



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DRAFT MINUTES  
TALENT COMMUNITY CENTER  
January 7, 2015 – 6:30 P.M.**

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The City Council of the City of Talent will meet on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 in a Regular Council session at 6:30 P.M. in the Talent Community Center, 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- 6:30 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. Swear in Mayor and Councilors.**

Joan Dean, Ryan Pederson and Daniel Wise were sworn in as City Councilors. Darby Stricker was sworn in as Mayor. (*See attached oath of office*).

Mayor Stricker gave a speech (*see attached*).

**2. Call to Order/Roll Call**

**Members Present**  
Mayor Stricker  
Councilor Dean  
Councilor McManus  
Councilor Cooke  
Councilor Abshire  
Councilor Pederson  
Councilor Wise

**Members Absent**

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Mayor Announcements**

Mayor Stricker handed out a platform discussion sheet (*see attached*).

She also announced that Parks looking for a volunteer to help with public relations for their program. If anyone knows any one please contact the Parks Commission or City Hall.

**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.*

**5.1 None**

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

*Limited to 5 minutes or less per Mayor discretion*

Meadowsweet Levi – 106 N. First Street, Talent – Ms. Levi welcomed the new Councilors and Mayor. She spoke in appreciation of the continued work to have Talent be pesticide and herbicide free.

**7. 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.*

7.1 None

8. 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.*

- 8.1 Approval of Regular Council Minutes for December 17, 2014
- 8.2 Acknowledge Receipt of Parks Minutes November 12, 2014
- 8.3 Acknowledge Receipt of Payables
- 8.4 Appoint Daniel Milan to the Planning Commission
- 8.5 Appoint Allison French to the Planning Commission as an Alternate
- 8.6 Re-appoint Janet Chose and Carl Shauger to the Parks Commission

Councilor Cooke spoke she would like the 20% increase in cost for the new Community Center discussion added into the minutes. City Manager, Tom Corrigan explained that the Grant was a set amount and we won't go over that.

Councilor Pederson asked for clarification regarding the TAP refund to Phoenix in the payables. He questioned if the was transferred to the City of Talent from the Medford Water Commission and then to Phoenix. Mr. Corrigan answered yes.

**Councilor Pederson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Councilor Cooke seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.**

9. 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.*

- 9.1 **Second Reading of Ordinance 14-878-O, An Ordinance that provides rules and regulations for the conduct and operation of the water system of the City of Talent and connection therewith. Repealing Ordinance 04-750-O.**

City Manager, Tom Corrigan gave a brief Staff report.

Councilor Wise questioned if there is a reconnect fee during hours. Mr. Corrigan answered yes. He explained the process of refunds and the cost for various reconnects.

**Councilor Pederson moved to adopt Ordinance 14-878-O, An Ordinance that provides rules and regulations for the conduct and operation of the water system of the City of Talent and connection therewith. Repealing Ordinance 04-750-O. Councilor Wise seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.**

9.2 Council Liaison Assignments

Mayor Stricker spoke that Council Liaison Assignments are positions that Councilors perform as liaison for Committees and Commissions.

Mayor Stricker spoke with each Councilor and came up with appointments. The appointments are listed below:

Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation – Mayor Stricker & Councilor Dean (alternate)  
Together for Talent Committee – Melissa Huhtala & Mayor Stricker (alternate)  
Metropolitan Planning Organization – Mayor Stricker & Councilor Cooke (alternate)  
Planning Commission – Councilor Wise & Councilor Abshire (alternate)  
Public Art Advisory Committee – Councilor McManus  
Parks Commission – Councilor Dean  
Traffic Safety & Transportation Commission – Councilor Cooke  
Urban Renewal Agency – Councilor Pederson, Councilor Dean and Councilor Abshire  
Rogue Valley Council of Governments – Councilor McManus & Mayor Stricker (alternate)  
Bear Creek Greenway Committee – Councilor Cooke  
Talent Historical Society – Councilor Pederson & Councilor Abshire (alternate)  
Harvest Festival Committee – Councilor McManus  
Economic Development - Councilor Pederson & Council McManus

Discussion: None. Council gave consensus for assignments.

9.3 Budget Calendar

**Councilor Dean moved to approve the Budget Calendar. Councilor Cooke seconded. Mayor Stricker repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.**

10. Information Items

## 10.1 Policy on Council Appointments

Mr. Corrigan went over a draft policy (*see attached*). Locations of the postings around town was discussed. Councilor Wise questioned the terms of Commission/Committee members. Mr. Corrigan explained they are set up by the bylaws of each Committee/Commission.

