



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TALENT COMMUNITY CENTER
October 17, 2012 – 6:30 P.M.**

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The City Council of the City of Talent will meet on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 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

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

Mayor Cecil called the Council Meeting to order at 6:35 PM

Members Present

Mayor Cecil
Councilor Lamb
Councilor McManus
Councilor Cooke
Councilor Brown

Members Absent

Councilor Auer
Councilor Glendenning

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Mayor Announcements

Mayor Cecil announced that the annual Tree Lighting is tentatively set for Tuesday, December 11, 2012. He also announced he will be out of town from Wednesday, October 24th through November 7th. Councilor Lamb will be conducting the meeting on November 7th.

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

Meadowsweet Levi – 106 N First Street, Talent – Ms. Levi and son spoke regarding no synthetic chemical spraying on Talent public land. Thanked City Manager, Tom Corrigan and the Council for adding an area that is herbicide free.

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 October 3, 2012

7.2 Acknowledge Receipt of TPAC Minutes for September 24, 2012

7.3 Acknowledge Receipt of Payables

Mayor Cecil added Approval of Special Council Meeting Minutes for August 29, 2012.

Councilor Lamb moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Cooke 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 Adoption of Resolution 12-886-R, A Resolution requesting that the City of Talent be included in the Jackson County Enterprise Zone Map and designated tax lots on the City of Talent Enterprise Zone Map (CH, CH, CI and IL) to be included in the Enterprise Zone.

City Planner, Mark Knox along with Ron Fox, Executive Director of Southern Oregon Regional Development (SORED) spoke to Council regarding the Enterprise Zone. Mr. Knox gave a brief staff report and submitted Council a map and information from Mr. Fox (*see attached*).

Councilor Lamb questioned which areas in the map are included. Mr. Knox answered all the colored areas. He asked if an urban growth expansion in TA4 would we have to come back. Mr. Knox answered yes. Councilor Cooke questioned if we are using the model from Jackson County. Mr. Fox answered that Jackson County has already implanted Enterprise Zones and we would just be adding areas to the Enterprise Zone. He explained that the resolution is proposed to add our properties to the Counties Enterprise Zone. He explained that conditions would be the same. Councilor McManus questioned what the Jackson County Enterprise Zone encompasses. Mr. Fox explained what the enterprise zones encompass. Councilor McManus questioned with the expansion of the enterprise zones how would Talent benefit and when it will go in affect. Mr. Fox answered that the process should be done in December. After approved by the County it goes to the state and is approved by their Commission. Mr. Fox spoke to the benefits for Talent having property in enterprise zone. Councilor Brown spoke that Talent will benefit from this.

Councilor Brown moved to adopt Resolution 12-866-R requesting that the City of Talent be included in the Jackson County Enterprise Zone and the designated lots on the City of Talent Enterprise Zone Map (CBH, CH, CI and IL) to be included in the Enterprise Zone. Councilor Lamb seconded. Mayor Cecil repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Cecil expressed his appreciation for the Enterprise Zone.

8.2 Gambling Ordinance

City Manager, Tom Corrigan gave Council a brief staff report. Councilor Cooke questioned if we repealed the Ordinance would we refer citizens to the State Law. Mr. Corrigan answered yes. Councilor Lamb spoke that he would prefer repealing the Ordinance and refer to the State Law. Councilor Brown agreed with Councilor Lamb.

Councilor Lamb moved to repeal section 4-5.810 of Ordinance #523. Councilor Cooke seconded. Mayor Cecil repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

8.3 Approval to submit Oregon State Parks Trails Grant.

Mr. Corrigan gave a brief staff report. Councilor Lamb questioned what the grant proceeds would be used for. Mr. Corrigan answered possibly trails. He explained that he would know more options once the process gets started.

Councilor Cooke moved to allow the City Manager to submit the Oregon State Parks Trails grant. Councilor Brown seconded. Mayor Cecil repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

8.4 Bond Refinance

Mr. Corrigan gave a brief overview. Mayor Cecil questioned if the preparation work was included in the cost. Mr. Corrigan answered yes.

