



TALENT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DRAFT MINUTES
TOWN HALL
June 15, 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, June 15th 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 Cooke
Councilor Pederson
Councilor Collins**

Members Absent

**Councilor Abshire
Councilor Wise**

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Community Announcements

- Mayor Stricker introduced Chief Whipple

3.1 Pollinator Week Proclamation

Mayor Stricker read the Pollinator Week Proclamation (*see attached*).

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 FY 2016-17 Budget

City Manager, Tom Corrigan gave a brief staff report.

Mayor Stricker opened the Public Hearing at 6:51 PM

Public input: None.

Mayor Stricker closed the Public Hearing at 6:51 PM

- Adopt Resolution 16-939-R, Certifying the City's eligibility to receive State Shared Revenues

Councilor Pederson moved to Adopt Resolution 16-939-R, Certifying the City's eligibility to receive State Shared Revenues. Councilor Collins seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

- Adopt Resolution 16-940-R, electing to receive State Shared Revenues.

Councilor Collins moved to Adopt Resolution 16-940-R, electing to receive State Shared Revenues. Councilor Cooke seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

- Adopt Resolution 16-941-R, Adopting the City of Talent annual budget, levying taxes and categorizing taxes

Councilor Collins moved to adopt Resolution 16-941-R, Adopting the City of Talent annual budget, levying taxes and categorizing taxes. Councilor Cooke seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Citizens Heard on Non-Agenda Items

Limited to 5 minutes or less per Mayoral discretion

Dorian Hastings – Ms. Hastings spoke regarding the City of Talent supporting a Resolution for the Muslim Community and reaffirm Talent’s welcoming nature for all immigrants and refugees. (*see attached*).

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 June 1, 2016

Councilor Pederson moved to approve the minutes. Councilor Collins seconded. Mayor Stricker seconded. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

7.2 Accounts Payable

Councilor Cooke moved to approve the accounts payable. Councilor Pederson 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 Noise Permit for Ginger Johnson & Larry Chase

Councilor Pederson moved to approve the noise permit for Ginger Johnson & Larry Chase. Councilor Cooke seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

8.2 Noise permit for Little League

Councilor Cooke moved to approve the noise permit for Little League. Councilor Pederson seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

**8.3 Discretionary Fund disbursements:
Together for Talent
Talent Historical Society
Talent Public Arts Committee
Talent Chamber**

Councilor Pederson moved to accept the Discretionary Fund as proposed by Councilor McManus:

Together for Talent - \$2,810

Talent Historical Society - \$1,000

TPAC - \$2,690

Talent Chamber - \$2,500

Hold for Future - \$1,000

Councilor Cooke seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.4 Adopt Resolution 16-942-R, A Resolution establishing a fee schedule for the City of Talent Water Rates. Repealing Resolution 16-937-R

Item 8.4 was tabled to the July 6th Council Meeting.

- 8.5 Adopt Resolution 16-943-R, A Resolution extending workers' compensation coverage to volunteers of City of Talent

Mr. Corrigan gave a brief staff report.

Councilor Pederson moved to Adopt Resolution 16-943-R, A Resolution extending workers' compensation coverage to volunteers of City of Talent. Councilor Cooke seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.6 CIP Town Hall Allocation

Mr. Corrigan gave a brief staff report.

Councilor Cooke moved to approve the allocation of \$4,432.25 from Unallocated Street funding to Town Hall Alley Improvements. Councilor Pederson seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.7 CIP Project Closing to Unallocated

Mr. Corrigan gave a brief staff report.

Councilor Pederson moved to move the remaining funds from the Community Center Building Project Funds, the Community Center Furnishing Project Funds and the Community Center Grounds Project Funds all to the unallocated General Funds. Councilor Cooke seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Pederson moved to approve the reallocation of the remaining Tennis Court Funds to the unallocated Parks Fund. Councilor Cooke seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.8 Second Reading Ordinance, 16-918-O, An Ordinance amending the Talent Zoning Code

Mr. Corrigan gave a brief staff report.

