



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TALENT COMMUNITY CENTER
January 2, 2013 – 6:30 P.M.**

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The City Council of the City of Talent will meet on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 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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SWEAR IN NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS- Council members Darby Stricker, Joan Dean, Teresa Cooke and Edwin McManus were sworn in by Judge Wickre.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call 6:40 PM

Members Present

Mayor Cecil
Councilor Dean
Councilor Glendenning
Councilor McManus
Councilor Cooke
Councilor Auer
Councilor Stricker

Members Absent

None

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Mayor Announcements

3.1- Council President

Councilor Auer suggested discussion about what the position entails. City Manager, Tom Corrigan read the section 17 of the Talent City Charter explaining what Council President role would be.

Councilor McManus nominated Councilor Cooke. Councilor Stricker nominated Councilor Glendenning and spoke to her reasons why (*see attached*).

Councilor Cooke and Councilor Glendenning accepted the nominations.

Raised hand vote for Councilor Cooke: Councilor McManus and Councilor Cooke: YES.

Raised hand vote for Councilor Glendenning: Councilor Auer, Councilor Stricker, Councilor Glendenning and Councilor Dean; YES.

Councilor Glendenning was voted to be Council President: 4/2.

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

Robert Townsend - 226 Talent Avenue. Mr. Townsend spoke regarding Mountain View Paving Company and Jackson County conditional use permit issue. He gave a brief background regarding the company. It was suggested that Mr. Townsend discuss this with the City Manager.

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 December 19, 2012

7.2 Acknowledge Receipt of Payables

Councilor Cooke moved to accept the consent agenda. Councilor Glendenning seconded. Mayor Cecil repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes.

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.

Mayor Cecil moved item 8.2 and 8.3 before 8.1.

8.2 Second Reading/Emergency Ordinance-An Ordinance for a Zone Change of 5.56 Acres from Highway Central Business District (CBH) to Commercial Highway (CH), for property along valley view road, previously occupied by the Talent Wal-Mart and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Corrigan explained why this Ordinance is being declared an emergency.

Councilor Glendenning read Ordinance No. 12-867-O.

Councilor Dean moved to adopt Ordinance No. 12-867-O as an emergency Ordinance. Councilor Glendenning seconded. Mayor Cecil repeated the motion and read the Ordinance title. Discussion: Councilor Stricker spoke to amended Section 4 adding "to preserve the peace, health, welfare and safety of the public." All Ayes with amendment to the Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

8.3 Art Display Approval – "Matters of the H-Art"

Mr. Townsend, Talent Public Art Committee member went through the Artwork.

Councilor Stricker questioned why Council approves the artwork. Mr. Townsend responded that the Committee chooses art they feel are best and need the Councilors to approve the work since it goes to City Hall. City Planner, Mark. Knox explained this information is in the Public Art Ordinance. Councilor Stricker spoke she would like to know the criteria.

Councilor Stricker recused herself from the item until she views the criteria.

Councilor Glendenning moved to accept the matters of heart art display. Councilor Dean seconded. Mayor Cecil repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

8.1 Approval of Resolution #12-889-R a resolution supporting the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) in the redesign of Highway 99 in Talent, Generally from Rapp Road South to Creel Road, including support of the ODOT's efforts to redesign Highway 99 within Jackson County, generally from Creel Road South to South Valley View Road.

Mr. Corrigan thanked members from DOT for coming. Mr. Corrigan explained that ultimately this is Council's decision and that Staff supports whatever decision Council makes. He spoke that Council approved a \$400,000 match years ago and noted that any decision made tonight would be for a 20 year plan.

City Planner, Mark Knox introduced Art Anderson, Ian Horlacher and Dick Leaver from ODOT. Mr. Knox went over the report. Mr. Knox showed Council a map showing the conceptual plan. He discussed how the plan would affect existing businesses.

Mr. Knox explained the 5 lane configuration and went over the 3 lane approach. Parking issues were discussed. Mr. Knox spoke to the benefits of the 3 lane option.

Art Anderson, from ODOT gave a brief history of the project. The Ashland Road Diet was discussed.

