



# THE FLASH

## City of Talent

An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works and Police Departments

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### News from the Mayor's Office

The Budget Committee saw their duty and did it! After careful scrutiny, inquiries and an open public hearing, they approved budget 2016/2017. The proposed budget is headed



to City Council for adoption on June 15. Please join the public hearing for questions or comments.

An official City Goal for the upcoming fiscal year is to find funding to install solar panels on the new Community Center building. Talent staff is known for their ability to find project funds grants. I am excited that we are already making progress with this discovery process, as we prepare to apply to a few resource opportunities.

When Talent discusses Economic Development, many residents share their vision for a "small town appropriate" economy. Visions of a connected, walk-able downtown retail district, mixed commercial residential flex-spaces that allow makers, artists and tinkers to work where they live and smaller sized light industrial manufacturing in appropriate employment lands around the City. Talent is currently working on updating the Economic element of the City Comp Plan led by a citizen advisory committee. The effort is well along, designing a plan that implements the visions that are so often echoed in Talent.

In mid-May, I joined a team of Talent representatives to attend a Maker City Summit in Brooklyn New York, presented by Etsy. Talent was among larger cities handpicked from around the Country. We learned how to develop City economy around a network of our small home/studio businesses and we learned that it can make as much sense as trying to attract larger manufacturing businesses. We learned that other cities are creating maker spaces all around the Country, where innovators and creators can work collaboratively and that there are ways to make those spaces financially sustainable and successful for entire communities. The Talent Team is energized to seek out ways to implement what we learned and join the renewed direction of consuming affordable, well made, hand crafted goods.

These are exciting times in Talent. Please consider joining the effort as a member of a Talent Commissions or

Committees. Find openings by calling 541-535-1566 or visit our website at [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org).

*Grateful to serve*  
**Mayor Darby Stricker**

### From the Parks and Recreation Commission

It's going to be a great summer at Chuck Roberts Park! The Splash Pad, redesigned for better drainage and more play space, opened on June 4 and will operate through early September. Also, the Talent Boys and Girl Club will be hosting a coordinated activity at the park every Monday morning, 9:00-11:00, from June 27 to August 15. All kids are invited to participate, even if they are not members of the Club. The tennis courts have been resurfaced, the basketball courts have been restriped, and the first portion of the park's walking/jogging trail has been blazed. Chuck Roberts is ready for action this summer!

### News from Talent PD

*By Chief Whipple*

I know many of you will be preparing for and enjoying the warmer weather coming in June. As you are preparing for backyard bar-b-ques and other end of school and summer events, many of us will be preparing for another occasion.

On June 6-10 Jackson County area government organizations, including emergency operations managers, law enforcement, fire departments, hospitals and the Rogue Valley International Airport will be preparing for a test of their emergency operations centers.

Locally, Talent, Phoenix and Fire District 5 will be conducting a joint exercise to ensure we are well prepared for any event that may occur in our area. The exercise we will be conducting will be for a large scale earthquake, however this preparedness will cross over to any disaster such as floods and fires. While we are preparing, I would ask that each of you take the time to make sure you are prepared as well.

It is wise to prepare and emergency kit and have it available at your home and work. Your kit should contain supplies to keep you for a minimum of three days. The supplies you have should include at a minimum; food, water, medications and first aid supplies, blankets, clothing items and personal hygiene items. These items often can be kept in a backpack in your residence which can be ready to go on a moment's notice. Don't forget to include supplies for your pets as well. There are many websites that list additional resources that will help keep you prepared.

If disaster does strike, the worry about family is always on your mind. Develop a plan describing where you will meet family members if something should happen. Select one place that is nearby your residence and another outside your neighborhood. It is also recommended to have a single family

relative or friend that is outside the area that family members can call. This person can coordinate where family members are and confirm that everyone is well. At times calling long distance will be possible when local phone lines are down or cell towers overwhelmed by calls.

While your emergency responders are preparing to assist you in case of any emergency, you can help us by ensuring you are also prepared and can help yourselves and others for at least 72 hours.

Also, just a reminder that if you need a police officer for any non-emergency matter the best number to call is 541-776-7206. If you are reporting an emergency continue to call 911.

### Utility Billing News

By this time most people have probably already started using their sprinkler systems. I would like to direct you to the Medford Water Commission Website, [medfordwater.org](http://medfordwater.org), for information on watering smart.

If you are still waiting to re-start your sprinkler system, there are a number of tasks to do and items to look for when re-starting your system.

