



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TALENT COMMUNITY CENTER
SEPTEMBER 3, 2014 – 6:30 P.M.**

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The City Council of the City of Talent will meet on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 in a Regular Council session at 6:30 P.M. in the Talent Community Center, 206 E. Main Street.

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING- 6:30 PM

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present
Mayor Cecil
Councilor Dean
Councilor McManus
Councilor Cooke
Councilor Stricker
Councilor Pederson
Councilor Steyskal

Members Absent
None.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Mayor Announcements

3.1 Mayor Cecil had no announcements.

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

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 August 20, 2014

- 7.2 Acknowledge Receipt of Payables
7.3 Approval for Sandy Jilton to be appointed to the Talent Public Art Committee & Harvest Festival Committee

Councilor Cooke abstained from voting for the August 20th due to absence. Councilor Pederson moved to approve the consent agenda Councilor Stricker 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 Medical Marijuana Tax Update

Community Development Director, Zac Moody gave Council a Staff report.

Council discussed the options.

Councilor Stricker questioned Chief Moran the beneficial reasons for taxing medical marijuana and the impact to the Police Department.

Council discussed the difference to medical marijuana prescriptions and other prescriptions.

Councilor Stricker spoke that she is not in support of taxing medical marijuana but would be in support of taxing recreational marijuana. Councilor Pederson agreed.

Councilor McManus questioned on the impact to Police since the dispensaries have already been in place. Chief Moran answered that there have been a couple of calls but there has not been a large impact.

Council discussed options. Councilor Stricker spoke that she would like to keep the tax rate for recreational marijuana and medical marijuana separate. Councilor Pederson spoke that he would not be in favor of taxing medical marijuana. Chief Moran gave reasons why it would be beneficial to tax medical marijuana.

Councilor Stricker moved to direct staff to prepare an Ordinance to establish a tax on the sale of recreational marijuana and recreational marijuana infused products and prepare a Resolution that establishes a tax. Councilor Pederson seconded. Mayor Cecil repeated the motion. Discussion: Councilor Dean spoke that she would not be in favor of this motion and gave her reasons why. Councilor Steyskal spoke that he is not in favor of open ended taxation. Councilor McManus agreed with Councilor Steyskal. Councilor Stricker amended her motion: moved to direct staff to prepare an Ordinance to establish a tax on the sale of recreational marijuana and recreational marijuana infused products not to exceed 15% and prepare a Resolution that establishes a tax rate not to exceed 15%. Councilor McManus, Councilor Pederson, Councilor Cooke, Councilor Stricker, Councilor Pederson: YES. Councilor Dean: NO. Motion passed.

Councilor Steyskal moved to direct staff to prepare an Ordinance to allow taxation of medical marijuana and infused products not to exceed 5% and prepare a resolution to establish the actual tax rate. Councilor Dean seconded. Councilor Steyskal spoke he doesn't want to handcuff future Council. Councilor Stricker spoke that she will not support taxation of medical marijuana and gave her reasons why. Councilor Pederson spoke that he appreciated Chief Morans comments about potential crime but spoke that problems come with every kind of medication. Councilor McManus spoke that he would not be in favor of this motion. Taxation of dispensaries verses patients was discussed. Councilor McManus, Councilor Cooke, Councilor Stricker, Councilor Pederson: NO. Councilor Dean and Councilor Steyskal: YES. Motion Failed.

8.2 Planning Code Amendment Update

Mr. Moody gave a staff report. Also, email sent of maps (*see attached*).

Mr. Moody asked for Council consensus to go to the Planning Commission on this issue. Staff recommended to continue with option #3.

Council gave consensus to go with the Staff recommendation.

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 Council City and Department Reports.

- Donation of trees many. Parks happy. 2 sequoias donated.
- Due to an upgrade on the servers the Utility Bills were skewed. It was resolved this afternoon. Bills will go out tomorrow and there will be no late fees to customers for this billing.
- LUBA remanded the county's decision on flood plain development.
- Staff has been working with TURA on a few things.
- The landscaping at Chuck Roberts Park has been turned over to the City.
- Soil sample report came back for new Community Center. Due to results the City will have to dig down 3-6 ft. of all clay soils etc.
- Staff is working on SCADA system software.
- There is a meeting tomorrow with Medford Water Commission.
- The letter from the City was delivered to Medford Water Commission.
- Mr. Corrigan will be attending a half day training that Pacific Power is hosting regarding energy efficiency in historical buildings. Staff will be looking into grant money for this.
- A BOLI training is coming up.
- Staff is working with RVSS on total maximum daily limits on the storm water management plan.
- Bee City USA News: Talent has one of the largest natural hives on Gibson Street. Staff is looking into creating a beehive box to keep the hive safe.

11. Other Business

11.1

Pederson questioned Updates on Rapp Road. Mr. Corrigan gave an update. He spoke that if the bridge were to fall in a state declared unsafe then the County would be involved in the process.

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 McManus announced he attended the RVCOG meeting and gave a brief update. He also announced the next Harvest Festival Meeting is Thursday September 11th. He spoke that things are going good with the planning and sponsorship is up.

Councilor Dean, Councilor Pederson and Councilor Steyskal had no announcements.

Councilor Cooke spoke she had no meetings but work was still being done due to the roundabout such as curb painting etc.

Councilor Stricker announced that she is going over the Economic Development Survey and will get it out in about a week. She also announced that Senator Widen was in town. She also spoke that she will be participating in a fan tour with SOREDI.

Mayor Cecil announced he attended the MPO and gave a brief update. He also spoke that he is looking for a place to have the Food Bank.

13. Adjournment

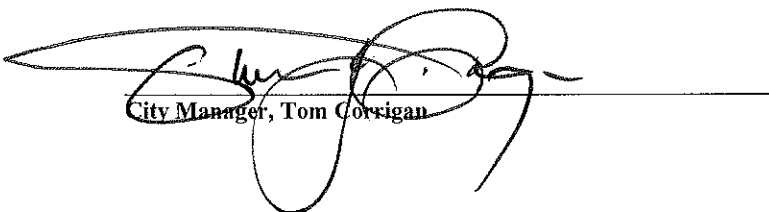
The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:18

Respectfully submitted by:



City Recorder, Melissa Huhtala

Attest:



City Manager, Tom Corrigan

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