



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL
December 6, 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, December 6, 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- 6:45 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 Ayers-Flood
Councilor Land
Councilor Berlant
Councilor Dolan
Councilor Harrison
Councilor Pederson
Councilor Baker

Members Absent

Also in attendance

Zac Moody, City of Talent Community Development Director
Bret Marshal, City of Talent Public Works Director
Chief Whipple, City of Talent Chief of Police

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Community Announcements

- Mayor Ayers-Flood announced that the missing dog was found and thanked Talent PD.
- Councilor Berlant announced that on December 13th there will be the first Menorah Lighting in Medford.
- Councilor Dolan announced that on Saturday December 9th Talent Maker City is hosting the Holiday Maker Market and auction at the Talent Community Center.
- Councilor Pederson announced that the Talent Chamber is taking a rest and reducing activities due to lack of volunteers.
- Mayor Ayers-Flood announced sometime in January or February 2018, the date to be determined, the Finance Director / Interim City Manager will give a financial health of the city report.
- Zac Moody announced that he attended an alumni dinner auction for PHS. They raised \$23,000.00 for scholarships.
- Zac Moody announced that on January 16 they are having a Community Development Fair at the Community Center.

4. 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.

None

5. 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.

None

6. Citizens Heard on Non-Agenda Items

Limited to 5 minutes or less per Mayoral discretion

Lee Lull – 292 Willow Springs Dr. Talent- Ms. Lull is requesting an addition to the Dec. 20th agenda to make a presentation about the Clean Energy Jobs Bill. She would like the Council to pass a resolution to endorse the bill.

Councilor Berlant made a motion to include a presentation by Lee Lull and Allen Hallmark regarding the clean energy jobs bill on the December 20th agenda. Councilor Harrison seconded. Discussion: Councilor Pederson requested clarification on if the request is for a presentation or to adopt the resolution. Mayor clarified that Ms. Lull would be put on the agenda to present the request and for the Council to consider the matter at that time. Yes: Councilor Land, Councilor Berlant, Councilor Dolan, Councilor Harrison, Councilor Pederson: No: Councilor Baker Motion Passes 5-1

Mayor Ayers-Flood welcomed County Commissioner Colleen Roberts and thanked her for her dedication to the City.

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 Council Meeting Minutes for November 15, 2017

Councilor Pederson spoke regarding Page 5 section 8.2, 2nd sentence reads “Due to the vacancy as of” should read “Due to the administrative leave as of”.

7.2 Acknowledge Receipt of Parks Commission Minutes for October 11, 2017

7.3 Acknowledge Receipt of Planning Commission Minutes for September 28, 2017

7.4 Acknowledge Receipt of Planning Commission Minutes for October 26, 2017

Councilor Harrison moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Pederson seconded. Discussion: Councilor Pederson wanted clarification that the motion included amendments made. Motion includes amendment. 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 Second Reading of Ordinance 17-939-O Establishing a Program for the Maintenance and Operation of Talent City Parks and Imposing a Surcharge for Ongoing Funding. Repealing Ordinance 16-915

Mr. Moody gave a brief staff report explaining that this is a second reading with no substantial changes from the first reading.

Councilor Baker moved to adopt ordinance 17-939-O Establishing a Program for the Maintenance and Operation of Talent City Parks and Imposing a Surcharge for Ongoing Funding. Repealing Ordinance 16-915. Councilor Harrison seconded. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion Passed unanimously. Mayor Ayers-Flood thanked Councilor Baker for his work on this ordinance.

8.2 OLCC Application for The Grotto Pizzeria Co., Upgrading from Limited On-Premises to Full On-Premises, Commercial

Chief Whipple gave a brief staff report.

Councilor Baker needed clarification on the difference between limited and full service. Chief Whipple stated the difference between limited (beer & wine) and full service (beer, wine, & hard alcohol).

