CITY OF TALENT
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL
May 12, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.

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The Budget Committee of the City of Talent will meet on Thursday, May 12, 2016 in a regular Budget Committee meeting at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall, 206 E. Main Street.
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REGULAR BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING- 6:30 PM
Anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item should complete a Public Comment Form and give it to the Minute Taker. Public Comment Forms are located at the entrance to the meeting place. Comments pertaining to specific agenda items will be taken at the time the matter is discussed by the Budget Committee.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present	Members Absent
Councilor Abshire	Councilor McManus
Councilor Cooke	John Morrison
Councilor Collins	Larry Chase
Councilor Pederson	
Councilor Wise	
Anna D'Amato	
Sherman Lamb	
Michael LaNier	
John Harrison	

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Budget Committee Training
City Manager, Tom Corrigan introduced City Staff: City Recorder, Melissa Huhtala, Bret Marshall, Public Works Director, Chance Metcalf, Public Works Superintendent, Zac Moody, Community Development Director, Lana Perry, IT Director, Curtis Whipple, Police Chief and Administrative Services Director, Denise Woodman.

Mr. Corrigan reminded the Budget Committee that the next meetings are Tuesday, May 17th and Thursday, May 19th.

Ms. Woodman handed the Budget Committee 2 handouts ***(see attached).***

4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Councilor Wise nominated Councilor Pederson as Chair. Councilor Pederson spoke he would pass on the nomination. Motion died.

Councilor Cooke nominated Anna D'Amato as Chair. Councilor Pederson seconded. Chair Pederson repeated the motion. Discussion: None. Roll Call Vote: Councilor Abshire, Councilor Cooke, Councilor Collins, Councilor Pederson, Councilor Wise, Sherman Lamb, Michael LaNier and John Harrison: YES. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Abshire nominated Sherman Lamb for Vice Chair. Mr. Lamb spoke that he had conflicts for the next meetings so would be best to nominate someone else.

Councilor Cooke nominated Michael LaNier for Vice Chair. Anna D'Amato seconded. Ms. D'Amato repeated the motion. Discussion: None. Chair Pederson repeated the motion. Discussion: None. Roll Call Vote: Councilor Abshire, Councilor Cooke, Councilor Collins, Councilor Pederson, Councilor Wise, Sherman Lamb, Michael LaNier and John Harrison: YES. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of the May 12, 2015 Minutes

Mr. Lamb moved to approve the May 12, 2015 Minutes. Councilor Pederson seconded. Ms. D'Amato repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Presentation of the FY 2016-17 Budget

Mr. Corrigan gave an overview of the Budget Message ***(see attached).***

Ms. Woodman went through the budget process.

Councilor Cooke left at 7:37 PM

Ms. Woodman and Mr. Corrigan went through each Fund:

- General Fund
- Library Fund
- Parks Fund
- Street Fund
- Water Fund
- TAP Fund
- SDC Fund
- Debt Service- All Funds
- Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund

7. Public Hearings

Public hearings are conducted under a prescribed procedure depending on the topic. The presiding officer will conduct the hearing in accordance with those procedures which will allow for public input at the announced time.

None.

8. Budget Committee Discussion

Ms. Woodman spoke that if any of the Committee members had questions to email them to her and Mr. Corrigan before Tuesday afternoon. It was explained that the questions and answers would be presented at the next meeting.

9. Adjournment

The Budget Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

City Recorder, Melissa Huhtala

Attest:

City Manager, Tom Corrigan

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The Honorable Darby Stricker
Members of the Talent City Council and Talent Budget Committee
Citizens of the City of Talent

I normally start my budget letters with a quote. Last year I used:
"The secret of getting things done is to act" Dante

This year I would like to use the words of Secretary of the Treasury Jacob Lew,
"The budget is not just a collection of numbers, but an expression of our values and aspirations."

It is our pleasure to present you with the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017. As the result of a concerted effort from all departments, this is a balanced budget that will meet all of the City's legal obligations.

In the past, the City has experienced some major expansion efforts and years of complacency; this year we hope to push beyond this roller coaster trend and begin to realize the fruits of our labors. We are ripe with opportunities for economic development in our downtown area and completing our roundabout in a public/private partnership with Talent Urban Renewal. Again this year we will strive to reduce costs as we also continue to complete projects designated as priorities by Council. We will also place an emphasis on obtaining funding to accomplish other goals requested by the Council and advisory committees and commissions.

This year the City will again see many road and sidewalk projects come to fruition. We have spent a considerable amount of time walking the streets and neighborhoods of our fair City, looking at where we can make the City both look and function better, as well as be safer for our children. We will continue to listen to the needs of our citizens while simultaneously improving our infrastructure.

Projects for our water department, including our plans to keep our one and one half million gallon storage tank on Belmont safe and functioning, are in the budget. We will be working with Ashland and Phoenix that comprise our TAP water line. Waterline and road improvements will be worked on along North Front as well as an upgrade for Lithia Way down to Alpine, Foss Road at the intersection of Wagner Creek Road, and continue to assess Rapp Road. We have updated the pavement maintenance program and our Parks and safety equipment program. We have safety projects on both Schoolhouse Road for the protection of our children at school and on Main St approaching the school. We have a surveying firm making certain that we observe all Right-of-Ways. We have budgeted for the continuing maintenance of the City Hall,

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Library, and Police Department parking lots and have planned a project with Talent Urban Renewal for the historic Community Hall. It will be so very nice to have this glorious old building regain some of its luster.

We continue to seek funding for our Parks Department's goals per the updated Parks Master Plan including but not limited to development of our Parks, safety inspections and measures on all facilities, full ADA access to Chuck Robert's Heritage Trail, and future planning for Suncrest Park as we now have full title to the property. Our new Splash Pad now has a 3-phase approach with Phase 2 almost complete and Phase 3 planning beginning this year, designed to keep down excessive water use and thereby better conservation. We have just refinished our tennis and basketball courts as well. These are all designed to enhance the enjoyment of Talent's citizens while keeping our future in mind.

We have opened our new CDBG grant funded Community Center to great reviews. We will continue to offer this site to Talent residents and certain groups at a very low cost. We are also underway, per Council Goals, to installing solar panels at the Center. We are installing our updated Internet security as it has become a rising concern in almost every aspect of our lives, beginning with our water SCADA system and branching out into expanded Wi-Fi service.

An emphasis has been placed on an increased level of residential service and communication. Updated financial software will make citizen's payments easier. Following up on another Council Goal, we will sign our projects so that citizens have a better understanding of what is happening in their neighborhoods.

The Mayor and Council have formed an Economic Development Committee as well as the first steps toward a Renewable Energy Program. As I stated in the beginning quote, these are works of our "...values and aspirations."

We will continue to make advances to our economic development plan as the housing market and economy strengthens. We are set to finish Housing Needs and Economic Opportunity Analysis studies with our Citizen Advisory Committee as well as look to improve our Development Charges to assist new businesses in making Talent their home. We will also keep on the path of improving our insurance liability standards and legal handling of the City's interests while keeping our budget in mind.

I am confident with the invaluable staff we have at this time we can bring all of these items to maturity.

If there are any questions with which the staff or I may assist you throughout this process, do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to your input in this most important aspect of our City.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Corrigan
Talent City Manager

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