



TALENT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DRAFT MINUTES
TOWN HALL
August 3, 2016 – 6:45 P.M.

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The City Council of the City of Talent will meet in Regular Session at 6:45 PM Wednesday, August 3rd 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 Pederson
Councilor Wise
Councilor Collins**

Members Absent

Councilor Abshire

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Community Announcements

- **Mayor Stricker thanked Councilor Pederson for weeding in Talent.**
- **CERT courses will begin soon (see attached).**
- **The Parks Commission is now full.**
- **Avista has announced that natural gas may go down.**

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 Calling an election on November 8, 2016, to refer to the voters of the City of Talent, Oregon, a tax on retail sales of recreational marijuana in the City of Talent and adopting a ballot title and explanatory statement. City Manager, Tom Corrigan gave a brief staff report.

Mayor Stricker opened the Public Hearing at 6:57 PM

Public Input: None.

Mayor Stricker closed the Public Hearing at 6:57 PM

Councilor Pederson moved to approve Resolution 16-946-R, A Resolution calling an election on November 8, 2016, to refer to the voters of the City of Talent, Oregon, a tax on retail sales of recreational marijuana in the City of Talent and adopting a ballot title and explanatory statement. Councilor Collins seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: Councilor Pederson spoke that with 2/3 of Talent voters voted to legalize recreational marijuana, it is right to allow them to vote to tax recreational marijuana. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Calling an election on the November 8, 2016 to refer to the voters of the City of Talent, Oregon to revise the City of Talent's Charter.

Mr. Corrigan gave a brief staff report.

Mr. Corrigan went over the suggested changes from the attorney.

- Section 20 (2)(B) Unexplained absence from all meetings of the Council within a ~~40~~30 day period.
- Section 21(2) The first Council meeting of the year following the next election at which Councilors ~~and~~ **OR** the Mayor.

Council gave consensus to keep the suggested changes from the attorney.

Councilor Pederson spoke that the explanatory statement does not state the resign to run provision to be removed. Mr. Corrigan spoke that he would get this changed.

Mayor Stricker spoke that she would like to step down and testify as a Citizen and give Council President Pederson the gavel at this time. Council gave consensus to do so.

Councilor President Pederson opened the Public Hearing at 7:11 PM

Public Input:

Darby Stricker -220 Rapp Rd. Talent – Ms. Stricker thanked the Ad-Hoc Committee for their hard work. spoke in regards to allowing the Mayor to vote. She spoke in the importance of transparency of where the Mayor stands. She asked Council to amend the decision or at least give a better reason as to why the Mayor should not be allowed to vote unless a tie.

Margaret Duggard- 206 Roy St. Talent – Ms. Duggard spoke in regards to the Mayor being allowed to vote.

Councilor Pederson closed the Public Hearing at 7:18 PM

Councilor Wise spoke suggesting changes to the Charter. Mayor Stricker spoke that there was a Public Hearing on this for amendments and asked Council if they would like to open up another Public Hearing for changes to be made. Council gave consensus to hear Councilor Wise's comments.

Councilor Wise questioned what constitutes a quorum. Mayor Stricker clarified this for him.

Councilor Wise spoke regarding inconsistencies using commas and semicolons. Mr. Corrigan would get this corrected with legal approval.

Councilor Wise spoke regarding Section 23. City Manager. It was explained that this item would have to be vetted by Legal.

Councilor Wise suggested to change in the Explanatory Statement: "The City Council appointed a Charter Review Committee to review and recommend changes to the 2005 Charter".

Councilor Wise suggested to change Section 34(1) "Proposed action on a public improvement, that is not declared by two-thirds of the Council present to be needed at once because of an emergency, shall be suspended for six months upon remonstrance by owners of land to be specifically assessed for the improvement.

Council gave consensus to make the suggested changes by Councilor Wise.

Councilor Pederson spoke regarding the reason it was given for not putting the Mayor's right to vote on the ballot. It was suggested that it was Council's position to not have the Mayor's vote on the ballot due to giving the Mayor too much power. It was clarified that the Council position was to go with the attorney's suggestion and that Council's position was not due to the Mayor having too much power. Mayor Stricker spoke that it was stated in the meeting that the Mayor would have too much power if given a chance to vote.

Mayor Stricker opened the Public Hearing at 7:37 PM

Public Input: None.