Councilor Collins moved to approve the Second Reading Ordinance, 16-918-O, An Ordinance amending the Talent Zoning Code. Councilor Cooke seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.9 First Reading of Ordinance 16-919-O, an Ordinance for the disposition and impounding of discarded vehicles and repealing Ordinance 16-888-O

Mr. Corrigan gave a brief staff report.

Councilor Cooke moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 16-919-O, an Ordinance for the disposition and impounding of discarded vehicles and repealing Ordinance 16-888-O. Councilor Pederson seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.10 First Reading of Ordinance 16-920-O, an Ordinance establishing rules and regulations for the installation of water meters in mobile home parks and multi-family dwellings and repealing Ordinance 15-894-O

Mr. Corrigan gave a brief staff report.

Councilor Cooke moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 16-920-O, an Ordinance establishing rules and regulations for the installation of water meters in mobile home parks and multi-family dwellings and repealing Ordinance 15-894-O. Councilor Collins seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

8.11 Phoenix Water Agreement

Mr. Corrigan gave a staff report. He gave Council a background of the Talent Ashland Phoenix Water (TAP) agreement. He spoke that there was an error in the water meters on the TAP line showing that Talents reads were too low and Phoenix was too high. He explained that over the last year Talent and Phoenix have been negotiating options. They concluded to pay a onetime payment to Phoenix in the amount of \$40,000. Staff would draft an agreement for Phoenix if Council approves this option.

Mayor Stricker spoke that this discrepancy was not an admission to fault for either City. And it was great to work together neighboring City to City to come to a conclusion to fix this matter.

Councilor Pederson moved to authorize a onetime payment to the City of Phoenix in the amount of \$40,000. Councilor McManus seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Information Items

9.1 Legislative Priority Packet

Mr. Corrigan gave a staff report. He spoke that this will need to be completed by July 22nd. Council decided to add this to July 6th Agenda.

9.2 Mowing City Property

Mr. Corrigan explained that City Staff took care of a complaint quickly.

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:

- A 40x60 sign was put up for the Talent Schoolhouse Sidewalk project (*see attached*).
- A water quality report was distributed.
- There will be Public Hearing for the Community Development Fee Schedule on July 6th Agenda.
- Staff is looking into getting an agreement with Central Point for an IT backup.
- There will be additional meter tracking this year at the Splash Pad.
- A couple of light poles were hit. The City should be receiving the insurance money soon.
- Franchise agreements will be coming to Council soon.
- A memorial tree was planted for Elizabeth Zwick at Chuck Roberts Park and a bench will be placed there too.
- Mayor Stricker and Mr. Corrigan met with the Food Bank to discuss locations.
- The City received the RARE Grant.

11. Other Business

11.1

Mayor Stricker asked Council if they would like to pursue the Muslim Resolution.

Council decided to bring the Resolution the first meeting in August. Staff will send the Resolution to legal and then go over the draft with Ms. Hastings and Sharon Anderson.

Councilor Pederson spoke that he would like to see actual numbers for CIP reallocations.

Councilor Pederson questioned the ODOT HWY 99 project on the sidewalk. Mr. Corrigan spoke that he has contacted Art Anderson and will follow up with this.

Councilor Pederson spoke that he would like to get the Economic Development Committee an enacting Ordinance.
Councilor Pederson spoke that he would get some language to Staff to be worked on.

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 & Council McManus
Chamber – Councilor Pederson
Talent Charter Review – Councilor Cooke

Councilor McManus had no announcements.

Councilor Collins announced:

- Together for Talent has a new chair Dorian Hastings, new vice chair Mark Smith-Poelz, and secretary Rianna Koppel.
- They have a new subcommittee called the clean energy action plan.
- Friends of trees had a work party June 11. Some trees have been lost at the nursery due to hot weather. Repairs to the shed have been made.
- Discussed naming the library rock garden in honor of Elizabeth.
- The Together for Talent drafted Ordinance will be reviewed at the July 6th Council Meeting.

Councilor Pederson announced the Chamber Meeting is tomorrow and the Economic Development Meeting was cancelled.

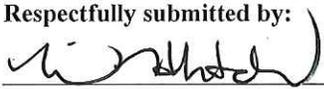
Councilor Cooke announced the Traffic Safety and Transportation Commission Meeting is tomorrow.