Councilor McManus questioned what fund the payments to the bond come out of. Finance Director, Denise Woodman answered payments come out of the Water Fund. Councilor McManus spoke regarding other options.

Councilor Cooke questioned if the City is having difficulty making the payments? Mr. Corrigan answered no and explained the City is trying to save money overall.

Councilor Lamb spoke in favor of scenario one due to get the debt paid off sooner than later. Councilor Brown spoke in favor of scenario one.

Mayor Cecil discussed the options he too is in favor of paying off the debt sooner as in scenario one.

Mayor Cecil suggested to discuss this at the same time the Water Rates are discussed. Mr. Corrigan explained that the Water Rate discussion is months down the road and rates could change. Councilor McManus spoke he would like to wait and get more information.

Councilor Lamb moved to authorize the City Manager to refinance Water Revenue Bonds in accordance with scenario one as outlined in the staff report. Councilor brown seconded. Mayor Cecil repeated the motion. Discussion: Councilor McManus spoke he will vote no and thinks there will be other opportunities. Should do whatever we can to help cost reduction to households. Councilor Cooke, Lamb, and Brown; YES. Councilor McManus; NO. Motion passed 3-1.

9. Information Items

9.1 Harvest Festival feedback

The success of the Harvest Festival was discussed. Council thanked Staff. City Recorder, Melissa Huhtala thanked Staff and Council for their support.

9.2 Water Service Rates out of City Limit

Mr. Corrigan gave Council a brief overview. He explained that water outside City Limits is twice as much. Fire District 5 is outside the City Limits. The question is do we just give the benefit to the Fire District or all others outside the City Limits. Mr. Corrigan spoke to the different options. Mayor Cecil spoke that we should discuss this when water rates are discussed. Council agreed with Mayor Cecil. This subject will be brought up again in the future.

10. City Manager & Other Department Reports

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

Mr. Corrigan briefed Council with the City and Department Reports.

- City Hall and Councilors are going through computer changes. The Cloud system Microsoft Office 365 is now being used. This allows for more room.
- The City is in discussion with taking over Lynn Newbry Park.
- Information regarding Medford Water Commission will be coming up.
- New Art is up at City Hall.
- City Hall is still working on the phone system.
- The Police Department is in the process of hiring a part-time Police Clerk; this should be wrapped up next week.
- Lester Naught will be out for 2 weeks due to foot surgery.
- CDBG proposed project is moving along.
- Parks Commission has started working on their goals.
- The Gibson project is still in process. Mr. Corrigan spoke he is not interested in an extension.
- October 31st – costume contest at City Hall.

11. Other Business

11.1 Water Payment Schedule

Mr. Corrigan gave Council an overview the current Water Payment Schedule. Mr. Corrigan suggested drafting new options for Council. Council agreed and would like something drafted.

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 & Lamb)
Public Art Advisory Committee – (McManus)
Parks Commission – (Glendenning, McManus & Auer)
Traffic Safety & Transportation Commission – (Cooke)
Urban Renewal Agency – (Brown, Cooke & Lamb)
Rogue Valley Council of Governments – (McManus)
Medford Water Commission – (Lamb)
Bear Creek Greenway Committee – (Cooke)
Talent Historical Society – (Glendenning)
Harvest Festival Committee – (McManus)

Councilor McManus announced he attended Jackson County Economic advisory meeting.

Councilor Brown announced Phase 1B is nearing completion.

Councilor Cooke and Councilor Lamb had no announcements.

Mayor Cecil spoke that Talent is changing and it is a historical time for the City of Talent.

Mr. Corrigan spoke regarding November and December Council Meeting dates. The 2nd meeting in November is the day before Thanksgiving. It was decided to cancel the Council meeting on November 21st. The December meetings will be discussed as we get closer to the meeting dates.

Mr. Corrigan discussed holiday decorations. He showed Council the ideas. Council discussed the options.

13. Adjournment

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:20

Respectfully Submitted by:



Melissa Huhtala, City Recorder

Attest:



Tom Corrigan, City Manager

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