



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL
August 2, 2017 – 6:45 P.M.**

Study Session, Regular Council & TURA meetings are being digitally recorded and will be available on the City website

The City Council of the City of Talent will meet in a Regular Council session at 6:45 P.M on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 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- 7:03 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 Ayers-Flood
Councilor Berlant
Councilor Pederson
Councilor Harrison
Councilor Dolan**

Members Absent

Councilor Baker

Also Present:

Tom Corrigan, City Manager
Kimberlyn Collins, City Recorder
Zac Moody, Community Development Director
Ryan Martin, Finance Director

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Community Announcements

3.1 Councilor Berlant informed Council the Roguc Climate Talent group will be meeting on August 10, 2017 at the Community Center from 6-7:30 pm for a strategy session around the clean energy action plan. Councilor Berlant will not be able to attend so Councilor Harrison will be there in her place.

3.2 Mayor Ayers-Flood made a public announcement for the need of volunteers on the Harvest Festival Committee. She implores the community this year for support as we just went through a big shift in our staff. In support of our newest staff member, who is working very hard to get the City back on track, we need volunteers. Mayor Ayers-Flood offered her services.

3.3 Councilor Pederson thanked our Public Works Department for their commit to the vision of working without pesticides, even without the tactical plan put in place and he just wanted to say thank you!

3.4 Mayor Ayers-Flood recognize and thanked Jackosn County Commissioner Roberts for the work she does as a liaison for The City of Talent.

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 None

5. Citizens Heard on Non-Agenda Items

Limited to 5 minutes or less per Mayoral discretion

5.1 Cynthia Care – 104 S. Front St., Talent, OR 97540 – spoke in support of installing electric vehicle charges to be placed at the community center. Councilor Peterson was in support of the idea and mentioned there would be a public hearing with the Planning Commission August 24th regarding a travel center. Councilor Harrison spoke to post offices in California having these stations and how this would be an excellent idea, with some more thought it could be a good addition to the city. Councilor Berlant suggested adding this as an additional project to the solar panels on the community center, tying together the construction of both projects. City Manager Corrigan had concerns with the amount of solar panel used. We budgeted 80% of the maximum for the community center use on the first year. We don't know the additional cost. He expressed that the project is a great idea but more research is needed.

5.2 Carl Gorbett – 104 Fairview St., Talent, OR 97540 – read a statement into the record in regards Ordinance 17-936-O.
(See Exhibit "A" Attached)

5.3 Anne Fietcher – 225 W. Rapp Rd., Talent, OR 97540 – spoke to the bridge that is in front of her home where numerous animals use the creek as a corridor that get hit and killed by speeding vehicles. She believes the animals being killed could be mitigated by lowering the speed limit or adding an animal crossing sign facing both ways. Mayor Ayers-Flood requested Councilor Harrison to take this topic to the Traffic Safety Committee.

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 19, 2017

Councilor Berlant moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Councilor Pederson seconded. Discussion: None. Mayor Ayers-Flood repeated the motion. 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 Short-Term Rental Staff Report

Community Development Director Moody gave staff report and requested direction from Council to move forward with the short-term rental code amendment. Mayor Ayers-Flood commended Community Development Director on his staff report.

Councilor Dolan moved to direct staff to begin the code amendment processes to address issues of short-term rentals. Councilor Harrison seconded. Motion Withdrawn

Suzanne Sky – 245 Meadow Slope Dr., Talent, OR 97540 – spoke to the short-term rentals and the benefits this has for her lifestyle. She is not clear why short-term rentals are being discriminated against compared to what's called a long-term rental. She believes it is her home and she has the right to rent or not rent in a manner that she feels is appropriate for her needs.

Councilor Dolan moved to direct staff to begin the code amendment processes, which would include public comment to address the issues of short-term rentals. Councilor Harrison seconded. Mayor Ayers-Flood repeated the motion. Discussion: Councilor Pederson agrees the code amendment process is the proper way to go so the public can have this conversation. Councilor Pederson agrees with the speaker that there should be as few restrictions on how they can use their property. Councilor Harrison agrees we need the codes on short-term rentals because he lives by one of these places. Sometimes the owner has no regard for other owners on the street. He agrees we need more public input on this. Councilor Berlant agrees we need some type of code enforcement for short-term rentals due to the turnover rate being so frequent. She requested to have research from other communities that have codes in place where the code works. It would be best to look at the public input and how those codes were developed and see what the process looked like. Mayors Ayers-Flood based her concerns on personal experience, with having short-term rentals in our neighborhood. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

8.2 Second reading for Ordinance 17-936-O An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 458, Talent Zoning Code, Adding Title 8, Chapter 3, Division J, Article 11, Supplementary Provisions Providing Regulations For Special Uses In The City, Including Marijuana Related Uses, Backyard Chickens and Ducks, and Temporary Uses

Community Development Director Moody directed Council to the changes he has made since the last time the ordinance was before Council.

