



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
- HELD AT TOWN HALL -
June 21st, 2023 – 6:45 PM**

Study Session, Regular Council & TURA meetings are digitally recorded and will be available on the City website: www.cityoftalent.org.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call at 6:49 p.m. (05:22)

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| Members Present: Mayor Ayers-Flood Councilor Ponomareff Councilor Greider Councilor Pastizzo Councilor Paré-Miller | Members Absent: Councilor Clark Councilor Byers |
| Also Present: Jordan Rooklyn, City Manager Lucero Martinez, City Recorder Jennifer Snook, Police Chief Hector Flores, Community Engagement Director | |

2. Additions / Corrections to Agenda (05:50)

Mayor Ayers-Flood requested to change item 9.6 to 9.1 from the agenda.

City Manager requested to change item number 9.3 to 9.2 from the agenda.

Councilor Ponomareff requested to add on Consent Calendar item 7.5 and 7.6 – Appointment of Members Mary Boucher and Lull Dorothy to Traffic Safety and Transportation Commission.

3. Community Announcements (09:30)

City Manager shared community events that happened at the end of June 2023. Also, City Manager informed some of the ongoing notices that the City of Talent encourage residents to sign up for emergency preparedness notices.

4. Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items (11:29)

Joleen Smith, resident of Talent addressed City Council regarding her concerns about having issues with neighbors and their pool water going to her property. Mayor Ayers-Flood stopped the time to inform the speaker that the person who she is talking about is her family member.

Bow Debey, resident of Talent addressed City Council regarding his concern on water billing policy.

5. Public Hearing (21:54)

5.1 Resolution 2023-065-R Authorizing a Supplemental Budget Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

City Manager informed that this Public Hearing provides the opportunity for community members to share comments or concerns regarding the proposed FY23 Supplemental Budget adjustments that the City Council is considering for adoption.

Mayor Ayers-Flood opened Public Hearing at 7:09pm (25:30)

Mayor Ayers-Flood closed Public Hearing at 7:10pm (26:05)

Motion (26:20): Councilor Greider moved to approve Resolution 2023-065-R authorizing a supplemental budget adjustment, increasing resources, and making appropriations for the City of Talent for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023. Councilor Pastizzo seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 4 ayes (Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

6. City Reports (27:31)

6.1 City Manager Report

City Manager informed City Council about the City and the Union having their first bargaining sessions on June 27th. Emily Guimont from Local Law Government Group is representing the City. Also, City Manager shared her July schedule letting council know that she will be out of office July 3rd and 4th, July 11th -16th City Manager will be working from Portland and July 20th and 21st she will be out of the office.

City Manager informed council that Regular Council Meeting for July 5th will be cancelled but there will be an Executive Session for that date.

6.2 Urban Renewal Activities Report

City Manager gave a verbal report and informed that there is a Business Grants available, if you would like more information, please visit Talent Business Alliance website for the application. Also, shared that TURA Board has approved their FY24 budget of \$1,888,000. Updated on Gateway Transitional Housing informing that ACCESS runs the transitional housing program for Alameda Fire survivors.

7. Consent Calendar (33:06)

7.1 Approval of April 2023 Financial Packet

7.2 Approval of City Manager's Execution of Power Purchase Agreement for Solar's Got Talent Project

7.3 Approval of City Manager's Execution of Grant Amendment for Extending OWEB Tree Planting Grant

Mayor Ayers-Flood asked to pull out for more discussion the Appointment of Members to Traffic Safety and Transportation Commission.

Motion (33:39): Councilor Paré-Miller moved to approve the consent calendar. Councilor Ponomareff seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 4 ayes (Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

7.4 Appointment of Alternate Member to Talent Public Arts Committee

Councilor Paré-Miller shared her excitement of having Amanda Grove as Alternate Committee Member for Talent Public Arts Committee.

Motion (35:30): Councilor Paré-Miller moved to approve the recommendation of appointing Amanda Grove. Councilor Pastizzo seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 4 ayes (Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

7.5 Appointment of Lull Dorothy to Traffic Safety and Transportation Commission

Mayor Ayers-Flood shared the recommendation of Lull Dorothy and how the interview went with the new member.

Motion (37:00): Councilor Ponomareff moved to appoint Lull Dorothy to the Traffic Safety and Transportation Commission. Councilor Pastizzo seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 4 ayes (Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

7.6 Appointment of Mary Boucher to Traffic Safety and Transportation Commission

Mayor Ayers-Flood shared the recommendation of Mary Boucher and how the interview went with the new member.

Motion (37:50): Councilor Ponomareff moved to appoint Mary Boucher to the Traffic Safety and Transportation Commission. Councilor Paré-Miller seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 4 ayes (Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

8. Unfinished Business (38:45)

8.1 Resolution 2023-066-R to Make Budget Appropriations and to Adopt the City of Talent Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget

City Manager gave a background of this item informing that this agenda item is to review and adopt the amended FY23-24 budget by resolution. The resolution adopts the budget and the appropriations for the coming fiscal year.