Councilor Wise questioned if someone resigned before the term ends would the vacancy be filled immediately or wait until the official appointment time. Different options were discussed.

Mayor Stricker questioned if the time that the Citizens have access to the vacancies should be 2 weeks or 30 days. It was decided to keep it 2 weeks. The information is also in the FLASH. Mayor Stricker questioned the policy for re-appointment. Councilor McManus spoke that reappointment should be a recommendation from the Commission/Committee Chair and then brought to Council. Councilor Pederson agreed. Council discussed reappointment options. It was decided for Staff to draft up revised Policy and bring to the next Council Meeting.

## 10.2 City Charter

Mr. Corrigan gave a brief Staff report. He spoke to the importance of the Charter. He spoke to the procedure of amending the Charter.

Mayor Stricker proposed a process to first select an Adhoc Committee including one Council member and Talent Citizens. The Committee would update the Charter using tools from The League of Oregon Cities (LOC). Next the recommended changes would be reviewed by Council. After Council review it would be taken to Legal to prepare the final draft for a Public Hearing. After the Public Hearing it would be submitted to special election which would be March 2016. She spoke that tonight would just like approval from Council to start the process.

Councilor Dean questioned the process of selecting Citizens for the Adhoc Committee. Mayor Stricker spoke there are some Citizens that have worked on this before and would be good to look at the LOC outline. She spoke of the importance of Citizen Participation.

Councilor Pederson spoke in support of this but would rather see in on a November ballot Mayor Stricker agreed that was a good idea and this can be decided during the process.

Councilor Cooke spoke that the City is working on the Transportation System Plan (TSP) which would need to be adopted. She suggested these two items coincide to get more citizen impact.

Mr. Corrigan spoke that there is an Open House in 2 weeks for TSP.

Councilor McManus spoke of the importance of public knowledge about why we would be making changes. He suggested to review the Charter and bring it back to the next meeting for consideration. Councilor Pederson suggested to have a Public Hearing about the goals the City is trying to achieve by amending the Charter.

It was decided for Council to look over the LOC Model Charter, compare the Talent Charter to the LOC Charter and bring back to the next meeting.

## 11. City Manager & Other Department Reports

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

Mr. Corrigan gave Department and City Reports.

- Minimum wage is now \$9.25 for one year.
- Risk Management training information will be coming soon.
- There will be a CIS Best Practices meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Corrigan met with Joanna Harmon regarding educational signing.
- Staff is at the final stages of water rights.
- There is LOC Training for New Elected Officials.
- Medford Water Commission raised rates. Information will be brought to Council.
- Parks Website is being reviewed.
- Ms. Huhtala is working on the Ordinance Codification.
- There was an incident in Talent that Talent PD did a great job responding too.
- There are new Stream Smart slides on the monitor in City Hall.

## 12. Other Business

### 12.1

Mayor Stricker spoke regarding what items were on tonight's Consent Agenda.

Mayor Stricker spoke that a decision made on a complaint file to the asphalt plant. She suggested to get the ruling to Council. It was decided to invite Steve Rouse to a future meeting to discuss an update on the asphalt plant.

Councilor Dean suggested Staff to create a year of events calendar that also shows when Commission/Committee meetings are. Council agreed. Staff will create a calendar for Council.

City Recorder, Melissa Huhtala spoke that tonight would be a good time to nominate a new Council President. Councilor Cooke, Councilor Pederson and Councilor McManus all volunteered. Councilor Cooke nominated Councilor Pederson. Councilor Dean seconded. Councilor Wise nominated Councilor McManus, Councilor Pederson seconded. Council wrote there votes and gave to Ms. Huhtala. Councilor Pederson was appointed Council President 4/2.

Mayor Stricker proposed that every month that has a 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday to have Summit Meetings. Council agreed. The first one will be April 29<sup>th</sup>.

- 13. Mayor and Councilor - Committee Reports and Councilor Comments**  
Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation –(Mayor Stricker & Dean)  
Together for Talent Committee –  
Metropolitan Planning Organization –( Mayor Stricker & Cooke)  
Planning Commission –  
Public Art Advisory Committee – (McManus)  
Parks Commission – (Dean)  
Traffic Safety & Transportation Commission – (Cooke)  
Urban Renewal Agency – (Pederson & Dean)  
Rogue Valley Council of Governments – (McManus)  
Medford Water Commission -  
Bear Creek Greenway Committee – (Cooke)  
Talent Historical Society – (Pederson)  
Harvest Festival Committee – (McManus)  
Economic Development Committee (Pederson)

Councilor Abshire, Councilor Pederson and Councilor McManus had no announcements.