Mayor Stricker closed the Public Hearing at 7:37 PM

Councilor Pederson moved to approve Resolution 16-948-R, a Resolution calling an election on November 8, 2016, for the purpose of referring to the voters of the City of Talent, Oregon, a measure amending, updating and renumbering of the Talent Charter as amended. Councilor Collins seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: Councilor Wise spoke regarding the Mayoral vote. He spoke that he would be in favor in the future to put this issue to the voters. He also spoke that he would have liked the Charter document sooner for review. He spoke to concerns that the document is not quite ready and not sure that he will be voting in favor of it. Councilor McManus, Councilor Collins and Councilor Pederson: YES. Councilor Wise: NO. Motion passed 3/1.

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

None.

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 None.

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 July 20, 2016

Councilor Collins spoke to correct item 5. Dolly Warden – 255 Colver Rd. #88, Talent – Ms. Warden spoke that ~~Grants Pass~~ Gold Hill has become the next Bee City USA at their last Council Meeting.

Councilor Wise moved to approve the Council Minutes for July 20, 2016 as amended. Councilor Collins seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

7.2 Acknowledge receipt of Parks Commission Minutes for June 22, 2016
7.3 Acknowledge receipt of Together for Talent Minutes for June 7, 2016

Councilor Wise moved to approve items 7.2 and 7.3. Councilor Collins 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 Resolution 16-947-R, A Resolution by the City of Talent supporting the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) interchange area management plan 21.

Community Development Director, Zac Moody went over the Staff report.

Councilor McManus moved to adopt Resolution 16-947-R, a Resolution by the Talent City Council supporting the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) interchange area management plan (IAMP)21. Councilor Wise seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: Councilor Pederson spoke regarding his caution regarding lane striping. Mayor Stricker spoke in appreciation of this project. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

8.2 Bid Award for Front Street Improvement Project. Bid award deadline 8/2/16.

Mr. Corrigan gave a Staff report (*see attached*). Mr. Corrigan read the bid into the record (*see attached*). Work will begin on August 10th.

Councilor Pederson moved to award the bid for Front Street Project to Pilot Rock Excavation in the amount of \$467,875. Councilor Collins seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes.

Motion Passed unanimously.

8.3 Boys and Girls Club

This item was tabled.

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:

- Mr. Corrigan passed out the water report (*see attached*).
- HWY 99 and Colver brush is being worked on.
- The RARE participant has been selected and will be starting in September for the renewable energy project.
- Mr. Corrigan met with the Talent School superintendent regarding the construction work on School House.
- Flags are at half-mast due to a plane crash.
- The Medford Water Service Agreement is being worked on.
- The plaque in memory for Elizabeth Zwick is up at the Rock Garden.

11. Other Business

11.1

Councilor Pederson questioned the HWY 99 greenway connection. It was decided to bring this back to a future agenda.

Mayor Stricker spoke regarding the Muslim Community Resolution. It was decided that this item would come back as an information item in a future Agenda item.

Mayor Stricker suggested the Council Goals update be on an Agenda in September.

Council discussed Pollinator Garden issues.

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 Collins announced she attended the Together for Talent meeting:

- Met with the new finance director and discussed with Together for Talent the purchasing process. T4T asked if the new software will allow for the capability of viewing T4Ts remaining budget balances.
- Discussed of what constitutes how to be a volunteer.
- Dolly will be contacting Councilor Pederson regarding progression of an Adopt a Sidewalk program.
- Jim updated T4T on his Integrated Pest Management meeting with our City Manager, Tom Corrigan along with Public Works Brett and Chance. Jim said he was very happy to be working with them in this endeavor and that they provided great feedback, examples, and insight for a comprehensive integrated pest management policy.
- The Clean Energy team discussed the future clean energy plan that will be finalized soon for T4T review.

- Waste reduction is meeting at Kindred Spirits, August 4th, 4pm. discussing potential projects and upcoming Harvest Festival.
- Talent Clean Energy Team is hosting Marnie Cooper on Aug 11th at 6pm in the Community Center.
- Talent Garden Club along with Talent Bee City is hosting a Honey Sensory Analysis Sept. 3, 10am-12pm at the Talent Public Library
- Presentation by Kristina Lefever regarding how to create spaces that encourage the life of the monarch butterfly. Milkweed seeds will be provided. September 10, 10am at talent Community Center.

Councilor Pederson announced he attended the Talent Chamber Meeting. They spoke about business development and he gave an update. The Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for August 11th.

Mayor Stricker announced that the MPO did not meet. She also that she attended the Parks Commission Meeting and gave an update.

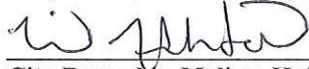
Mr. Moody updated Council regarding flood insurance. He spoke that effective May 1st flood insurance will drop by 5%.

Councilor McManus and Councilor Wise had no announcements.

13. Adjournment

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM

Respectfully submitted by:



City Recorder, Melissa Huhtala

Attest:



City Manager, Tom Corrigan

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