Mayor Stricker announced that the Parks Commission Meeting and MPO Meeting was cancelled. She thanked Staff for the Staff reports in the Council Packet.

13. Adjournment

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by:



City Recorder, Melissa Huhtala

Attest:



City Manager, Tom Corrigan

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City of Talent
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pollinator species such as thousands of species of bees are essential partners in producing much of our food supply; and

WHEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse urban and suburban ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, pollination plays a vital role for the trees and plants of our community, enhancing our quality of life, and creating recreational and economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, for decades the City of Talent has managed urban landscapes and public lands that include many municipal parks and greenways, as well as wildlife habitats; and

WHEREAS, the City of Talent provides recommendations to developers and residents regarding landscaping to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection of pollinators and maintenance of their habitats in urban and suburban environments; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Darby Stricker, Mayor of the City of Talent, do hereby proclaim June 20 to June 26 of 2016 as our municipality's observance of

National Pollinator Week

And, the City of Talent as an affiliate of

Bee City USA®

and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of City of Talent, to be affixed this 15th day of June, 2016

Mayor Stricker

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6/15/16

TALENT proposed resolution

A group of Talent citizens got together to propose a resolution in support of the Masjid al-Tawheed here in Talent that we would like to present to the city council: Dorian Hastings, Gerlinde Smith, Sharon Anderson, Mark Smith-Poeltz, Dolly Warden, and, before her passing, Elizabeth Zwick.

Some supporters of this resolution have met with the Masjid board, asking them if this would be helpful to them. They have read the resolution and are very appreciative of this expression of support. They also said they have had nothing but good experiences, both with the City of Talent in processing their needs in building the new house of worship, and with their immediate neighbors. Some individual Muslims, however, have been the objects of prejudice in the Valley, and some are even afraid to come to worship.

While relations in Talent are good now, the current political climate of unconsidered prejudice is concerning, especially since the Masjid is the only Muslim house of worship between Eugene and Redding. We would like to cement this support with the attached resolution draft.

The attached draft also notes the research that has been done.

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NOTE that the Portland resolution is based on the city charter's Civil Rights provision, Title 23: "WHEREAS, the City of Portland's values of nondiscrimination, as evidenced by the City's Title 23, call for this Council to take a public stand."

(Note that Talent has no civil rights provisions in any of its ordinances, charter, etc.)

Point of info re place of birth, native language, etc., in Talent:

<http://www.city-data.com/races/races-Talent-Oregon.html>

87.5% white (5,394); 5.4% Latino (330); 4.3% (265); 1.2% Asian alone (75); Amer. Indian alone, 1.2% (71); Black alone 0.2% (13). 170 residents are foreign born (1.2% Europe; 0.3% Latin American), 2.7% of total population

SOME BACKGROUND

This resolution herewith is based on two I found, 1st Portland, then I found the Beaverton resolution, which felt softer/warmer.

Link to Beaverton OR diversity resolution:

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/2737205/Beaverton-council-OKs-resolution-supporting.pdf>

Link to Portland OR diversity resolution:

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/mayor/article/557213>

The Portland resolution is based on their Civil Rights provision in their city charter (Title 23), and **the Beaverton resolution** is based on an established diversity committee.

Dorian Hastings looked through the Talent ordinances (there is nothing re diversity in the City Charter), and found two relevant: Ord. 73-296 protects religious organizations and those promulgating religious teachings involving spiritualism (so surely we can support Islamic teachings). The second, Ord. 73-290, guarantees a right to trial by jury as a U.S. Constitutional provision, so surely we can ask for freedom of religion and freedom from religious persecution.

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Talent resolution to declare support for the city's Muslim community and reaffirm Talent's welcoming nature for all immigrants and refugees.