Mayor Cecil questioned if the 3 lane option had the capacity to hold up for 20 years. Mr. Anderson answered yes, 20 years and beyond. Councilor Cooke questioned what the ballpark figure would be to add right of ways to the 5 lane option. Mr. Knox answered about \$1.5 million. Councilor Stricker clarified that the \$1.5 million would be added.

Turn lanes were discussed for both the 3 and 5 lane option.

Councilor Stricker questioned ODOT if they support the road diet and option 2. Mr. Anderson answered yes and spoke of ODOT preferences.

Public Input-

Eric Heesacker – 1547 Summer Place, Talent – Mr. Heesacker spoke in support of the road diet. He expressed that he is glad Talent is looking into this. .

Sherman Lamb-224 Willow Way, Talent – Mr. Lamb spoke regarding the road diet. He spoke to how well it works in Ashland. He spoke it would be good for businesses and will enhance the safety issues. He spoke that in recent years Talent has been a forward thinking community and spoke how. He encouraged Council to keep that way of thinking forward and adopt the road diet.

David Chapman-390 Orchard Street, Ashland.- Mr. Chapman encouraged Council to approve the road diet and option number 2. He spoke that he is an ex Ashland Council Member and gave some background to their Road Diet. He spoke to benefits of the road diet and is in favor of option #2.

Jenna Stanke-3116 Alameda St., Medford – Ms. Stanke spoke in support of the 3 way road diet. She explained the benefits to having a 3 lane as opposed to a 5 lane. She expressed appreciation for ODOT and the City's effort in this project.

Mark DiRienzo-1200 South Pacific HWY – Talent- Mr. DiRienzo spoke in support of the 3 lane option.

Rees Jones- 107 North Whiteman Street, Ashland – Mr. Jones spoke in support of the road diet and explained his reasons why.

Ian Bagshaw-550 South Pacific HWY, Talent- Mr. Bagshaw explained he is in support of the road diet. He spoke that he is a frequent user of HWY 99 as a business owner, cyclist and motorist.

Gary Shaff- 516 Herbert, Ashland – Mr. Shaff spoke in support to the Road Diet.

Mayor Cecil explained to Council how important this discussion is.

Discussion:

Councilor McManus expressed appreciation to Staff and ODOT. He spoke in support of option 2 for the 3 lane and explained why.

Councilor Auer expressed appreciation to those who came out to discuss this item. He spoke to his personal experience with the road diet in Ashland. He expressed that he is in support of 3 lanes.

Councilor Cooke supports option 2 and explained reasons why.

Councilor Stricker spoke in support of option 2 with recommendation for section 2. She explained her reasons why this option would be best for Talent.

Councilor Glendenning spoke opposed of the 3 lane option and gave her reasons why.

Councilor Dean spoke in favor of option 2 and spoke in appreciation to the audience recommendations.

Council discussed the different options.

Councilor Cooke moved to approve 12-889-R and option 2 supporting the redesign of Highway 99, generally from Rapp Road south to Creel Road, for a three-lane design as depicted in Figure 6-5, Road Diet Scenario 1, 3-Lane Cross-Section Concept, including the road diet scenario 2:2 and 3-Lane cross section concepts from south of Creel Road to north of South Valley View Road. Councilor Stricker seconded. Mayor Cecil repeated the motion. Discussion: None. Councilor McManus, Councilor Auer, Councilor Cooke, Councilor Stricker and Councilor Dean; YES. Councilor Glendenning; NO. Motion passed 5/1.

8.4 Committee Appointments: Talent Urban Renewal Agency- Sherman Lamb Parks Commission Re-appointment – Janet Chose

Councilor Cooke moved to appoint Sherm lamb to the Talent Urban Renewal Agency and Janet Chose to the Parks Commission. Councilor Glendenning seconded. Mayor Cecil repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

8.5 City Council Committee/Commission Appointments

Councilor Auer questioned the diff between Ex-officio and council liaison. Mayor Cecil explained the difference. Committee/Commission appointments were made.

9. Information Items

10. City Manager & Other Department Reports

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

Mr. Corrigan briefed Council with Manager and Department Reports.

