



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL
June 21, 2017 – 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 21st 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 Sticker

Councilor Baker

Councilor Harrison

Councilor Pederson

Councilor Wise

Councilor Dolan (following her swearing in)

Members Absent

Councilor Berlant

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Community Announcements

- Parks Department announced the following:
 - Redoing the Splash Pad on July 1st at noon.
 - August 25 at sunset at the Talent Commons is movie night.
- Councilor Harrison announced Jan Wright's Book Starter Project was successful.

3.1 Council Interviews

City Manager Tom Corrigan reported that of the five original applicants for the vacated Council seat, three have withdrawn their applications. The remaining applicants introduced themselves:

Anthony Abshire, 355 E. Colver Rd, Talent

Stephanie Dolan, 544 James St., Talent

- Councilor Harrison asked why do you want to served on the city council and what is your interest in city government?
 - Ms. Dolan answered that she went to law school to learn systems to be able to work with people. She is interested in serving on the City Council because it is mostly non-partisan, and she knows how to work alongside neighbors and problem solve to make the city better. She is not here because she is angry or because she knows all the answers. She is interested in serving because Talent is at a crossroads and that her experience is relevant and she has the dedication to steer Talent in a positive direction.
 - Mr. Abshire answered that he would like to finish a project that he started a year to two before that was interrupted for medical reasons. He said that most members of the Council know his interest in city

government, it's been in his blood for years, has worked in other areas in a variety of positions, that is why he would like to finish his work.

- Councilor Wise asked "What is your background in community service and what volunteer work have you done in Talent or, if relevant, elsewhere?"
 - Mr. Abshire answered that he was a trustee for a community college in California, still active as a volunteer with Ashland Police, active with the Historical Society, and with helping his neighbors. He said his volunteer service goes back 40 or 50 years.
 - Ms. Dolan answered that her parent taught her the importance of giving back to the community. She said that in Talent she served on the planning commission since February, and has volunteered many hours for Talent Maker City helping them become a non-profit and doing grant writing. Beyond Talent she has worked with Oregonians for Safe Arms and Families, the Southern Oregon Land Conservancy, and has helped people in the community to file a number of court-related actions. She said she has always been passionate about public service.
- Councilor Pederson asked "What other experience have you had that you feel would be valuable to this position?"
 - Ms. Dolan answered that she has spent many years working for and with governments (Assistant Attorney Generals office in Washington, various Indian tribes that she said are similar to small cities, has received trainings regarding complexities of different jurisdictions), and as a lawyer has the ability to absorb vast amounts of complex information and take action. Also has been a director for a non-profit. In Oregon she has been involved in legislative advocacy and is a trained mediator.
 - Mr. Abshire answered that he has worked with the City of Tulsa as a volunteer, and has good business experience as a truck broker. He has also been in law enforcement, and one of his strengths is reading people and interacting with people.
- Mayor Sticker asked "This position requires a significant time commitment, including twice monthly meetings which might continue until 10 p.m. or later, assigned committee or commission meetings, special meetings, and sometimes lengthy packets and preparation. Do you have adequate time to dedicate to this position?"
 - Mr. Abshire answered yes, that being retired and having time is how he volunteers so much. He also mentioned that he has been involved with committees for the Council, and that he would have the time to commit.
 - Ms. Dolan answered yes.
- Councilor Baker asked "What is your vision for Talent? What are the obstacles and opportunities surrounding that vision?"
 - Ms. Dolan answered that her vision is aligned with the City's goals, mainly that Talent is becoming a destination and not just a bedroom community of Ashland. Her top 3 priorities includes strong economic development with a walkable downtown, affordable housing, and planning for sustainable. Obstacles usually include adequate funding or lack of a cohesive plan, but from what she has seen it seems that opportunities abound, and leadership is strong. Community involvement is also strong.
 - Mr. Abshire answered that his vision includes good safe neighborhoods, good parks, good police force, good commercial development -- all of this has to come together. He said that we will need good finances, and that is a long term thing. He recognizes that Talent has opportunities, but that the City needs to reach out to other cities around the state to see what they have been able to do, go to conferences, network, and other things, including recruiting business.
- Councilor Harrison asked "Is there anything else you would like to tell us about yourself, and do you have any questions of us?"
 - Mr. Abshire answered that he is 100% committed, his ethics are above reproach, honesty is there, background is clean, my time is your time.
 - Ms. Dolan answered that her background is also clean, that although she has lived many different places that there is no other place she would rather be than Talent. She said she wants to work with all to solve problems and is invested in Talent's future. She said her experience and temperament make her qualified to sit on the city council.

