



TALENT CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
TOWN HALL  
August 17, 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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**

*Anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item should complete a Public Comment Form and give it to the City Recorder. Public Comment Forms are located at the entrance to the meeting place. Anyone commenting on a subject not on the agenda will be called upon during the "Citizens Heard on Non-agenda Items" section of the agenda. Comments pertaining to specific agenda items will be taken at the time the matter is discussed by the City Council.*

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

**Members Present**

Mayor Stricker  
Councilor McManus  
Councilor Pederson  
Councilor Abshire  
Councilor Wise  
Councilor Collins

**Members Absent**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Community Announcements**

**3.1 Council Seat #4 Appointment Interviews**

Each applicant was asked interview questions (*see attached*). *Mayor Stricker added a question: "What is one thing you would want changed in Talent?"*

- **John Harrison**
- **David Van Hook**
- **Emily Berlant**
- **Meadowsweet Levi**
- **Anna D'Amato**

**John Harrison was appointed to Councilor Seat #4 and was sworn in by City Recorder, Melissa Huhtala.**

**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 Adoption of the Economic Opportunity Plan (EOA)**

Community Development Director, Zac Moody gave a staff report. He suggested to change who the tasks were assigned to and remove the partner line from the document. City Manager, Tom Corrigan suggested saying "Staff assigned as needed" instead of listing individual departments. Council agreed to this change.

Mayor Stricker opened the Public Hearing at 7:53 PM

**Public Input:** Mr. Corrigan spoke that this was one of the most well-presented and detailed plan. He thanked everyone for their good work.

Mayor Stricker closed the Public Hearing at 7:53 PM

**Councilor Harrison** moved to adopt the **Economic Opportunity Plan (EOA) Ordinance 16-923-O**, an **Ordinance of the Talent Comprehensive Plan** adopted by Ordinance 685 repealing Element E (commonly known as the “Economy Element” **Councilor Pederson** seconded. **Mayor Stricker** repeated the motion. **Discussion:** **Councilor Wise** suggested to correct the title to be consistent with other Ordinances. All Ayes. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**5. Citizens Heard on Non-Agenda Items**

*Limited to 5 minutes or less per Mayoral discretion*

Isabella Slywka – 282 Rockofellow Place, Talent – Ms. Sloka recommended movies to be shown for the movie in the park and for Harvest Festival. Her suggestions were: Cats and Dogs, Mary Poppins, Nanny Mcphee, and Pee Wee’s Big Adventure. Mr. Corrigan spoke that there will be a movie played at Chuck Roberts Park on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM.

**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 August 3, 2016**

Councilor Pederson corrected a typo to read “Plaque” not plague.

**Councilor Collins** moved to approve the **Council Meeting Minutes for August 3<sup>rd</sup>** as corrected. **Mayor Stricker** repeated the motion. **Discussion: None.** **Councilor McManus, Councilor Collins, Councilor Abshire, Councilor Pederson, Councilor Wise: YES.** **Councilor Harrison** abstained due to not having had a chance to read the minutes. **Motion passed 5/1.**

**7.2 Acknowledge Receipt of the Financials**

**7.3 Acknowledge Receipt of Together for Talent Minutes for July 5, 2016**

**Councilor Wise** moved to approve items 7.2 and 7.3. **Councilor McManus** 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 16-949-R, a Resolution endorsing expansion of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument**

Dave Willis -15187 Greensprings HWY, Ashland -Mr. Willis is the Chair of the Soda Mountain Wilderness Council. Joining Mr. Willis to answer questions is Michael Parker and Evan Frost.

Mr. Willis spoke regarding the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. He spoke of the importance of the expansion. He went over the map (*see attached*).

Public Input:

Cindy Harper – 218 Theo Dr. Talent - Ms. Harper encouraged the City Council to adopt the Resolution due to unique lands and the need for it to be protected.

Matt Witt – 2721 Quail Run Rd. Talent -Mr. Witt spoke regarding his photographs at the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. He spoke that Jenny Creek is not part of the monument and would like it to be.

Robin Null –15 Allen Lane, Talent - Ms. Null lives by the monument and spoke in support of the Resolution.

Victoria King – 2350 Adams Rd. Talent - Ms. King spoke in support of the Resolution and the importance of the Monument.

Earl King – 7350 Adams Rd. Talent -Mr. King spoke in support of the Resolution.

George Sexton – 103 Madison, Talent -Mr. Sexton spoke in support of the monument expansion.

John Morrison – 321 Talent Ave, Talent - Mr. Morrison spoke in favor of the Resolution and his reasons why.

Jason Clark –1226 Lithia Way, Talent - Mr. Clark spoke in support of the Resolution.

Eileen Slowikowski –475 Tulipan Way, Talent - Ms. Slowikowski spoke that she owns many acres close to the monument and would like to be included in the boundaries. She spoke in support for Council to adopt the Resolution.

Councilor Abshire questioned when expansion would take place. Mr. Willis answered tentatively mid-January.