Councilor Dolan moved to approve The Grotto Pizzeria for a full on-premises OLCC Liquor License. Councilor Pederson seconded. Discussion: None All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Ayers-Flood confirmed with Chief Whipple that temporary OLCC applications do not need to be presented in front of council. Chief agreed.

8.3 ORDINANCE 17-940-O AMENDING THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH ASHLAND SANITARY AND RECYCLING SERVICE; AMENDS ORDINANCE NO. 04-758-O AND REPEALS ORDINANCE NO. 838

Mr. Moody stated this ordinance is to repeal an ordinance from 2004, but upon review there was an ordinance adopted in 2014 that is doing the same thing as this ordinance. The ordinance adopted in 2014 Repealed an ordinance that was adopted in 1983, but did not repeal this ordinance from 2004. There is no need to adopt an ordinance to fix the current issues. The council can amend the fee schedule by resolution.

Gary Blake – General Manager for Recology of Ashland – 170 Oak St., Ashland
Jamie Rosenthal -Recology Ashland – 170 Oak St., Ashland

Presentation included in the packet.

Mr. Blake thanked Council for the opportunities they have had and for the long-standing relationship and partnership with the City of Talent.

- Recology supported and participated in the Harvest Festival and completed the 3rd annual leaf clean-up.
- 2/3's of Recology's garbage routes are automated.
- The waste shed has improved over the years and has allowed diversion from the Landfill. He also thanked groups such as Zero Waste Team, Boys and Girls Club, and Talent Maker City.

Gary Blake started the presentation off with a brief background of how Recology works:

- Recology sends all collected recycling to an aggregator (Rogue Material Recovery) The materials are then bailed for efficient shipments to a sorting facility. The materials are sorted out into their components and sold into market.
- In early 2017, China announced a crackdown on waste that was coming along with the recycled products they import.
- In July 2017, China sent a notice of an import ban that will become effective in 2018. New quality standards will go from 3% down to .3% at the end of this year, but they will possibly accept 1%.
- The West Coast is impacted on a greater scale than the rest of the country.
- In December 2015, Recology was making \$18/ton on recyclables, in 2016 breaking even, and October 2017 paying \$90/ton. Sorting Facilities are slowing down due to contamination.
- Recology is suggesting a recycle surcharge. The two choices are continue to recycle with higher cost or ask DEQ for a concurrence to dispose of the recycle to a landfill which also has a cost.

Mayor asked for any questions.

Councilor Baker asked about the recycle center in Ashland and if the product comes out clean enough. Mr. Blake stated that the recycle centers have the cleanest product and you also have attendants there to answer any questions. Also, each coming bin is checked before dumping.

Councilor Baker asked for clarification on the percentage of the product that comes out of the Ashland Recycle Center. Mr. Blake stated that the sorting process separates and segregates the material. The challenge at any sort facility is taking legitimate recycled product that's in commingle and separating them out into their individual pieces. Councilor Baker asked if it takes much re-sorting if there was a sorting facility in Talent. Mr. Blake said if people didn't recycle curbside and went to a facility where its monitored, it could have some improvements, but you largely still have a curbside program. Councilor Baker asked if a program was set up in Talent that has an overhead cost to set it up, would that potentially give the city lower rates? Mr. Blake answered no.

Councilor Berlant asked if any other options have been looked at for reducing the cost such as reducing the number of pick-ups or trying to control the consumption side of things so people are putting less at the curb. Mr. Blake responded that he recommends using the reduce and re-use method so commingled materials don't end up in recycling at the end of the day, and this is part of Recology's educational message.

Councilor Berlant asked what the most common type of contaminants are. Ms. Rosenthal answered that the largest issues are soft plastic, film, bags, clothing, wood, Styrofoam and food.

Councilor Land asked if 100% of what is being collected is sent to China. Mr. Blake responded that only contamination is going to the landfill.