Councilor Berlant inquired about outdoor cultivation for marijuana in the front yard, if fully fenced. Community Development Director spoke to the concern of maximum fence height for the front yard being 1 to 2 ft.

Councilor Pederson moved to approve the second reading for Ordinance 17-936-O An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 458, Talent Zoning Code, Adding Title 8, Chapter 3, Division J, Article 11, Supplementary Provisions Providing Regulations For Special Uses In The City, Including Marijuana Related Uses, Backyard Chickens and Ducks, and Temporary Uses. Councilor Berlant seconded. Discussion: Councilor Pederson spoke to the guest speaker who addressed Council on behalf of his grandmother. Council considerably discussed 8-3J.1140 12c.v. Council agreed it would best serve the citizens to remove this section of the ordinance. Mayor Ayers-Flood states for the record the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 17-936-O as amended. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

8.3 Updated Signature Cards

Councilor Harrison moved to update the signature cards. Councilor Dolan seconded. Mayor Ayers-Floods repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

8.4 TURA Compensation Narratives

City Manager Corrigan and Finance Director Martin gave a brief staff report.

Council reviewed and discussed the duties and determined Community Development Director Moody compensation needed to be increased to 1%.

Councilor Dolan moved to recommend these percentages as amended to raise the Community Development Director to 1%. Councilor Harrison seconded. Mayor repeated motion for the record. 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.

10.1 Mr. Corrigan gave City and Department Reports:

- Public Works is working on painting the streets, curbs, fog lines, and stop bars. We have notified PD and we also put this information on our website.
- Bret Marshall's wife had a baby girl.
- Public Works is short three staff members currently due to jury duty, one person moving away, and Bret needing to be with family at this time.
- Police Department is short staff due to an officer on light duty.
- In administration, we have someone who has been out for a few weeks.
- Make space now in TURA building.
- A RARE participant has been selected for next year.
- Fire danger is in the extreme mode.
- A new Fire Chief has been selected. We have invited him to come to an upcoming City Council.
- The Fire District is working on the code due to question of burning in a BBQ pit, during extreme fire danger time.
- We invited LGPI to address Council but due to vacation it will take a bit longer than anticipated.
- Sweet Beet will be taking over the top of the depot.
- We will be installing a backup generator for Admin, which also backs up PD.
- Oregon Health Authority has our reservoir grant application. In September, we will need to go to Salem to make the pitch for our reservoir grant and loan.
- Police Department had two vehicles damaged in an agency assist.
- We are offering hazmat training to all Public Works Department and anyone who wishes to come to the community center.
- Staff will be taking the full CPR class through the Fire Department this month.
- New app through the Fire District called PulsePoint.

11. Other Business

11.1 Discussion on Police Department Vehicle Lease

Transcribed by Kimberlyn Collins

Chief Whipple gave staff report on their search for a new vehicle.

Finance Director Martin spoke to the lease agreement and the process we need to go through to obtain the vehicle. The purpose for this coming before Council is to get approval in the minutes per their requirements.

Councilor Dolan moved to approve the municipal lease and option agreement for the total payment of \$41,633.47 plus interest as provide in the lease document. Councilor Harrison seconded. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

11.2 Councilor Harrison announced his resignation from the Talent Historical Society as their liaison.

Councilor Dolan spoke to the fact there are two liaisons on the Together for Talent Committee, with her being under the IPM group and the Bee City group and Councilor Berlant is under the groups of Clean Energy and Zero Waste. Councilor Dolan wanted clarity on the two liaisons being on Together for Talent. Mayor Ayers-Floods was comfortable having two council liaisons being on this committee.

Mayor Ayers-Flood asked Councilor Dolan if she was still interested in being on the Planning Commission in place of Councilor Wise. She was concerned for time but was willing to try it for the time being. Councilor Harrison would be the alternate for this commission.

Mayor Ayers-Flood spoke to the liaison to the M.P.O. needs an alternate since Councilor Wise stepped down from office. Mayor Ayers-Flood asked Councilor Harrison to be the alternate and he agreed.

Mayors Ayers-Flood will work on getting a council liaison for the Harvest Festival Committee. Mayor Ayers-Flood will speak with Councilor Baker and the new council member once they have been appointed.

11.3 **Billing for TURA**

Mayors Ayers-Flood inquired about how we are billing TURA. She requested to see a quarterly spreadsheet showing compensation for each employee.

11.4 **HR**

Mayors Ayers-Flood spoke to the discussion and motion for hiring LGPI as HR. She explained there was some differences among Council, with regards to what the motion implied. Mayors Ayers-Flood suggested to have HR back on the agenda for the next meeting for a presentation or a discussion to clearly understand and provide an action plan. Mayor Ayers-Flood provided a confidential memo from the City Attorney.