- Gibson Street –the remaining sidewalk is done. Concrete was poured for mailbox nests.
- The next project will be Front Street.
- The Community Center design is being discussed.
- A new attorney approved purchasing policy will be presented to Council soon.
- The City has been working with the little league regarding weeds and lack of watering.
- Meeting at county genetically modified.
- iTalent is up and running.
- Social Security 2 year benefit lapsed so now there is a 6.2 % taxation.
- Goals setting meeting is coming soon.

11. Other Business

Councilor Stricker spoke regarding the Mountain View Paving Company issue brought up by Mr. Townsend. She requested an update from Staff at the next Council Meeting.

12. Mayor and Councilor - Committee Reports and Councilor Comments

Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation – (Mayor Cecil)
Together for Talent Committee – (Mayor Cecil)
Metropolitan Planning Organization –(Mayor Cecil)
Planning Commission –(Auer)
Public Art Advisory Committee – (McManus)
Parks Commission – (Glendenning, McManus & Auer)
Traffic Safety & Transportation Commission – (Cooke)
Urban Renewal Agency – (Cooke)
Rogue Valley Council of Governments – (McManus)
Medford Water Commission
Bear Creek Greenway Committee – (Cooke)
Talent Historical Society – (Glendenning)
Harvest Festival Committee – (McManus)

Councilor Auer announced that at the last Parks meeting concerns about little league fields was discussed. He spoke that Ryan Pederson would like to be an official member of the Parks Commission. The process for that was explained. He spoke that the Commission will be breaking up into subcommittees and that they want to be involved in development of new Community Center.

Councilor McManus, Councilor Cooke, Councilor Glendenning and Mayor Cecil had no announcements.

Councilor Stricker moved to accept the Committee and Commission appointments for 2013. Councilor Glendenning seconded. Mayor Cecil repeated the motion. All ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Stricker spoke that a process for appointing committee/commissions would be helpful. It was discussed that Council rules and/or bylaws will be discussed at the next Study Session. Date for the next Study Session is to be determined.

Councilor Auer welcomed the new Councilors.

13. Adjournment

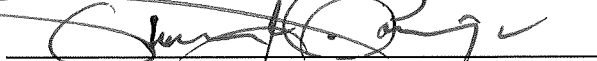
The Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by:



Melissa Huhtala, City Recorder

Attest:



Tom Corrigan, City Manager

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In every definition of President, I found the word leader.

The duties of the council president as defined by our charter....

Section 17. Council President.

- (2) The President shall function as mayor when the Mayor is:
 - a. Absent from a Council meeting, or
 - b. Unable to function as mayor.
 - c. When acting as Mayor the Council President shall not be entitled to vote on any matter of City business unless there is a tie. In this situation, the President must vote to resolve the tie, and may not abstain.

2(b). makes clear, that when a Mayor is unable to function, the council President shall function as Mayor. Which could mean that if for some reason and for a length of time, the mayor is not available, the President assumes the role of Mayor, which is so much more than just running a meeting.

It is also important to remind ourselves that, while the Mayor functions as an administrative liaison between council and city hall in our “weak mayor” structure, he or she does fill a leadership role in our community and the council President must function well in that role.

When I think of what kind of person that should fill that leadership role, I think of Diane Glendenning.

She is an independent thinker, she has integrity, she has high standards, she is courageous in her deliberations and she is thoughtful in her decision making. She is true to her word!

From the beginning of her time on council, Diane has fearlessly led us through challenging change and did so with integrity and a steadfast commitment to professionalism. She has always maintained her decorum during some of the most difficult meetings in 2010.

Since then, Diane has been a constant presence in our community. She attends nearly all of the important functions both official and no so official. She engages in a way that makes her a very approachable council member when out and about. As for her activities on the historical society, the Arts Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission, you will find that she has performed in a leadership capacity and spear headed projects for the benefit of the city of Talent. The Mayor himself has said on the public record that Diane had become his go – to councilor for special assignments.

She currently serves as vice chair on the historical society, she drafted the rough draft of the public arts committee and presented it for amendment and adoption, and as a special appointee to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Diane recognized the need for direction and formulated a plan to update the Parks Master Plan to provide the commission some focus.

There is an old saying; the best indicator of future performance is past performance. Diane Glendenning is the *kind* of leader we need.