Councilor Dolan asked what cities, if any, have opted for the landfill option. Mr. Blake answered all the cities in Josephine County and virtually all the cities in Jackson County, with the exception of Ashland have opted for the landfill option.

Councilor Dolan asked what is going to happen to Recology if this surpasses and people stop their recycling service. Mr. Blake

responded that in terms of Recology, Ashland Council voted to continue recycling, so none of their material will go to landfills. He continued that Recology has been looking at alternative avenues beyond just RMR. Councilor Dolan asked if Grants Pass is still putting their recyclables at the curb. Mr. Blake the last time he talked to Grants Pass they were not landfilling.

Councilor Baker asked if this is an all or nothing option and if each household can go one direction or another. Mr. Blake responded that this is probably is an option.

Councilor Dolan asked if staff have any recommendations. Mr. Moody said the Interim City Manager has a recommendation and the staff report outlined the next steps for what the City needs to do. Either the materials are going to be landfilled or its going to be recycled. The rates are going to change either way. Continuing to recycle is estimated to increase customers' bills between \$1.95 to \$2.10 per customer per month verses if the product would be landfilled which would increase the monthly cost per customer \$1.05. The City will have to do an amendment to the fee schedule to compensate for the cost for whichever way the council decides to go.

Mayor Ayers-Flood asked for Mr. Moody to read the numbers again. Mr. Moody read the numbers. Mayor needed more clarification about the numbers. Mr. Moody clarified it's going to increase by \$1.95 to \$2.10 per month per customer. Mr. Blake also clarified that Recology is going to take actual costs each quarter and divide those costs by the participants. The \$1.95 to \$2.10 is based on actual experience from September, October, and November 2017. Recology would recalculate in another quarter starting December 2017.

Mayor said that Council can make one of three decisions: 1 being the route of the \$1.05 option where everything goes to landfill; 2 being the recycle route which could increase customers' bills by \$1.95 to \$2.10 per customer per month, and then the option Councilor Baker had asked about regarding a recycle center in Talent.

Councilor Land asked if the City went the route of recycling if there will still be people that will choose to recycle or just use garbage and their bill will go up 1.05. Mr. Blake clarified you can have a blue cart but it won't change your garbage rate.

Councilor Baker said he would like to split the surcharge and make the recycle charge separate and asked if the \$1.05 would hold. Mr. Blake said yes and landfill prices over time go up like a CPI adjustment. Councilor Baker asked if the recycle surcharge could go way up or drop if they lower their standards. Mr. Blake responded that part of the proposal was to cap surcharge and that Recology would propose \$3.50. If it goes over that cap, Recology would revisit it.

Councilor Baker asked Mr. Moody if this was going to be revisited quarterly. Mr. Moody responded that revisiting quarterly was the recommendation of the resolution. Councilor Berlant clarified that Recology would revisit quarterly. Mr. Moody clarified that staff is recommending that the surcharge be reevaluated quarterly, and the City would receive the surcharges prior to it being place on the customer bills. Councilor Berlant asked if they make a motion each quarter they want to continue or no longer based on that current charge. Mr. Moody responded yes.

Councilor Berlant moved to direct staff to develop the resolution amending the franchise agreement with Ashland Sanitary Recycling Services and instruct them to continue to send comingled recyclables to sort facilities at a cost not to exceed \$3.50 per month per customer. Councilor Dolan Seconded. Mayor Ayers Flood repeated the motion. Discussion: Councilor Pederson will be supporting the motion. Councilor Baker needed clarification on the motion and asked if the motion is made with the assumption that it will be looked at quarterly. Councilor Berlant amended the motion to include that this fee schedule be re-evaluated quarterly by council. Councilor Dolan retained her second. Council Baker requested that the fee be shown separate so the people understand what they are paying. Mayor will note Councilor Bakers request for the record. Councilor Harrison will support this motion. Councilor Berlant will support this motion. Mayor will support this motion. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Information Items

9.1 Lynn Newbry Park Update Regarding New Land Use Permit

Mr. Moody gave a brief staff report.