- First, you will need to know where the sprinkler system shut off valve is located.

- Determine which valve is the farthest from the sprinkler shut off valve. Open the valve so that the air can escape as the water fills the lines.

- Next, at the main sprinkler shut off valve, **PARTIALLY** open the shut off valve. It is important to let water into the system **SLOWLY**. You want to avoid filling the pipes too quickly, possibly producing water surging, or water hammer, which can damage sprinkler components.

- Look for any other open valves that need to be closed, especially drain valves. Once all valves are confirmed closed and no problems are visible, fully open the main sprinkler shut off valve.

- Operate each zone long enough to make sure the valves and sprinklers, or drippers, are functioning properly.

### News from the Community Development Department

Summer is here and preparations for the ensuing fire season must begin *now* to reduce risk to life and property. It is the responsibility of all owners and occupants in charge of property to keep their property free from *noxious vegetation*.

What is noxious vegetation? The following types of vegetation meet this definition: weeds, or grass taller than 10 inches high, poison oak/ivy, blackberries extending into a public thoroughfare or across property lines, any plant on the Oregon Department of Agriculture noxious weed list, and any vegetation that is a health, fire or traffic hazard.

Due to the increased fire risk incurred by unmanaged noxious

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vegetation, its removal is enforced by City of Talent Ordinance 14-873-A. Effective May 15, 2016 any property in violation of this ordinance may be cited, or the City may remove the vegetation and charge the owner for removal costs and administrative time.

Removing noxious vegetation is one of the most important steps one can take to prevent wildfires. To further bolster your home against this threat, visit [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org) and click the "Protect your property from fire" link. For questions, please call the Talent Community Development Department, at: 541-535-7401.

### Recycle Drop-off Recap

Together for Talent would like to thank everyone who participated in the third annual Round it Up and Turn in In Talent, Recycling Drop-Off that was held on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> as part of the Citywide Sale and Recycle Day.

It was a beautiful sunny day for the 28 volunteers who showed up throughout the event to help 240 vehicles unload metal, electronics, household goods, building materials, paper, CFL bulbs and Styrofoam packing peanuts. Here is the tally of all the stuff we collected and kept out of the landfill:

- 5,580 lbs. of metal
- 127 CFL light bulbs
- 1 1/3 truckloads of house hold goods (estimated at 5,500 lbs.)
- 85 gallons of Styrofoam packing peanuts
- 6,219 lbs. of electronics
- 100's of gallons of paint and some building material
- 5 carts of paper to be shredded

A special thanks goes to the vendors who provided trucks, trailers, and personnel for the event. Schnitzer metals, Habitat for Humanity ReStore, ECS Refining, Goodwill, Rogue Disposal and Recycling, Ashland Hardware and Cheryl Williams who took packing peanuts.

This event would not have been

possible without the support of the City of Talent, Rogue Disposal and Recycling, Recology, and our intrepid group of volunteers who helped organize the event, Julie Allemand, Charles Roome, Bruce Bristow, Jesse Hodgdon, Paulette Pratschner, Kathy Damas, Risa Buck, Karen Taylor and were spearheaded by Sharon Anderson. We appreciate all the support from the Talent News and Review for printing the adds and articles leading up to the event.

We are already discussing improvements and planning for next year's recycling round up, but in the meantime remember there is no Away and to Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Repurpose, and then Recycle.!

**WANTED- COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MEMBERS**

**Talent Public Art Committee (TPAC)**

Currently TPAC is looking for 3-4 volunteers for specific projects and/or to become TPAC members to enjoy a greater hands-on involvement in developing the arts in Talent. So whether you're just interested, ready to go or you're looking to support the arts with your time or just financially, give us a call. **Call Ron Hodgdon at 541.535.1620 or email: hodg1027@mind.net.** Please specify your name, contact information and TPAC related interest to be contacted.

**Together For Talent Committee**

Interested in becoming a **Talenteer**? This is a great Committee to be involved in if you have a passion for trees, trails, forums and want to help make Talent an even better place to live and work. There are no term limits for this Committee. Meetings are every 1st Tuesday of the month at 3:00 PM in the City Hall Conference Room.

**Harvest Festival Committee**

Looking for motivated, enthusiastic Committee members to help create an event that was even better than the last. The Committee meets monthly beginning in February and twice a month or more as we get closer to the event.