WHEREAS, Talenteers pride themselves on their warm and welcoming nature; and

WHEREAS, our region has greatly benefitted from the addition of many immigrants and refugees, from all religious backgrounds, who moved here in past decades and have become valued and contributing citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Muslim community, both native born and immigrant, represent an increasingly important thread in the tapestry of American society and that of our local community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Talent continues to work toward a more inclusive society and welcomes cultural, ethnic and religious diversity; and

WHEREAS, anti-Muslim and anti-immigration rhetoric has increased in the national discourse, and rates of hate and violence targeting Muslim families and children are at record highs across our nation, which are detrimental to all people who cherish freedom and liberty; and

WHEREAS, this country was founded on principles of freedom of religion and freedom from religious persecution and protected by the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the City of Talent strives to be a place where individuals and families from all backgrounds feel safe, are treated with respect and dignity, and are recognized for their contributions to building a strong and vibrant community; and

WHEREAS the Talent mosque, Masjid al-Tawheed is the only mosque between Redding and Eugene, and serves Sunni and Shia members from the USA, Middle East, Far East, Asia, Africa, and Fiji to name a few;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Talent and its Council members stand in support of our Muslim and immigrant neighbors,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Talent does not tolerate discrimination, hate speech or violent acts committed against any individual or community, including those who are foreign born, and those who are Muslim, their places of worship, homes, businesses, schools and community centers. We encourage Talent residents to recognize and celebrate diversity and to make extra efforts to ensure the safety of Muslim, immigrant and refugee neighbors.

PORTLAND RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION No.

Declare support for the city's Muslim community and reaffirm Portland's welcoming nature for all immigrants and refugees (Resolution)

WHEREAS, Portlanders pride themselves on their warm and welcoming nature; and

WHEREAS, our city has greatly benefitted from the addition of the many immigrants and refugees, from all religious backgrounds, who moved here in the past decades and have become valued and contributing citizens significantly benefitting our community; and

WHEREAS, the Muslim population in the Portland Metro area is estimated to be around 20,000; and

WHEREAS, our Muslim community is an important part of Portland's diversity, and of our growing multicultural identity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland continues to work toward a more inclusive society and welcomes cultural, ethnic and religious diversity; and

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in anti-Muslim and anti-immigration rhetoric in the national media, with the intended outcome of increasing patriotism and loyalty through inciting fear and hatred; and

WHEREAS, this country was founded on principles of freedom of religion and freedom from religious persecution; and

WHEREAS, recent demands seeking a ban on Muslims entering this country are unconscionable, and if carried forward would constitute violations of the 1st and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, as well as violating Article 1, Sections 2 and 3 of the Oregon Constitution, and is tragically reminiscent of prior historic profiling of race and religion;

WHEREAS, the City of Portland's values of nondiscrimination, as evidenced by the City's Title 23, call for this Council to take a public stand; and

WHEREAS, as a community, Portland is a city that does not tolerate hate speech;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Portland and its Council members stand in support of our Muslim community and call for an end to the continued use of anti-Muslim and anti-immigration hate speech; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Portland will continue to be a welcoming city to immigrants and refugees from all parts of the world, including the many Muslims fleeing from their violent and unstable countries.

Adopted by the Council:

Mayor Charlie Hales
Prepared by: Rachael Wiggins
Date Prepared: December 12, 2015

Mary Hull Caballero
Auditor of the City of Portland
By

Deputy

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Declare support for the city's Muslim community and reaffirm Portland's welcoming nature for all immigrants and refugees (Resolution)

Contact name: Rachael Wiggins

Contact phone: 503-823-1129

Presenter name: Mayor Hales, Commissioner Novick, Commissioner Fritz, Commissioner Saltzman and Commissioner Fish

Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

This resolution declares the City's support for Portland's Muslim community. Its purpose is to make clear that this city will not stand for such divisive, hateful and hurtful speech against our Muslim, immigrant and refugee population. Additionally, it recognizes that the most recent comment, calling for a ban on Muslims entering the United States, should be condemned. Finally, this resolution makes clear that the City will continue to welcome new immigrants and refugees into our community.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This resolution has no financial or budgetary impact

Community impacts and community involvement:

With many Muslim citizens living within the city of Portland, it is important that city leaders defend their right to freely and safely practice their religion. This resolution, while not binding, does declare support for the Muslim, immigrant, and refugee populations living within the Portland Metro area.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES: Please complete the information below.
 NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

Title 23 of Portland, Civil Rights

23.01.010

Policy

(Amended by Ordinance No. 175158, effective January 15, 2001.) It is the policy of the City of Portland to eliminate discrimination based on race, religion, color, sex, marital status, familial status, national origin, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or source of income. Such discrimination poses a threat to the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Portland and menaces the institutions and foundation of our community.