Mayor asked if Mr. Moody needed any more action. Mr. Moody replied that there is no action necessary.

Councilor Berlant noted that condition 1 of the land use permit says the permit should not allow obnoxious weeds or shrubs to grow on premises. Mr. Moody stated that's their boiler plate and the City needs to be cautious anyways with over growth.

9.2 Interim Citizen Advisory Committee Policy Update

Mr. Moody gave a brief staff report explaining that Planning Commission requested approval for changes. Mr. Moody didn't have the motion in front of him, but is not asking for action.

Mayor stated she was at that meeting and there were no substantial changes. Councilor Harrison stated they put a lot of discussion and time into those changes. Mr. Moody said that if the Council would like him to bring an edited version with a motion and staff report

to the December 20th meeting he would.

Mayor Ayers-Flood recommended to the Council that this is an interim policy and there were no substantial changes, but Council can make a motion for the adoption of the interim policy as amended by the Planning Commission. Mayor Ayers-Flood also asked for notes of changes. Councilor Harrison said he knew they discussed it in detail. Mr. Moody said that the City needs to be clear in the policy and this is not just a land use permit but it's also an advisory committee policy that could go to Parks Commission or a CAC.

Councilor Harrison moved to adopt the interim version of this until a more permanent solution has been found. Councilor Pederson seconded. Mayor Ayers Flood repeated the motion. Discussion: Councilor Berlant would like to make a small change on Pg. 90 regarding membership, the second bullet, regarding the CAC appointment should be broadly representative of the City's geographic areas and would like it to also include income level, education, race, involvement tenure in the city. Mayor Ayers-Flood asked if it could wait for the permanent policy. Councilor Berlant stated if the interim policy was directed to housing or energy then she wants the change. Councilor Pederson will not support Councilor Berlant's request and said that level of specifics would cause it to be impractical. Councilor Harrison would like to discuss the changes at a different time. Councilor Baker will not support the changes. Councilor Land is torn. Councilor Dolan doesn't want delay. Councilor Dolan, Councilor Land, Councilor Pederson, & Councilor Harrison: Yes Councilor Baker and Councilor Berlant: NO. Motion Passes 4-2.

9.3 Town Hall Water Update and Test Results

Mr. Marshall gave a brief staff report. There were concerns about the drinkability of the water at Town Hall. Samples showed Chloroform was absent and levels of lead and copper were well within the EPA allowable levels for drinking water.

9.4 Year-to-date Mayor's Economic & Community Development Matching Donations

Mayor asked staff to give everyone an idea of what Mayor spent so far. This is to show how it's been used and how much money its raised.

- First matching donation was for \$1,000.00 for Jan Wright's Book
- Second matching donation Wine Down and Tool Up to Maker City for \$500
- Third matching donation was PHS Alumni Scholarship for \$500

9.5 Update on Upcoming Planning Commissioner Appointment on December 20, 2017

Mr. Moody gave a brief Staff Report.

Councilor Harrison said the Planning Commission had three good candidates but unanimously voted on Erica Giesen. Mayor Ayers-Flood asked the Council to consent to Mayoral appointment of Erica Giesen to the Planning Commission.

Councilor Harrison moved to appoint Erica Giesen to the Planning Commission. Councilor Berlant seconded. Discussion: Councilor Baker wanted to know the other candidates. Mr. Moody stated Tony Abshire and Jeffrey Nichols. Councilor Pederson will be supporting this but would like information about the applicant. Mayor Ayers-Flood would like to bring this back to the next meeting with the applications for the three applicants. Councilor Harrison stated there will be another opening on the Planning Commission the 1st of the Year. Councilor Harrison withdrew the motion.

10. City Manager & Other Department Reports

Items for discussion by the City Manager and Department Heads as needed.