Councilor Dolan inquired if a motion was needed to have LGPI present to Council at the earliest possible time to define the scope of their services. (

Councilor Berlant inquired about an employee's accessibility to LGPI if they had a current issue they need to discuss. City Manager Corrigan explained there are procedures they would have to go through. Mayors Ayers-Flood requested a memo to be provided to staff stating the procedures. City Manager Corrigan agreed as soon as LGPI comes out for their site visit.

Councilor Dolan moved to have LGPI to present to Council at the earliest possible time to define the scope of their Human Resources services to include training in implementation of a clear Human Resources process for staff. Councilor Berlant seconded. Discussion: Mayors Ayers-Flood clarified the motion and the Councils understanding if we are to engage them or interview them? Council anticipates to engage with LGPI, but would like to interview them first. Motion Withdrawn

Councilor Dolan moved to direct staff to have LGPI to present to council at the earliest possible time to define the scope of their Human Resources services to include training and implantation of a clear HR process and to be prepared to engage them at that time. Councilor Pederson seconded. Discussion: None All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Mayor and Councilor - Committee Reports and Councilor Comments

Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation – Mayor Ayers-Flood (alternate) – Mayor Ayers-Flood spoke to moving back the extension from South Stage across to North Phoenix for the long-time plans of putting in an interchange there.

Together for Talent Committee – Councilor Dolan – spoke to the IPM and developing a strategy for restoring the pollinator garden. Councilor Berlant reported their requests for website updates and getting the Together for Talent page more streamlined, providing more information. Councilor Berlant requested the City participation in partnering with Pacific Power on receiving annual, monthly, or quarterly energy reports. City Manager Corrigan was requested to be in contact with the Pacific Power agent. City Manager Corrigan requested Pacific Power to be in touch with him through email, with their specific request. Councilor Dolan spoke to City Recorder Collins attending the meeting and speaking to the group on volunteer reporting.

Metropolitan Planning Organization – Mayor Ayers-Flood (Councilor Harrison - alternate) – Mayor Ayers-Flood was not able to make the last meeting in Grants Pass.

Planning Commission – Councilor Dolan (Councilor Harrison - alternate)

Public Art Advisory Committee –

Parks Commission – Councilor Baker

Traffic Safety & Transportation Commission – Councilor Harrison – This committee will meet again next month to look at changes for speed limit in the City.

Rogue Valley Council of Governments – Mayor Ayers-Flood – Next meeting for RVCOG is coming up on Thursday, August 10, 2017.

Talent Historical Society – Councilor Harrison – Reported on their discussion of what they were going to do with the floor. The last poker tournament was a success.

Harvest Festival Committee – Recorder Collins reported on the progress of the Harvest Festival preparation and the volunteer's status.

Economic Development - Councilor Pederson

Chamber – Councilor Pederson – They are planning on having the next meeting at the community center. Ryan will follow up to make sure it is schedule. They are working on website updates to better serve the members. City Manager Corrigan requested a new agreement with the Chamber for their office as the agreement is out of date. Councilor Pederson will look into this.

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13. Adjournment

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM

Respectfully submitted by:



Kimberlyn Collins, City Recorder

Attest:



Thomas Corrigan, City Manager

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Good evening councilors. Im carl gorbett, here on behalf of my 90 year old grandmother. She feels that talent is very nice the way it is and does not need punitive nuisance laws like ashland.

Specifically the maximum of ten chickens regardless of property size. Our property would allow us to have 15 chickens if we chose to under the current law. She fears that bees, dogs, and other animals will soon face more regulation.

With regard to dwelling in an RV during construction or demolition of a residence, she feels that any kind of limit to time allowed is an absurd infringement of one's property rights. Any kind of renovation can easily exceed 90 days to complete.

Her last complaints about these amendments, concern marijuana. While she would never condone marijuana use recreationally , she definitely values it medically. She is a long term sufferer of osteoarthritis. At her age there are no conventional treatments for this age related disease that are acceptable or affordable long term. Topical cannabis cream is the only medication that can offer her hands any kind of relief from the constant pain.

My grandmother found the 100 square foot limit totally unreasonable. 200 square feet would barely be adequate. she also concluded that contiguous legal lots or parcels under single ownership should NOT be counted as a single parcel, or lot, for the purposes of calculating the allowed marijuana plants. The Legal lots and parcels should be counted as they exist. Any legal lots or parcels should not be subject to the resident grower living on that specific lot or parcel as long as the resident grower lives somewhere on the contiguous property.

My grandmother enjoys living in talent. She appreciates the small town culture that has developed in bee city. She hopes that seed exchanges and urban farming continue in a sustainable way that is tenable for all residents. Unlike Ashlanders, she welcomes the sounds of the trains passing through. Talent needs to stay quaint and refrain from over-regulation. Thanks for considering the rights of all property owners.

