



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL
August 16, 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, August 16, 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- 6:58 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 Baker
Councilor Berlant
Councilor Pederson
Councilor Harrison
Councilor Dolan**

Members Absent

Also Present:

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Community Announcements

3.1 Councilor Baker announced Movie in the Park scheduled for 8 pm on August 25, 2017. Goonies will be the featured movie on the Betty Wheeler stage.

3.2 Councilor Berlant informed Council True South Solar will be installing the panels on our community center in time for the Harvest Festival, allowing us to have a ribbon cutting ceremony. She expressed her gratitude for their efforts to get this project completed by October 7, 2017. She made a request to have Council and/or community members to sign the card to express their gratitude.

3.4 Mayor Ayers-Flood announced emergency preparedness next month. Our local representative, Kitty Harrison, is making plans for an evolving display for City Hall. She has also been working on putting together some emergency preparedness bags. Together for Talent made a donation as well as a personal donation was made by Councilor Harrison. Mayors Ayers-Flood thanked Councilor Harrison and Kitty for the great efforts on making sure the City is headed to preparedness.

3.5 Councilor Baker requested to add to the agenda a recommendation from the Parks Dept. to discuss open space at the Old Bridge Village and dog signs. It will be added under regular agenda items at 8.4.

3.6 Mayors Ayers-Flood requested to add an agenda item for the EV Charger discussion at 8.5 under regular agenda items.

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.

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4.1 None

5. Citizens Heard on Non-Agenda Items

Limited to 5 minutes or less per Mayoral discretion

5.1 Derek Volkart – 209 Bain St., Talent, OR 97540 – spoke to the City’s responsibility to the public and staff. His concerns were notifications of public meetings, accessibility to staff via email, and allowing staff to evaluate the City Manager.

5.2 Sharon Anderson – 166 Autumn Ridge Ct., Talent, OR 97540 – request Council to add live streaming of the City’s public meetings.

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 2, 2017

7.2 Acknowledge the Receipt of the Payables

7.3 Acknowledge Receipt of Together for Talent Minutes for June 6, 2017

7.4 Acknowledge Receipt of Together for Talent Minutes for July 6, 2017

7.5 Acknowledge Receipt of Parks Commission Minutes for August 9, 2017

Councilor Pederson moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Dolan seconded. Discussion: Councilor Berlant asked Councilor Harrison if he was able make the Rogue Valley Climate group. He suggested he may be able to attend.. Councilor Harrison was not in attendance. 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 Appeal of Address Change

Community Development Director Moody updated Council on what has transpired since the original meeting and decision from the July 5, 2017 City Council meeting.

Councilor Berlant moved to repeal the previous motion from July 5, 2017. Councilor Harrison seconded. Discussion: Council discussed in depth the circumstances and the best avenue to rectify the situation. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Baker moved to make the address change at the vacant lot 308 in light of the contractor trying to build a house. Councilor Dolan seconded. Discussion: Mayor Ayers-Flood was not in favor of the decision due to the confusion that may arise with emergency services and an out of sequence address. She suggested there be some type of condition on the property that requires the owner to add a permanent address marker that makes it impossible to remove. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

8.2 Approval of Harvest Festival Theme

City Recorder Collins and Dorian Hastings presented to Council the different options for a theme for the Harvest Festival.

Councilor Berlant moved to dedicate the Harvest Festival celebration of the clean energy action plan with a theme “Harvest Talent’s Energy.” Councilor Dolan seconded. Discussion: None. Mayor Ayers-Flood repeated the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

8.3 Pacific Power Franchise Agreement

City Manager Corrigan explained to Council that staff has been trying to get a better agreement with Pacific Power than the six months. We were informed after the extension by Pacific Power they would revert to their old percentage for that time period it was not completed. However, with Monte phasing out and Christine not being available City Manager Corrigan requested to table this discussion to the September 6, 2017 meeting. Mayor Ayers-Flood tabled this agenda item to the next meeting.

