



TALENT CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN HALL  
March 16, 2016 – 6:45 P.M.

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The City Council of the City of Talent will meet in a Regular Council session at 6:45 P.M on Wednesday, March 16th in the Town Hall, 206 E. Main Street. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, should be made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to the City Recorder at 541-535-1566, ext. 1012.

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**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING- 6:45 PM**

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**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

**Members Present**  
Mayor Stricker  
Councilor McManus  
Councilor Cooke  
Councilor Abshire  
Councilor Pederson  
Councilor Wise  
Councilor Collins

**Members Absent**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Mayor Announcements**

**3.1** None

**4. 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.*

**4.1 Smoking Ban in Talent Parks**

Mr. Corrigan gave a brief Staff Report.

Councilor Cooke spoke that she does not agree with the ban and suggested designating a spot for smokers. Councilor Pederson agreed with Councilor Cooke.

Councilor Wise suggested the wording say “no person may smoke or consume tobacco or tobacco products.”

**Mayor Stricker opened the Public Hearing at 7:07 PM**

**Public Input: None.**

**Mayor Stricker closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 PM**

**Councilor Wise moved to approve Ordinance 16-917-O, an Ordinance prohibiting smoking and tobacco use in City Parks with amendment to Section 2 “no person may smoke, use or consume and tobacco or tobacco products. Councilor Collins seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: Councilor McManus spoke that this is a good initial approach and the Ordinance can be amended in the future if the Public comes to Council. Councilor Cooke spoke she does not agree with the ban. Roll Call vote: Councilor McManus, Councilor Collins, Councilor Abshire, Councilor Pederson and Councilor Wise: YES. Councilor Cooke: NO. Motion passed 5-1.**

**5. Citizens Heard on Non-Agenda Items**  
*Limited to 5 minutes or less per Mayoral discretion*

Meadowsweet Levi 106 North Street, Talent – Ms. Levi spoke regarding pesticides and protecting children and adults. She thanked Council and Staff for the steps taken so far.

Dolly Warden, 255 Colver Rd. #88, Talent – Ms. Warden requested to get Public Works to go to an upcoming Pesticide Management Class and offered to pay the registration for all Public Works workers. Mayor Stricker spoke that Staff will be dealing with this on their own. She thanked Dolly but respectfully declined her offer.

**6. Public Presentations**

*Items that do not require immediate Council action, such as presentations, discussion of potential future action items. Time limited to 15 minutes per presentation unless prior arrangements have been made.*

**6.1 Pollinator Garden Dedication**

Dolly Warden, 255 Colver Rd. #88, Talent – Ms. Warden spoke that on April 14<sup>th</sup> they would like to have a Pollinator Garden Dedication. She spoke that she would like to invite Phyllis Stiles from Bee City USA.

Ms. Warden spoke that Talent Bee City would like the Mayor to participate in the dedication.

Pollinator Garden names were discussed. Participate with the Mayor to do the dedication. They would also like a sign made for the garden.

Ms. Warden explained that glyphosate was sprayed at the garden and would like it cleaned up before the dedication.

Council gave unanimous consensus to support the event.

**Councilor Wise moved to name the garden “Talent Pollinator Garden” Councilor Abshire seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.**

**7. Consent Agenda**

*The consent agenda consists of items of a repeating or routine nature considered under a single action. Any Councilor may have an item on the consent agenda removed and considered separately on request.*

- 7.1 Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2016
- 7.2 Acknowledge receipt of Payables
- 7.3 Acknowledge receipt of Together for Talent Minutes for December 8, 2015

and

January 5, 2016

- 7.4 Acknowledge receipt of Parks Minutes for January 13 and February 10, 2016

**Councilor Abshire moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Wise seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **8. Regular Agenda**

*Citizens will be provided the opportunity to offer comments on action items after staff has given their report and if there is an applicant, after they have had the opportunity to speak. Action items are expected to result in motions, resolutions, orders, or ordinances.*

### **8.1 Endorsement to RVTD**

Mr. Corrigan gave a brief Staff Report.