Mayor Stricker asked if there were any additional questions.

- Councilor Harrison asked both candidates if they have served on the Planning Commission.
 - Ms Dolan answered yes, and for 4 months
 - Mr. Abshire answered yes, and for approximately 1 ½ years.
- Councilor Wise asked where the candidates stand on a number of issues – net energy action plan, welcoming resolution, maker space, and providing housing.
 - Ms. Dolan answered that she 100% supports these initiatives, and in particularly maker space and the lack of affordable housing.
 - Mr. Abshire answered that he would have to do some research on these before making a decision, and mentioned factors such as cost.

Mayor Sticker thanked the candidates, and announced that the next step was deliberations.

- Councilor Pederson praised both candidates, but stated that he was in support of Ms. Dolan, and that her experience is better aligned with the City's direction.

- Councilor Baker mentioned that Mr. Abshire was his choice due to the fact that he had been elected to the city council in the past.
- Councilor Wise praised all candidates who applied, but that he supports Ms. Dolan, in part of balance out the Council better in terms of gender, but also due to her experience.
- Councilor Harrison stated both were strong, but that Mr. Abshire has proven himself in the past.
- Mayor Stricker stated that she agreed with Councilors Baker and Harrison that the City would benefit from a person with extended governmental service. She stated that Mr. Abshire is a stellar individual, but she considers Ms. Dolan's experience in government, especially in legislation, the most important factor. She also mentioned the value of gender balance, especially since the person who served in the now vacated Council seat was a female. Finally, she mentioned Ms. Dolan's land use experience.

Mayor Stricker called for a roll call vote. Councilors Baker and Harrison voted for Mr. Abshire; Mayor Sticker and Councilors Pederson and Wise voted for Ms. Dolan.

Mayor Sticker invited the candidates back in, thanked Mr. Abshire for his service and his interest, and announced that Ms. Dolan had been selected to fill the Council position. Ms. Dolan was then sworn in, and assumed her seat.

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 **Budget**

Staff asked that the Council approve three separate resolutions to approve the City of Talent's annual budget:

- 17-961-R, Certifying the City's Eligibility to Receive State Shared Revenues;
- 17-962-R, City Electing to Receive State Shared Revenues; and
- 17-963-R, Adopting the City of Talent's Annual Budget, Levying the Taxes, and Categorizing the Taxes.

Mayor Stricker then opened the public hearing and asked for comments; hearing none, she then closed the public hearing.

Councilor Pederson moved to adopt Resolution 17-961-R, Certifying the City's Eligibility to Receive State Shared Revenues. The motion was seconded. Discussion: none. A roll call vote was requested. Councilors Baker, Harrison, Pederson, and Wise voted aye, Councilor Dolan voted nay. Motion passed.

Councilor Wise moved to adopt Resolution 17-962-R, City Electing to Receive State Shared Revenues. The motion was seconded. Discussion: none. A roll call vote was requested. Councilors Baker, Harrison, Pederson, and Wise voted aye, Councilor Dolan voted nay. Motion passed.

Councilor Pederson moved to adopt Resolution 17-963-R, Adopting the City of Talent's Annual Budget, Levying the Taxes, and Categorizing the Taxes. The motion was seconded. Discussion: none. A roll call vote was requested. Councilors Baker, Harrison, Pederson, and Wise voted aye, Councilor Dolan voted nay. Motion passed.

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

Limited to 5 minutes or less per Mayoral discretion

Karen Rycheck, 105 John St., Talent. She stated that she is an artist, and is requesting that she be allowed to create a community mosaic at the base of the stage at City Hall. She stated that it would be contingent on receiving a grant being applied for.

Ron Hodgdon, 1413 Holten Rd., Talent. He stated that he is in support of the proposal for a community mosaic, and is familiar with her work.

Derek Volkart, 209 Bain St., Talent. He referenced a decision made by the Oregon Governmental Ethics Commission regarding a potential conflict of interest on the part of Charlie Hamilton, the lack of minutes from meetings of the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), delays in receiving information from the City, and the operation of the CAC.

Josephine Warden, 255 Colver Rd., Talent. Read a letter regarding her decision to halt her weeding of the Talent Pollinator Garden due to the use of Glyphosate, a herbicide.