**Bee City USA**

Education on Pollination. Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6 PM for location and more information contact Dolly Warden at 541-897-0065 or email: dolly.warden17@gmail.com

**Architectural Review Committee**

**To reestablish this committee we need 5 members for the Architectural Review Committee.** This is a 5-person committee with no specified terms. The ARC advises the Planning Commission and City Council on Design Review criteria for the Historic District in Talent. Reviews development applications for new or renovation projects in the Old Town area. Meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

**Parks Commission**

There are currently 2 Commission and 2 Alternate vacancies for the Parks Commission. This is a seven person commission each serving a two year term. The commission advises the City Council on planning and improvements to City parks and provides over site to the City's Summer Recreation Programs. The commission meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Community

Center. Members are active in raising community awareness of use of City parks and the importance of participation in recreational activities.

**For other questions regarding the vacancies please contact Melissa Huhtala at City Hall:**

**541-535-1566 or email: Melissa@cityoftalent.org. You can stop by City Hall for an application or find one online at www.cityoftalent.org**

**News from Fire District 5 GRILLING TIPS FOR SUMMER SAFETY TIPS**

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill

area.

- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.

- Never leave your grill unattended.

Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

**CHARCOAL GRILLS**

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.

- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.

- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.

- There are also electric

**FORM LB-1**

**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**

A public meeting of the City of Talent City Council will be held on June 15, 2016 at 6:45 pm at the Talent Town Hall, 206 E. Main Street, Talent, OR. The purpose of this meeting is to give the citizens an opportunity to comment on the use of State Revenue Sharing and to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 as approved by the City of Talent Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at the Talent City Hall 110 E. Main Street, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or online at the city's website at www.cityoftalent.org. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2014-2015	Adopted Budget This Year 2015-2016	Approved Budget Next Year 2016-2017
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	4,517,284	4,743,110	4,613,745
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	539,338	582,000	631,500
Federal, State and all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations	1,030,649	1,558,000	542,200
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	445,717	495,000	317,500
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	2,594,560	2,539,900	2,999,845
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	990,909	983,215	1,034,270
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>10,118,457</b>	<b>10,901,225</b>	<b>10,139,060</b>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	2,083,688	2,499,650	2,546,400
Materials and Services	1,707,496	1,918,850	2,074,300
Capital Outlay	630,466	3,176,475	1,913,295
Debt Service	411,397	415,090	470,270
Interfund Transfers	445,717	495,000	317,500
Contingencies	0	687,000	912,850
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	0	1,709,160	1,904,445
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>5,278,764</b>	<b>10,901,225</b>	<b>10,139,060</b>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for that unit or program		
Administration	955,894	1,224,625	1,245,150
FTE	3.87	4.50	4.65
Community Development	308,196	390,875	463,150
FTE	2.87	2.87	3.30
Police	1,085,048	1,230,000	1,187,600
FTE	9.76	9.78	9.93
Non Departmental	78,700	731,500	615,625
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Library	30,436	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Parks	124,584	132,000	168,000
FTE	1.06	0.89	0.91
Streets	533,826	903,500	871,500
FTE	2.30	2.95	2.95
Water	1,143,420	1,848,000	2,080,000
FTE	4.87	5.07	4.99
TAP	313,635	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
SDC	0	930,350	1,222,100
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Improvement Project	602,739	3,377,510	2,164,645
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
GO Bond Debt Service	71,536	79,415	81,970
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
West Valley View Debt Service	30,750	53,450	39,320
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water Debt Service Reserve	0	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>5,278,764</b>	<b>10,901,225</b>	<b>10,139,060</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>24.73</b>	<b>26.06</b>	<b>26.73</b>

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING \***  
Funding sources and activities for the City of Talent are consistent with the previous year. Interim financing for the Talent Urban Renewal Agency (TURA) of \$500,000 is included in the General Fund Administration Budget. This is a limited duration loan with a 2% interest rate to be repaid during the fiscal year. The City proposes to increase one .48 fte position to full time in the Community Development Department. The General Fund loaned the Street Fund \$196,5000 for the purchase of a street sweeper in FY2016 with a 4 year repayment. The Street Fund includes the first annual debt service payment to the General Fund.

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2014-15	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2015-16	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2016-17
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit \$3.2316 per \$1,000)	\$3.2316	\$3.2316	\$3.2316
Local Option Levy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	\$75,106.00	\$81,505.00	\$82,573.00

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1.	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$555,000	\$0
Other Bonds	\$3,295,000	\$0
Other Borrowings	\$1,140,580	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,990,580</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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