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8.4 Parks Recommendation for the Old Bridge Open Space

Councilor Baker reported, from the last Parks meeting, the Old Bridge Village open space that has been deeded to the City needs to come before Council since this space is not considered a park. There are concerns in regards to dogs in this area. Parks recommends putting a city rule code sign at the parks to remind people what the rules are for that space.

Community Development Director Moody reminded Council the last nuisance ordinance didn't address this issue in the ordinance but speaks to keeping dogs on leashes in all public spaces. He continued by letting Council know the Greenway Trail is not a park. A sign stating that dogs must remain on a lease is well within our right to place a sign in any public space.

Councilor Baker pointed out it's a greenway, but it's also a backyard for some of these people. City Manager Corrigan reminded Council when the property was deeded to the City were restrictions set in guidelines, that were presented to the Park Commission and Council before. City Manager Corrigan wants to make sure we are not doing something we already agreed not to.

Mayors Ayers-Flood tabled this meeting to the next agenda to do research on the restriction and guidelines that were set. If the requested signage is allowed, we will fill the Parks recommendation. Mayor Ayers-Flood requested to add the staff report with what the rules are and what we would be posting.

Councilor Harrison suggested adding a dog poop station with rules posted to remind people to keep their dog on a leash and pick up after your dog. City Manager Corrigan informed Council we already have one at one of the entrances. Councilor Berlant is an advocate of adding another waste station at the second entrance. Mayor Ayers-Flood informed Council we can discuss everything at the next meeting. Councilor Berlant requested to know what the rules are for open space verses parks and what the restrictions were when the land was deeded. She also requested information for the boundaries on the space.

8.5 EV Charger Discussion

Cynthia Care – 104 S. Front St., Talent, OR 97540 – Thanked the Council for their support to have an electrical vehicle charging station at the community center. She informed Council she had received an email from ODOT, informing us we had an opportunity to receive one to two free chargers. The offer is time sensitive due to the requests for these items. The conditions to receiving the free chargers would be to receive a tax deduction donation letter and some type of media coverage.

City Manager Corrigan spoke with True South Solar to find out how we get it into the building and what the cost would be. Councilor Baker questioned who funds the electricity usage for these vehicles being charged. Cynthia gave some options to cover the cost of the electricity usage and some standards rates used in other areas. Councilor Baker questioned if the vehicles could be charged through the solar panels. City Manager Corrigan spoke with True South Solar about using the solar panels that will be installed next month. The availability to use the solar panels on order will depend on the daily use of the building and it varies from week to week. City Manager Corrigan suggested using the solar panels we have now and evaluate the demand. In the meantime, we can look for more grants for additional solar panels. He suggested taking the freebies now and research the cost to install the chargers.

Councilor Baker suggest to take the free chargers now and make sure we cover our costs on this project. Mayor Ayers-Flood offered to do a fundraiser to raise funds for the installation of the chargers.

Councilor Berlant moved to direct staff to generate a tax write off donation letter to receive free electric vehicle chargers from the Department of Transportation and work with Cynthia in whatever steps are needed to get the charges. Councilor Pederson seconded. Discussion: Councilor Baker spoke to this being only one piece of the puzzle but there is a second piece of the puzzle with, regards to financing the usage of the chargers. Councilor Berlant spoke to a website that helps provide funding for charging stations. 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 City Manager Corrigan gave City and Department Reports:

- Successfully completed the generator hook up to the IT room and all the servers.
- Rare Participant, Conner, is looking for housing. If anyone knows of a one bedroom with access to a washer and dryer, please let City Manager Corrigan know.
- Half of the staff completed the CPR training through Fire District 5. The other half of the staff still needs to complete the training.
- The City is sponsoring hazmat training with DEQ and DOT at the community sometime late September.
- LGPI will present at the next meeting.

- City Manager Corrigan inquired if Council desired to have a study session on the 5th Wednesday of this month to continue discussions on the Parks Master Plan. Council agreed to have a joint study session with the Parks Commission. Mayor Ayers-Flood added to have an overview of the dedicated funds we already have and an overview of what's coming in. This study session will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.
- We will make our case to the State that approves water funding.