Brad Wilson, 43 Logan Way, Talent. Concerned about the future of the Talent Pollinator Garden and shared concerns about the herbicide use, would like further attention paid to the garden, suggested that TURA could become involved.

Jim Thompson, 255 Colver Rd., Talent. Asked that the City Council look carefully at the material he submitted regarding the issues with the herbicide Glyphosate.

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 CERT – Kittie Harrison

Ms. Harrison was unavailable.

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 7, 2017

Because the Regular Council Meeting Minutes for June 7, 2017 were not distributed in the Council packet, approval will occur at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on July 5, 2017.

7.2 Acknowledge receipt of Payables

A question was asked about check #40798, and staff clarified that it was for traffic safety and pavement markings.

Councilor Pederson moved that the payables be approved. The motion was seconded. Discussion: none. All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

7.3 Acknowledge the Planning Commission Minutes for April 27, 2017

Councilor Wise moved that the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of April 27, 2017 be acknowledged. The motion was seconded. Discussion: none. All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

7.4 Acknowledge Receipt of Together for the Talent Committee Minutes for April 4 and May 2, 2017

Councilor Wise moved that the minutes of the meetings of the Together for Talent Committee Minutes April 4 and May 2, 2017 be acknowledged. The motion was seconded. Discussion: none. All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

7.5 Acknowledge Receipt of Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for April 4 and May 2, 2017

Councilor Pedersen moved that the minutes of the meetings of the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of April 4 and May 2, 2017 be acknowledged. The motion was seconded. 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 Green Valley Wellness

Staff reported that for any event with amplified music, council must hear a noise permit application. Staff has no issue with this permit. Staff recommends approval.

Councilor Baker asked if the Police Department had any issues, staff responded no.

Councilor Wise moved to approve the noise permit for Green Valley Wellness. The motion was seconded. Discussion: none. All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

8.2 Noise Permit for Ginger Johnson

Staff reported that for any event with amplified music, council must hear a noise permit application. Staff has no issue with this permit. Staff recommends approval. A Councilor acknowledged that Ms. Johnson did distribute notification to neighbors.

Councilor Pedersen moved to approve the noise permit for Ginger Johnson. The motion was seconded. Discussion: none. All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

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 reported the following:

- New recorder is Kim Collins, former recorder from the City of Jacksonville, started last Friday, currently in training to receive Master Clerk certification, will be in next week.
- Have our new antenna for TAP, Phoenix also has theirs, so ability to receive information will be improved.
- The Medford Water Commission has informed the City that they have a new policy that the MWC says governs what Talent's commercial users use the water for and whether or not they take the water out of the city limits. Councilor Baker asked if this had something to do with water trucks supplying water for marijuana grows. Mr. Corrigan responded that it likely does. Mayor Stricker responded that it does appear that the OLCC is looking for a way to control illegal grows, but that it is more an issue for the OLCC than the City.
- Central Point is handling IT, no viruses, backups going well, only one issue with handheld meter that will be handled tomorrow.
- Will be meeting with Business Oregon to determine whether funds are available to assist with the Water Master Plan.
- The truck center property is closed, it has a new owner. There are initial but no formal plans yet. We have no timeline yet. In response to a question about the new owners, Mr. Corrigan responded that it was likely the original individuals that came in, and that a lien inspection will be performed on the property. In response to a question from Council on whether the City has any jurisdiction over the overpass, Mr. Corrigan responded in the negative.
- Harvest Festival is moving along, Awana will be doing the beer and wine concession, and she will be assisting with volunteers.
- We will have discretionary funds as July 5th agenda item, wanted to make sure all usual parties that normally request these funds received notification.
- The new officer is recovering from his spider bite, doing well.
- Police department did its "coffee with a cop", although no one showed up. This is the fourth time they held it.
- Councilor Pederson requested information about a TURA project involving a sidewalk and trees. Mr. Corrigan stated that the job is being planned, and that it is fairly small, about \$40,000.

11. Other Business

Councilor Pederson expressed support for the mural project, Mr. Corrigan stated that there is an ordinance in the sign code with requirements and a procedure. Mayor Sticker supported making it a future agenda item. Councilor Baker stated that the opportunity should be opened up to more than one artist since it is public property, which Mayor Sticker supported by stating that bring it forward as a future agenda item would serve that purpose. After further discussion of issues with the time it would take to place the item on a future agenda and apply for approval under the sign code, and the impact of that wait on the availability of grant funds, it was decided to add the item as agenda item 11.1.