**Councilor Pederson moved to adopt Resolution 16-949-R, a Resolution endorsing expansion of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. Councilor Wise seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: Councilor Wise spoke why it would be good to endorse this Resolution. Councilor Pederson thanked all the Citizens who spoke. Mayor Stricker spoke that this is a great opportunity to do something significant that gives satisfaction to the time and energy that we put into the City. She also thanked Councilor Wise for his work on this item. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously**

## **8.2 Proposal to ban Plastic at the Talent Harvest Festival**

Sharon Anderson – 166 Autumn Ridge Ct. Talent -Ms. Anderson spoke to ban plastic at the Harvest Festival for food, snack and beverage vendors. She spoke to the importance of striving toward zero waste and what steps the Harvest Festival has done so far.

**Councilor wise moved to establish a policy to ban the use of plastic for food and beverage at the Talent Harvest Festival effective immediately. Councilor Collins seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **8.3 TURA Compensation**

Mr. Corrigan gave a staff report.

Councilor Collins questioned if hours had been recorded. Mr. Corrigan spoke that these are salaried positions and reasons why hours are not recorded. Councilor McManus questioned the additional work Public Works would be doing. Mr. Corrigan explained that they do work that saves us money instead of hiring an outside company. He explained that the total compensation for the employees who do TURA work would be \$22,000, it would be \$46,000 if TURA contracted with the City, and \$89,000 to run TURA without the City.

It was clarified that this is compensation for extra work done not a bonus.

**Councilor Pederson moved to continue compensation for the following City Staff positions listed:**

City Manager	1%
City Recorder	1%
City IT Director	.5%
City Finance Director	1%
Public Works Director	.5%
Public Works Superintendent	.5%

**Councilor Abshire seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: Councilor McManus clarified that this would be reviewed annually. Councilor McManus, Councilor Abshire, Councilor Pederson, Councilor Wise and Councilor Harrison: YES. Councilor Collins: NO. Motion passed 5/1.**

## 9. Information Items

### 9.1 Civil Rights Resolution

Mr. Corrigan gave a staff report.

Darian Slywka – 282 Rockfellow Place, Talent- Mr. Slywka spoke not in favor of adopting this Resolution and his reasons why. He spoke that it is creating a divide and singling out one religion.

Gerlinde Smith – Ms. Smith spoke in support of the Resolution and her reasons why.

Mark Smith-Poelz, 1013 Lithia Way, Talent -Mr. Smith-Poelz spoke in support of the Resolution and the Muslim Community.

Dorian Hastings –100 N. Pacific HWY, Apt 73, Talent - Ms. Hastings spoke to the importance of the Resolution and her reasons why.

Michele Glass -360 Blackberry Ct. Talent– Ms. Glass spoke in recent experiences regarding racial violence. She spoke in support of the Resolution.

Councilor Pederson spoke in appreciation of hearing both sides. He spoke of the importance to state that we are a welcoming community and would like to see the Resolution move forward. He suggested to make the Resolution more general to support all religious and non-religious communities.

Councilor Abshire spoke to make the Resolution more generic and not to single one community out.

Councilor Collins spoke she would like to see a civil rights provision.

Councilor McManus spoke in appreciation to the citizens who spoke. He spoke to the importance for us to state that we are an open community and stand up for what makes our character for all small town.

Councilor Wise agreed with Councilor Pederson. He suggested to create a Ad-Hoc Committee to be formed to work on this.

9:30 PM- Point of order to extend the meeting.

**Councilor Pederson moved to extend the meeting for 15 more minutes. Councilor Collins seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Stricker agreed with Councilor Pederson and Councilor Wise.

Council gave consensus to direct Staff to continue to work on this issue. It was decided to create a Civil Rights Ad-Hoc Committee, consisting of 5 people. Mayor Stricker explained to the audience that anyone interested to get an application from the City Recorder.

### 9.2 HWY 99 Greenway Connection

**This item was tabled.**

### 9.3 Talent PD Quarterly Report

**This item was tabled.**

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

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

**Mr. Corrigan went over City and Department Reports:**

- The powder color coating for ADA ramp at Town Hall will cost the City and TURA \$1800 each.
- Costs at the Town Hall and the Community Center were discussed. A detailed report will be brought back to Council.
- We have begun putting up the new LED lights around town. The savings per light is \$58. There are 82 lights total that will be changed out in the next 2 years.
- Keyboards will be ordered for Councils Surfaces. It will be \$350.
- The Medford Water Commission will be on the agenda at the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- The Historical Society Lease is being worked on.

**11. Other Business**

**11.1**

- Mayor Stricker spoke that there is pollinator support letter being circulated for Mayors to sign. She spoke that she will get this letter distributed to Council and discuss it at the next meeting.
- Mayor Stricker spoke that citizens are looking for solutions to get signs up identifying milkweed. It was decided to discuss this at the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting when Council Goals will be discussed.

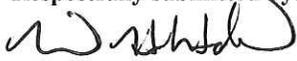
**12. Mayor and Councilor - Committee Reports and Councilor Comments**

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

**13. Adjournment**

**The Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:46 PM**

Respectfully submitted by:



City Recorder, Melissa Huhtala

Attest:

  
City Manager, Tom Corrigan

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# City Council Interview Questions

1. Why do you want to serve on the City Council?
2. What is your background in community service and what volunteer work you have done for the City of Talent?
3. What experience have you had that you feel would be valuable to this position?
4. This position requires a significant time commitment, not only for City Council meetings but for assigned committee meetings as well. Do you have adequate time?
5. What is your interest in city government?