Councilor Wise announced he missed the last Planning Commission Meeting. He spoke that Planning is working on Code.

Councilor Cooke spoke she is looking forward to upcoming projects on the Traffic Safety and Transportation Commission.

Mr. Corrigan spoke that after talking to Camelot they have stopped using or paying for space at the Historical Society. The City has not been notified about this. Councilor Pederson said he would find out at the next meeting which is Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Dean spoke that Paul Hadella has been working on the Parks website.

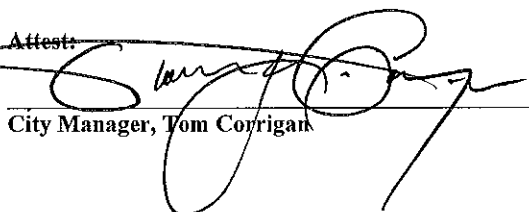
**14. Adjournment**

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:

  
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City Recorder, Melissa Huhtala

Attest:

  
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City Manager, Tom Corrigan

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## CITY OF TALENT

STATE OF OREGON,  
County of Jackson

I, Joan Dean do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and the laws thereof, and the City Charter and ordinances of the City of Talent, and will faithfully and honorably perform the duties in the position of City Councilor to which I have been selected, to the best of my ability.

*Joan J. Dean*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
7th day of January 2015 by City Recorder/  
Notary Public Melissa Huhtala



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County of Jackson

I, Ryan Pederson do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and the laws thereof, and the City Charter and ordinances of the City of Talent, and will faithfully and honorably perform the duties in the position of City Councilor to which I have been selected, to the best of my ability.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
7th day of January 2015 by City Recorder/  
Notary Public Melissa Huhtala



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I, Daniel Wise do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and the laws thereof, and the City Charter and ordinances of the City of Talent, and will faithfully and honorably perform the duties in the position of City Councilor to which I have been selected, to the best of my ability.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
7th day of January 2015 by City Recorder/  
Notary Public Melissa Huhtala



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I, Darby Stricker do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and the laws thereof, and the City Charter and ordinances of the City of Talent, and will faithfully and honorably perform the duties in the position of Mayor to which I have been selected, to the best of my ability.

*Darby Stricker*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
7th day of January 2015 by City Recorder/  
Notary Public Melissa Huhtala



**The following is the campaign platform of Darby Stricker, during election year 2014 for Mayor of Talent.**

Submitted to council on 1/7/2015, for consideration during goal setting in 2015 – 2018.

#### **From Voters Pamphlet – General Election 2014**

As Mayor, Darby will:

- Build an economic development strategic plan.
- Because a plan gives direction and a robust economy provides revenue for better city services and public safety while reducing our reliance on service fees.
- Engage our community to realize a shared vision for Talent.
- Improve access to city government.
- Because transparency and information sharing improves the work of government

#### **From Mail Tribune – “Cecil, Stricker to face off again in mayor’s race” published 10/10/14**

“I want to install a (economic development) committee so it’s an ongoing effort, so we continue to evaluate the growth of the city while maintaining the small-town feel,” said Stricker, adding she’d like to see the city gain living-wage jobs and high-value light manufacturing.

“One of the opportunities I think we have missed is doing a better job of bringing the committees and commissions together and ... working on a shared basis,” said Stricker, adding she’d like to have "summit sessions" so the bodies could learn from each other and find common ground for shared visions.

Both candidates said that with the Talent Urban Renewal Agency closing down in December 2016, they’d like to see the agency's tax revenue go to the city to reduce surcharges that appear on utility bills. “I’d like to see a plan in place. I don’t want to see a windfall spent without one,” said Stricker.

#### **From door hanger**

As Mayor, Darby will:

- Stand by our community on local environmental issues.
- Continue the effort for better water contracts and rates.
- Improve communication between city committees so that a shared vision is realized. Our involved volunteers are a valuable resource that deserves a focused co-operation.
- Build a responsible economic development plan, to create an environment that sustains small town appropriate businesses with living wage jobs.
- Create a plan to reduce our reliance on the user fees found on our water bill.
- Support citizens engaging with city council and staff on issues, concerns and questions because transparency and information sharing improves the City of Talent.