11. Other Business

11.1 Councilor Dolan requested to add the IPM to the agenda and have a strategy discussion on pesticide issues generally. Mayors Ayers-Flood spoke to the recommendation from Parks to adopt the IPM as written. There were no objections to this request.

11.2 Councilor Berlant requested to have an item discussing city email process and community contact. She would like to see if this is an issue only Derek experiences or if it is widespread so we can come to a solution on making sure people who want to receive emails are receiving them. She also requested the process on how to sign up for these services.

Mayor Ayers-Flood wanted to just direct staff to fix it. City Manager Corrigan has made the request to IT to fix the issue but they state it is functioning properly. During the meeting, he emailed them again. Mayors Ayers-Flood requested this be on his City Managers report next meeting about what was done, if anything was done, if it was scheduled to be done, and when it will be completed. Mayors Ayers-Flood will also be getting on this list so she can monitor how it works. City Manager Corrigan informed Council we will send out the instructions. Mayor Ayers-Flood request those instructions to be put on the website.

11.3 Councilor Baker spoke to the ADA complaint we had at Chuck Roberts Parks. Parks addressed this matter in depth. After a discussion with our Public Works Dept., it was determined we are ADA compliant because the Parks are older than 2012. This grandfathers our parks in to be ADA compliant. Once you fix one thing you are required to fix everything. The Parks Commission recommendations to have staff to investigate the possibility of a full ADA accessibility playground of one of our parks. They also suggested researching grants resources to help pay for it.

Councilor Dolan moved to direct staff to evaluate looking for one of our parks to become fully ADA compliant in addition to looking for funding sources to cover that. Councilor Berlant seconded. Mayor Ayers-Flood repeated the motion. Discussion: None All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

11.4 Mayor Ayers-Flood asked for City Manager Corrigan to report back on his next managers' report if it is feasible to ask City staff to do CERT training.

11.5 Mayor Ayers-Flood suggested we call the electrical charging stations "Care Stations." She asked Council to consider that in honor of Cynthia Cares efforts.

11.6 Councilor Pederson directed staff to explore the feasibility of having live streaming for public meetings. City Manager Corrigan reported to Council there are many components to having live streaming. Our challenges are the wi-fi and the acoustics of the building, contributing to poor sound quality. Mayor Ayers-Flood requested a staff report of their findings to be talked about at a meeting in September.

11.7 Councilor Pederson requested for any attorney client privilege documents, that are handed out during meetings, to be sure and state for the record the document is an attorney client privilege document and Council will not be able to discuss it outside of executive session, just so it is clear for our community members. Mayors Ayers-Flood states it was a fair request but she believes she did mentioned it.

12. Mayor and Councilor - Committee Reports and Councilor Comments

Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation – Councilor Harrison - Mayor Ayers-Flood (alternate) – Next meeting is on the 22nd of this month in Central Point.

Together for Talent Committee – Councilor Berlant spoke to the Clean Energy team and they will be going door to door on August 26, 2017 to install LED lights. We have solar panels coming, Harvest Festival Theme is set, and vehicle charging stations coming. Councilor Dolan has no more to add except for the meeting she has scheduled next week to discuss the pollinator garden. She requested reports for cost and how frequent city property are being sprayed.

Metropolitan Planning Organization – Mayor Ayers-Flood (Councilor Harrison - alternate) – She will be unable to attend this meeting so Councilor Harrison will attend in her place.

Planning Commission – Councilor Dolan (Councilor Harrison - alternate)

Public Art Advisory Committee

Parks Commission – Councilor Baker

Traffic Safety & Transportation Commission – Councilor Harrison – Next meeting is tomorrow August 17th.

Rogue Valley Council of Governments – Mayor Ayers-Flood – She will be unable to attend this meeting so Councilor Harrison will attend in her place.

Talent Historical Society – Councilor Harrison

Harvest Festival Committee

Economic Development - Councilor Pederson

Chamber – Councilor Pederson –. Next Chamber meeting is August 29th. He will be addressing the lease agreement that has expired.

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13. Adjournment

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM

Respectfully submitted by:



Kimberlyn Collins, City Recorder

Attest:



Thomas J. Corrigan, City Manager

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