we would like to take this opportunity to highlight some current policies of your police department:

Ban chokeholds & strangleholds – The Talent Police Department does not train in the use of chokeholds or carotid restraints. This practice is not viewed as an acceptable use of force except in matters where deadly force would be justified (life threatening, extreme circumstances which require the officer to act in defense of their own life or another person's). Our officers have been trained on how to prevent positional asphyxia.

Require de-escalation- The Talent Police Department trains all its officers in de-escalation techniques. Officers use de-escalation techniques and other alternatives to limit use of force incidents consistent with department training whenever possible. Officers are required to complete a forty-hour Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). See TPD Policy 466.6 for more details.

Require warning before shooting- Officers engaged in a use of force incident face tense, uncertain and rapidly evolving circumstances. A warning that deadly force will be applied is not required but should be given when circumstances allow. TPD Policy section 300.4 (b) provides more detail regarding these unique circumstances.

Exhaust all alternatives before shooting- Officers shall use only that amount of force that is objectively reasonable given the totality of the circumstances and the facts perceived by the officer at the time of the incident. Given that no policy can realistically predict every possible situation an officer might encounter, officers are trained to use well-reasoned discretion in determining the appropriate use of force in each incident. TPD Policy section 300.3 provides more detail regarding these unique circumstances.

Duty to intervene- The Talent Police Department requires an officer who views excessive force to intercede immediately when in a position to do so. All members of the Talent Police Department are further required to report their observations promptly. Policy 300.2.1

Ban shooting at moving vehicles- Shooting at a moving vehicle is an extremely rare occurrence and oftentimes is ineffective. The Talent Police Department trains officers to deploy and use other tactics to disable a vehicle and apprehend suspect(s) safely. An officer should only discharge a firearm at a moving vehicle when the officer reasonably believes there are no other reasonable means to avert the threat (Policy 300.4.1)

Require use of force continuum- The Talent Police Department uses scenario-based training to prepare officers for multiple types of encounters. The Use of Force Continuum is an aged concept from previous decades and has given way to more knowledgeable, science-based use of force training and policies. Officers can never predict how a use of force incident may unfold. Given this reality, officers must have the ability to promptly apply that amount of force which appears objectively reasonable given the set of circumstances the officer is facing. Use of Force Police 300.

Require comprehensive reporting- The Talent Police Department requires officers to thoroughly document any use of force in a police report. Documentation requirements are covered in policy section 3.5.

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