- Mr. Moody said he wants to start goal setting for TURA. There might be capital improvement projects in the City that Urban Renewal will not fund. Mr. Moody wants to get behind the projects to find how much it costs and know what to budget.
- The City Recorder position closed on December 7th and the City would like to fill position by mid-January 2018.
- Blue Sky now has a plaque on the front of the Community Center.
- Mr. Moody referred to Mr. Marshall to talk about the John Street project. The City is working with the engineer on changing the side of the sidewalk that the trees would be planted on. They located the power conduit for street lights for the engineer to give a cost. There is concern with moving the trees to the other side and it would force pedestrians to walk in a S pattern around the tree and the lamp post. The option the Engineer is looking at is putting trees outside of the sidewalk with their own wells near the grass. This would be a problem closer to the post office where the planters for those trees would be narrower.

Councilor Land asked about the IT Position. Mr. Moody stated the City is contracting with Lana for a certain amount of time. Councilor Harrison asked about the Foot Bridge. Mr. Marshall said it's being delayed because Park Side Apartments owns that property. The City is in negotiation with them for that piece of property.

11. Other Business

Councilor Pederson wanted to mention that the Talent Oregon Facebook page is not a public forum but a community forum with 1,000 people including elected officials who participate. Councilor Pederson would like to bring some of that information being said and tagging it for public record. Councilor Pederson would like to include in packets for public records the threads that were tagged. Councilor Baker confirmed the owner of the page pulls stuff down when it's inappropriate. Councilor Pederson said it's even more reason to do a search. He suggests if a current staff member or the City Recorder can be responsible for tagging threads. Councilor Dolan agrees there needs to be a strategy. Mayor suggests a policy to be written and to talk more about it in January 2018.

Councilor Dolan would like to start a pollinator challenge.

12. Mayor and Councilor - Committee Reports and Councilor Comments

Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation – Councilor Harrison – Mayor Ayers-Flood (alternate)

- Art of Rogue Valley MPO still changing rules on what they are going to do with the CMAQ funds (air quality mitigation grant) from 2021 and on.

Together for Talent Committee – Councilor Dolan and Councilor Berlant

- Councilor Harrison motion to designate Joseph Park to be a pollinator park. Plans are starting to develop, but they are questioning fencing. Dolly and Jim Thompson are working on a plan to start little spots for pollinating. Mr. Moody said T4T needs to work with Planning because there is a site plan review and it's a land use step that needs to happen. Councilor Dolan was concerned about the milkweed being toxic to dogs. Councilor Dolan asked if there is a liability with having milkweed on public lands, and how to mitigate it. Mayor wants to know about the liability with the fence issue.
- Electric vehicle station is being installed on December 15th. Together for Talent has a guarantee from True South Solar of \$1,500.00. Together for Talent is seeking more donations to cover the cost of the station. T4T is considering Blue Sky Grants for additional solar panels for the Community Center to help with the extra use of the EV Charger. Rogue Climate Generation Team is seeking out businesses to apply for Blue Sky Grants.
- Councilor Dolan attended the Together for Talent meeting and would like to be alternate and to have the IPM put back on the next agenda.

Metropolitan Planning Organization – Mayor Ayers-Flood – Councilor Harrison (alternate)

Planning Commission – Councilor Dolan – Councilor Harrison (alternate)

Public Art Advisory Committee – N/A

Parks Commission – Councilor Baker

Traffic Safety & Transportation Commission – Councilor Harrison

Rogue Valley Council of Governments – Mayor Ayers-Flood

Talent Historical Society – N/A

Harvest Festival Committee – N/A

Economic Development - Councilor Pederson.

Mr. Moody would like to know who the liaison would be. Mayor suggested this question be on the agenda for December 20th.

- Waiting to hear if there are any applicants.

Chamber – Councilor Pederson

SORED - Councilor Pederson

- Meeting next week. One of the members works for Pacific Power and they are considering investing a lot of money into reusable energy

13. Adjournment 9:30pm