



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TALENT COMMUNITY CENTER  
February 5, 2014 – 6:30 P.M.**

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The City Council of the City of Talent will meet on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 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. Call to Order/Roll Call**

**Members Present**

**Mayor Cecil  
Councilor McManus  
Councilor Stricker  
Councilor Pederson  
Councilor Steyskal**

**Members Absent**

**Councilor Dean  
Councilor Cooke**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Mayor Announcements**

Mayor Cecil announced that Dale Kinnan, Talent Police Chief from 1987 to 1997 passed away.

**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 Mayor discretion*

Lee? Greenway.

**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 Minutes for January 15, 2014**
- 7.2 Acknowledge Receipt of Parks Commission Minutes from November 13, 2013**
- 7.3 Acknowledge Receipt of Mid-Year Budget Review**
- 7.4 Acknowledge Receipt of Payables**

Councilor Steyskal moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor McManus seconded. Mayor Cecil repeated the motion. 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 Adopt Resolution 14-910-R, A Resolution Extending City of Talent's workers compensation coverage to volunteers of the City of Talent for the remainder of coverage year 2013-2014 and coverage year 2014-2015 and rescinding Resolution NO. 13-902-R

Councilor Pederson moved to Adopt Resolution 14-910-R, A Resolution Extending City of Talent's workers compensation coverage to volunteers of the City of Talent for the remainder of coverage year 2013-2014 and coverage year 2014-2015 and rescinding Resolution NO. 13-902-R Councilor Steyskal seconded. Mayor Cecil repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.2 Second reading to adopt Ordinance No. 14-871-O, An Ordinance codifying the Parks and Recreation Commission amending Ordinance 10-853-O.

Councilor Steyskal moved to adopt Ordinance No. 14-871-O, An Ordinance codifying the Parks and Recreation Commission amending Ordinance 10-853-O. Councilor Pederson seconded. Mayor Cecil repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.3 Appoint Brenda Schweitzer to the Planning Commission & Reappoint Jeanne Tribble to the Parks Commission.

Mayor Cecil spoke he would like to appoint Brenda Schweitzer to the Planning Commission & Reappoint Jeanne Tribble to the Parks Commission.

Councilor Stricker moved confirm Mayor Cecil's appointments. Councilor Pederson seconded the motion. Mayor Cecil repeated the motion. 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.*

City Manager, Tom Corrigan gave Department and City reports.

- The Budget Report was discussed.
- The City received a letter from Jackson County which stated there was a growth of 6% in Talents Population. They are also doing a new evaluation of property which will take up to 2 years.
- City Recorder, Melissa Huhtala is working on getting the Ordinances on the web. The Municipal Code is a project in progress.
- Police Sergeant, Jennifer Snook, spoke regarding training the Police Department is going through.
- The City received a letter from a Citizen regarding the current art display in City Hall.
- Ms. Huhtala has updated the City Directory. The final version will be sent out soon.
- The contract with ORW has been finalized.
- The City has been looking at options for Front Street.
- Mr. Corrigan will be in Court tomorrow regarding a motion to quash.
- Mr. Corrigan had a meeting with Brent Jensen from Teamsters.
- There have been easement requests.
- Ashland looking to join TAP sooner than planned. Talent is scheduling a meeting with TAP on February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Phishing attempts have been happening.
- Brought down some new trees for around City Hall and will be working on planting them this Friday.
- Dave Maynard from the Community Development Department is leaving. The job opening will be posted soon.
- The Utility Billing Department will be looking to hire 16 hr. position soon.
- Public Works currently has an opening and the job posting will be posted soon.
- Information regarding medical marijuana dispensaries will be going to Council. Mayor Cecil spoke he would like to do a study session regarding this issue.
- A tree on Talent Avenue was taken down. It was in an area with an ADA issue.
- Received LUBA appeal from Rogue Advocates.
- RH2 has withdrawn from renting a space in Talent City Hall. Community Development moved into that space.
- Franchise fees were discussed.
- There was approval from CIS to make improvements to the Volleyball Court and the Splash Pad was also approved. The time frame for the Volleyball Court is by Summer. Not sure yet regarding the Splash Pad.
- Fee changes will be at the next Council Meeting.

- Once Staff gets designs on the new Community Center there will be a Public Hearing.

**11. Other Business**

**11.1**

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

Councilor Steyskal announced he was unable to attend Planning or Urban Renewal Meeting.

Councilor Stricker announced she attended the Water Commission meeting and gave a brief update. She also discussed the letter Mr. Corrigan handed out (*see attached*). Mayor Cecil spoke in appreciation for Councilor Stricker taking this on.

Councilor Pederson announced he attended Historical Society and gave brief update. Economic Development attended SOREDI conference and went over the updates.

Councilor McManus announced Public Arts didn't have a meeting last month and he did not attend RVCOG.


Councilor McManus spoke regarding recognition to past business owners who have passed. Council agreed to this suggestion.

Mayor Cecil announced he attended the Safe Schools meeting today and gave a brief update. Attended RVMPO gave updates.

**13. Adjournment**

The City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 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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Medford Water Commission  
200 South Ivy Street Room 177  
Medford, OR 97501

RE: Resignation from Rate Study Focus Group

Dear Water Commissioners:

The Cities of Central Point, Eagle Point, Phoenix and Talent were disappointed in your decision on January 8, 2014 to revise the level of participation by the Cities in your \$75,000 rate study. The attached May 8, 2013 letter from your Manager, sent prior to the start of the study, clearly states the purpose of the focus group when you requested our participation. We appointed Chris Peters from RH2 Engineering to be the sole representative you were willing to allow the cities to have, with the understanding that her role would be to "ask questions and give thoughtful input." Your decision to change that level of participation to "listen and learn" was based on inaccurate information from your staff. Despite attempts to explain the inaccuracy, the Commission continues to maintain that somehow Ms. Peters had violated the Commission's rules of participation. That conclusion is simply not accurate.

We hereby withdraw from participation in the rate study. We are aware that we will be billed a large portion of the cost of the rate study through the rates that you decide to charge the cities and other wholesale customers. From our perspective the current study conducted without our ability to participate in a meaningful way is disrespectful to us and will likely result in the continuation of the incorrect past practices and philosophies we have tried to bring to your attention many times over the last few years. Such a course, in our opinion is a complete waste of \$75,000.

Although we are disappointed in having to take this action and saddened by the break down in communications related to this issue, we remain committed to doing our part to improve communications with the Commission in this New Year.

Sincerely,

Mayor William Cecil

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