Intent

(Amended by Ordinance No. 175158, effective January 15, 2001.) The City Council finds that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity and source of income exists in the City of Portland and that state law does not clearly prohibit such discrimination. It is the intent of the Council, in the exercise of its powers for the protection of the public health, safety, and general welfare and for the maintenance of peace and good government, that every individual shall have an equal opportunity to participate fully in the life of the City and that discriminatory barriers to equal participation in employment, housing, and public accommodations be removed.

BEAVERTON RESOLUTION

AGENDA BILL

Beaverton City Council
Beaverton, Oregon

SUBJECT: A Resolution to Declare Support for the Muslim Community and Reaffirm Beaverton as a Welcoming City

FOR AGENDA OF: 03-01-16 **BILL NO:** 16048

Mayor's Approval: *Denny Dore*

DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: Mayor's Office

DATE SUBMITTED: 02-19-16

CLEARANCES: City Attorney *W. Skur*
CAO *RME*
Strat. Initiatives *ALT*

PROCEEDING: ACTION ITEM

EXHIBITS: Resolution

BUDGET IMPACT

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED \$0	AMOUNT BUDGETED \$0	APPROPRIATION REQUIRED \$0

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

City Council approves the resolution.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

The Diversity Advisory Board (DAB) has been tasked with advising the City on equity and inclusion strategies that strengthen connections between diverse communities and city government.

As part of the DAB's regular meeting agenda in January, the board discussed the increasingly hostile climate for refugees and the Muslim community after national and international events in late 2015. They brainstormed possible responses and among them emerged the idea to draft a council resolution.

Volunteers from the board researched responses by other cities and collaborated to draft the attached resolution. The draft was reviewed and approved by the whole DAB at their regular February meeting. DAB members visited the February 16 council meeting to share an update during the Visitor Comment period and ask City Council to consider the attached resolution.

INFORMATION FOR CONSIDERATION:

The Diversity Advisory Board recommends that City Council pass the attached resolution in support of the Muslim Community. They feel that this resolution will send a strong and meaningful message to the community. Members of the board have committed to sharing the resolution widely among the local Muslim and other immigrant and refugee communities if passed.

The messaging in the attached resolution aligns with Beaverton's ongoing Welcoming City initiative.

RESOLUTION NO. 4367

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SUPPORT FOR THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY AND REAFFIRM BEAVERTON AS A WELCOMING CITY

- WHEREAS,** actively fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment for all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, place of origin or religion, is a core value and priority of the City of Beaverton; and
- WHEREAS,** Beaverton officially declared itself a Welcoming City for immigrants and refugees in April 2015, joining other local jurisdictions across the country in leading the national welcoming movement; and
- WHEREAS,** anti-Muslim rhetoric has increased in the national discourses and rates of hate violence targeting Muslim families and children are at record highs across our nation, which is detrimental to all people who cherish freedom and liberty; and
- WHEREAS,** Muslims, both native born and immigrant, represent an increasingly important thread in the tapestry of American society and that of our local community; and
- WHEREAS,** one in four residents of Beaverton were born outside of the United States and a significant percentage of these immigrants and refugees are Muslim and have come to Beaverton seeking a safe place to work, study or raise a family; and
- WHEREAS,** Beaverton strives to be a place where individuals and families from all backgrounds feel safe, are treated with respect and dignity, and are recognized for their contributions to building a strong and vibrant community;
- WHEREAS,** the city's Diversity Advisory Board, which has been tasked with advising the city on equity and inclusion strategies that strengthen connections between diverse communities and city government, prepared this resolution;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAVERTON, OREGON:

That the City of Beaverton does not tolerate discrimination, hate speech or violent acts committed against any individual or community, including those who are Muslim or perceived as being Muslim, their places of worship, businesses, schools, and community centers. We encourage our residents to recognize and celebrate the diversity that is represented in our city and to make extra efforts to ensure the safety of our Muslim, immigrant and refugee neighbors.

Adopted by Council this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Approved by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

CATHERINE JANSEN, City Recorder

DENNY DOYLE, Mayor

