



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE SESSION & REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
March 6, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.**

*Study Session and Regular Council meetings are being digitally recorded and will be available on the City website:
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The City Council of the City of Talent will meet on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 in Executive Session at City Hall, 110 East Main Street. Following will be 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.

The City Council reserves the right to add or delete items as needed, change the order of the agenda, and discuss any other business deemed necessary at the time of the study session and/or meeting.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:00 PM CANCELLED

Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f); to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

2. ADJOURN TO 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.

3. Call to Order/Roll Call

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Mayor Announcements- Mayor Cecil moved Item 7 up.

Mayor Cecil announced there will be an Oregon Beach Clean-up on March 30th from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.

7. Citizens Heard on Non-Agenda Items

Limited to 5 minutes or less per Mayor discretion

Shawna Morrow – 101 Gangnes Dr., Talent – Ms. Morrow spoke regarding the asphalt plant along the Bear Creek Greenway. She spoke of health issues.

Robert Casebeer – 6557 Rapp Lane, Talent- Mr. Case spoke regarding Rogue Valley Heritage District.

Tam Moore- 2 North Oakdale, Medford, OR 97501- Mr. Moore announced that he represents museums of Jackson County. He spoke regarding Rogue Valley Heritage District. It was explained from Council that this item would be placed on the next Council Agenda on March 20th.

Mayor Cecil moved item 10 up.

10. 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.

10.1 Approve Art Submissions: Bits and Pieces

Bobby Townsend, Art Committee Member went over the artwork for the next display in City Hall "Bits and Pieces"

Councilor Cooke questioned if there was a sculpture piece. Mr. Townsend explained it was photos of blown glass. Soon sculpture will be coming soon when the cabinets arrive in City Hall.

Councilor Stricker questioned why this comes to Council for approval. She spoke that she would like criteria. Councilor McManus gave a brief background. Mr. Townsend spoke that the Art Committee would welcome a study session to help determine the criteria.

Councilor McManus moved to approve the art submission for Bits and Pieces to be displayed in City Hall. Councilor Cooke seconded. Mayor Cecil repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

5.1 Councilor Interview

Mayor Cecil explained the process and criteria of a Councilor. Daniel Wise withdrew his application. Dean Walker requested to have his answers read. It was Council consensus to have Mr. Walkers interview questions read into the record.

Mayor Cecil explained voting process. Council accepted the process.

Councilor Applicants were interviewed in this order:

Ian Reid

Ryan Pederson

Dean Walker – His questions were read for the record as he was unable to attend (*see attached*).

Anthony Abshire

Don Steyskal

Each Applicant was asked the below 6 questions:

1. Why do you want to serve on the City Council.
2. What is your background in community service and what volunteer work you have done for the City of Talent?
3. What experience have you had that you feel would be valuable to this position.
4. This position requires a significant time commitment, not only for City Council meetings but for assigned committee meetings as well. Do you have adequate time?
5. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about yourself ~~and do you have any questions of us?~~
6. What is your interest in City Government?

Council listed their votes 1-5.

The top 3 applicants were:

Don Steyskal, Ian Reid and Ryan Pederson.

Council wrote down their votes. Councilor McManus, Councilor Stricker, Councilor Cooke & Councilor Dean voted for Don Steyskal. Councilor Glendenning voted for Ian Reid. Don Steyskal was voted the new Councilor #1 position 4/1.

City Recorder, Melissa Huhtala swore Don Steyskal into Council.

6. 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.

6.1 None

8. 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.

8.1 None

9. 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

9.1 Acknowledge Receipt of TPAC Minutes for February 12, 2013

9.2 Acknowledge Receipt of Parks Commission Minutes for January 9, 2013

9.3 Acknowledge Receipt of Payables

Councilor Glendenning moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Dean seconded. Mayor Cecil repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Information Items

11.1 Review Sidewalk Ordinance

City Manager, Tom Corrigan gave a brief staff report on this item. He explained the problems with items in the Ordinance. He asked for direction from Council.

Council discussed options on how to proceed with this Ordinance.

Council unanimously decided to direct Staff to rewrite the Ordinance.

11.2 Mid-Year Budget Review

Mr. Corrigan gave council a brief overview.

12. City Manager & Other Department Reports

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

Mr. Corrigan went over City and Department reports.

- The City is moving into the Accela program.
- Many small Cities are looking into marijuana laws.
- The City will be posting where the pesticides and herbicides are sprayed.
- Code enforcement is being looked into for the Police Department.
- iTalent ebills update: so far there are 66 doing pre-authorized payments.
- Parks website is being worked on through SOU which will be attached to the City website.
- Project A was accepted and the contract signed. Ms. Huhtala will attend training next week.
- City phones were combined and saved money.
- The new Community Center is moving forward.
- Mr. Corrigan gave an update on Phoenix/Talent Little League.
- The County's intention to keep the libraries open for one more year with funding and then shut down. He explained that there will be no funding until 2016. He recommended attending budget hearings.

Mayor Cecil requested Council approval to write a letter to the County regarding the Library. Council approved for a letter to be written. Council Stricker recommended that there be suggested solutions in the letter.

13. Other Business

13.1 Mayor Cecil asked Mr. Corrigan for informational on contracting procedures and to possibly have a Study Session on this issue. Councilor Stricker would like response to her email she sent to Council regarding the Charter she read from the Charter :

“(10) Except in Council meeting, no council member may directly or indirectly, by suggestion or otherwise, attempt to influence the Manager or a candidate for the office of Manager in the appointment, discipline, or removal of personnel or in decisions regarding City property or contracts. A violator of this prohibition may be removed from office by a court of competent jurisdiction. In Council meeting, members of the Council may discuss with, or suggest to, the Manager anything pertinent to City affairs.”

Councilor Stricker would like clarity and find out where the Office of Mayor fits into this. Mr. Corrigan spoke that he would get legal opinion on the matter for Council.

Councilor Stricker questioned the memo that was received from Joe Strahl. Mayor Cecil spoke that this would be discussed on the next agenda.

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

Councilor McManus announced that the Public Arts Committee have been getting more interest in their shows. He also gave an update on RVCOG.

Councilor Cooke announced that the Traffic Safety & Transportation meeting has no agenda items for and are supposed to meet in April. She also attended the Greenway Committee meeting and gave updates.

Councilor Glendenning announced she attended the Planning Commission and the March meeting was moved to the 21st. She also attended the historical society meeting and announced they still need more members.

Councilor Stricker announced went the Water Commission and gave an update. She explained briefly about SDC's. She spoke that there will be a work session on learning about SDCs.

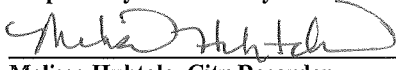
Councilor Dean announced parks nothing new to report.

Mayor Cecil announced that he attended MPO and gave updates. RVACT next week. Attended Safe School and gave updates. He also announced that the “If I were Mayor” contest is coming up.

15. Adjournment

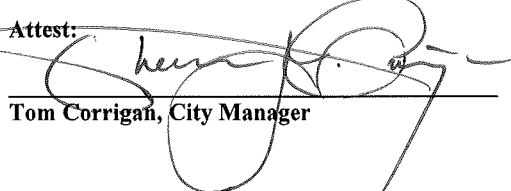
The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by:



Melissa Huhtala, City Recorder

Attest:



Tom Corrigan, City Manager

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