**Councilor Wise moved to approve the letter in support of RVTD. Councilor Pederson seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **8.2 Tennis Court Funds**

Mr. Corrigan gave a Staff Report.

Will be closing half of the Tennis Court starting tomorrow until April

Basketball Courts cracks will be fixed within the next 10 days weather permitting.

Councilor Pederson spoke in concerns of a quick fix that would only last 2 years at a cost of \$24,000. He spoke that he would support to do this once and would like to focus on the long-term.

Council discussed options.

Councilor Wise suggested to table the discussion for 30 days to get geological study. Mr. Corrigan explained a geological study would be costly. Councilor Pederson spoke in support of tabling the discussion. Councilor McManus suggested giving Staff direction to temporarily close the park and get community feedback.

It was suggested to add an article in the FLASH to inform the Community.

**Councilor Pederson moved to close one half of the tennis courts until they can be made safe again. Councilor Collins seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.**

It was decided that this would be back on a Council Agenda in April.

## **9. Information Items**

- 9.1 None.

## **10. City Manager & Other Department Reports**

*Items for discussion by the City Manager and Department Heads as needed.*

Mr. Corrigan gave Department and City reports:

- The partition was put up at the Community Center.
- Reminder SEI's are due.
- Fair Housing coloring books will go to a class at Talent Elementary School to meet CDBG requirements.
- There was filming in front of Town Hall for a movie. Talent will get film credit.
- Working with Energy Trust of Oregon on a proposal and grants to get a student to work on renewable energy. This will come up during the budget.
- Working with engineers on the reservoir.
- Reminder that there will be CERT programs coming up on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Working on Blue Sky project to obtain a grant to do solar on the Community Center building.
- Staff is working on Budget.
- There will be work done on Wagner Creek. Blackberry bushes will be cut down and replaced with native plants.

## **11. Other Business**

**11.1** Councilor Pederson requested an update on the Front Street Project. Mr. Corrigan spoke that there was a request from the railroad to have a copy of the agreement for all crossings that they initiated. There will be a full set of plans available on Friday.

## **12. Mayor and Councilor - Committee Reports and Councilor Comments**

Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation – Mayor Stricker (alternate)

Together for Talent Committee – Councilor Collins

Metropolitan Planning Organization – Mayor Stricker & Councilor Cooke (alternate)

Planning Commission – Councilor Wise & Councilor Abshire (alternate)

Public Art Advisory Committee – Councilor McManus

Parks Commission – Mayor Stricker

Traffic Safety & Transportation Commission – Councilor Cooke

Rogue Valley Council of Governments – Councilor McManus & Mayor Stricker (alternate)

Talent Historical Society – Councilor Abshire

Harvest Festival Committee – Councilor McManus

Economic Development - Councilor Pederson & Councilor McManus

Chamber – Councilor Pederson

Talent Charter Review – Councilor Cooke

Councilor McManus, Councilor Collins, Councilor Cooke and Councilor Wise had no announcements.

Councilor Abshire announced he attended the Historical Society meeting and gave a brief update.

Mayor Stricker announced that she didn't attend the Parks Meeting due to the Council Goals setting meeting. The drafted Council goals will be on the next Council Agenda. She also announced MPO is next week.

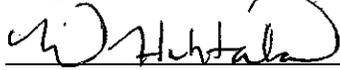
Councilor Pederson announced met with Bobby Townsend and discussed Economic Development.

Mayor Stricker asked Councilor Cooke if the Charter Review Committee is done with the Charter Review. Councilor Cooke spoke that she would get the final draft sent out.

## **13. Adjournment**

The Council Meeting was adjourned at: 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted by:



City Recorder, Melissa Huhtala

Attest:



City Manager, Tom Corrigan

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