Mayor Stricker asked for a vote on including the item as agenda item 11.1. There was a motion to include the mural project as 11.1. The motion was seconded. Discussion: none. All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

11.1 Mural Project

Councilor Pedersen made a motion to approve the proposed mural by Karen Rycheck, subject to city code ordinances. The motion was seconded. Discussion: Councilor Pederson stated that although he supported Councilor Baker's suggestion that opportunities like this should be open to larger participation, in this case it was a proposal from an individual with a proven track record. He also stated that he would like to see more proposals from other artists. Councilor Harrison stated that he agreed with both Councilors. Councilor Baker stated he is not in agreement with the process, not with the project, wants it more open. Councilor Pederson acknowledges Councilor Baker's concerns, said the process for placing art in the community should be improved. Mayor Sticker said that the project aligns with the mission of the Public Arts Committee, but the lack of a quorum on the Board prevents getting input. Mayor Sticker called for the vote, three ayes, one nay from Councilor Baker, motion passed.

A question was asked about the letter to Mr. Volkart, Mr. Corrigan stated that the letter was sent promptly. A copy will be sent electronically. In response to a question, Mr. Corrigan stated that he understood that Plant Oregon did remove the top layer of soil in an effort to remove the applied Glyphosate. Mr. Corrigan will communicate with Plant Oregon to confirm. Councilor Dolan asked in water was applied to the soil before removal, Mr. Corrigan replied that he didn't know. Mayor Sticker noted that the weeding volunteers have withdrawn, so a decision has to be made about the future of the pollinator garden. A decision was made to request the issue as an agenda item for an upcoming TURA meeting.

Councilor Harrison reported that he and members of the police department and public works visited the Greenway and found three homeless camps, which were subsequently cleaned out by the Joint Greenway Authority.

Mayor Sticker mentioned that a meeting was held at the direction of Council with the Police Chief, Councilor Harrison, and City Manager to explore alternatives to the Exclusion Ordinance. The Police Chief requested that the original version would be brought to the Council for discussion first. Mayor Sticker directed staff to place the item on an upcoming meeting agenda, and to distribute the ordinance to Council members. Mayor Sticker outlined the process of ordinance approval, especially as regards the sequence of review that include the city attorney and resulted in Public Works and the City Manager being included in the ordinance.

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Councilor Pederson requested a follow-up on the Economic Development ordinance, whether there was a final version. Mr. Corrigan said no, that it was something that the former recorder was working on.

Mayor Stricker mentioned that she had requested a review of the Parks ordinance, specifically user fees, and asked if there was a timeline on that. Mr. Corrigan stated that it will be on the next Council agenda.

Mayor Stricker mentioned that she had asked for a financial report on attorney fees. Mr. Corrigan said that he was waiting on the end of the month financials, but that he has some general numbers. Mayor Stricker clarified that the information should be for the last three years, broken down by department.

12. Mayor and Councilor - Committee Reports and Councilor Comments

Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation – Mayor Stricker (alternate) | *Elected a new chair, there was a an initial discussion of the statewide agenda for transportation, but members decided that there were four affected tribes that should be part of the discussion so they will be invited to the next meeting. Presentation from ODOT's new Active Transportation Director about transportation alternatives. There was also an update on local transportation projects.*

Together for Talent Committee – Councilor Collins

Metropolitan Planning Organization – Mayor Stricker | *Meeting next week.*

Planning Commission – Councilor Wise

Public Art Advisory Committee –

Parks Commission – Councilor Baker | *Bee City to do a survey around Joseph Park, memorial bench to go in to Chuck Robertts Park, they are looking at different shade structures for Talent Commons because of potential snow buildup.*

Traffic Safety & Transportation Commission – Councilor Harrison | *This month's meeting was cancelled.*

Rogue Valley Council of Governments – Mayor Stricker | *Meeting next week.*

Talent Historical Society – Councilor Harrison | *We got quotes on flooring, just trying to decide what the city is going to allow.*

Harvest Festival Committee – Councilor Collins

Economic Development - Councilor Pederson | *Chanber meets next week, SOREDI is having annual meeting tonight. Interxsting presentation from Pacific Power at the last SOREDI meeting, they have 3 and a half million dollars set aside for renewable energy projects, especially solar projects.*

Chamber – Councilor Pederson

SOREDI - Councilor Pederson

13. Adjournment

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:


Kimberlyn Collins, City Recorder

Attest:


Thomas J. Corrigan, City Manager

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