Motion (37:50): Councilor Paré-Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 2023-066-R to make budget appropriations and adopt the City of Talent fiscal year 2023-2024 annual budget. Councilor Greider seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 4 ayes (Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

8.2 Consideration of Temporary Herbicide Waiver for Select Ongoing Maintenance Locations

City Manager informed that the Association of Physical Plant Administrators (APPA) has adopted a grounds standards system for facility maintenance. The standards system consists of five different levels that range from state-of-the art to minimum-level standards and describes what maintenance minimums are needed to maintain that standard.

Councilor Ponomareff suggested to move this item to future agenda to have more public feedback.

Mayor Ayers-Flood requested to collect data of the amount of chemicals that will increase and records of what it been sprayed.

Motion (01:07:38): Councilor Ponomareff moved to postpone the discussion of this matter in till the next Council meeting. Councilor Paré-Miller seconded motion.

Discussion: Councilor Pastizzo commented from his perspective that this is something that we need to do and that we hear from the community that they are agreeing to do this project. Councilor Pastizzo added that he is interested in trying to get a game plan under waste, so that staff can planning and moving ahead with this project. Councilor Ponomareff requested a visual map to help Council understand better. Councilor Pastizzo suggested to reach out to Ashland for waivers monitor for another City base that Ashland did.

Vote: 4 ayes (Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

9. New Business (01:13:21)

9.1 Request for Council Discretionary Funds from Talent Elementary School Mural Project

City Manager welcomed Rachel Andras to presented her request for Talent Elementary School Community Mural.

Rachel Andras, resident of Talent presented the request for Talent Elementary School Community Mural project and explained the reason of this project.

Motion (01:24:36): Councilor Paré-Miller moved to allocate \$1,528 dollars in council discretionary funds to the Talent Elementary School mural project. Councilor Ponomareff seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 4 ayes (Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

9.2 Consideration of School Resource Officer Contract with Phoenix-Talent School District

City Manager informed Council that the Phoenix-Talent Schools District would like to contract with the City of Talent for a School Resource Officer Program at the Talent Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year. City Manager explained the options that Talent City Council can opt to.

Phoenix-Talent School superintendent Brent Barry thanks the City of Talent for their partnership for the past years and introduces board member Rick Nagel.

Rick Nagel, resident of Talent gave a little of the history of his life to the City Council.

Councilor Ponomareff asked where the \$75,000 dollars are coming from, answered by Superintendent Brent Barry.

City Council had more discussion regarding this item.

Motion (01:58:50): Councilor Pastizzo moved to implement Option 1 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with Phoenix-Talent School District for a School Resource Officer for 2023-2024. Councilor Greider seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 4 ayes (Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

9.3 Resolution 2023-069-R on Canvas of the Vote for Special Election of May 16th, 2023

City Manager informed that City Council reviews and canvasses the results of elections via resolution as part of the state election certification process. The City of Talent had a Ballot Measure 15-216 Advisory Vote on the Alameda Fire Recovery and Revitalization Plan on the Special Election of May 16th, 2023.

Motion (02:01:33): Councilor Paré-Miller moved to adopt Resolution 2023-069-R on Canvass of the Vote for Special Election of May 16th, 2023. Councilor Pastizzo seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 4 ayes (Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

9.4 Resolution 2023-070-R Acknowledging the Fiscal Year Audit for the Period Ending June 30th, 2022.

City Manager gave a background about the Fiscal 2021-2022 Audit informing Council that it's been completed and has received a clean opinion.

Motion (02:05:05): Councilor Paré-Miller moved to adopt Resolution 2023-070-R Acknowledging the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Audit. Councilor Pastizzo seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 4 ayes (Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

9.5 Selection of Contractor for Water Rate Study

City Manager informed Council that the City posted a Request-for-Proposals for a contractor to perform a water rate study to assess our water rates, recommend a rate structure, and provide a rate model for the City's water utility services.

Motion (02:08:49): Councilor Ponomareff moved to award the contract to HDR Engineering, Inc. for the Water Rate Study and grant the City Manager authority to execute the contract with a not-to-exceed amount of \$60,000. Councilor Paré-Miller seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 4 ayes (Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

9.6 Consideration of Depot Building Lease Renewal for Jackson County Communities – Long Term Recovery Group

City Manager informed Council that JCC-LTRG has been leasing the upstairs of the Depot Building since October 6, 2022, for their main office headquarters. The agreement expires June 30, 2023. The City has been providing in-king rent to JCC-LTRG as part of our participation in the development of the Regional Recovery Plan. If the lease gets renewed, the city is anticipated to provide in-king contribution of \$970-\$1,014 per month in rent.

Motion (02:17:29): Councilor Paré-Miller moved to approve the Depot Building lease agreement with JCC-LTRG for a term of 6 months and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. Councilor Ponomareff seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 4 ayes (Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

10. Commission / Committee Reports (02:18:52)

Councilor Paré-Miller report out regarding Talent Public Arts Committee and shared that they are working on long term projects.

Mayor Ayers-Flood shared that Planning Commission meet in May but will not meet in June.

City Manager gave an update regarding Parks and Recreation Commission on the Lynn Newbry Landscape project.

Councilor Ponomareff reports out regarding Together for Talent Committee and suggested to have more outreach to have more applicant to apply for the Committee.

11. Other Business and Future agenda Items (02:25:43)

Councilor Ponomareff asked for an update on the new website answered by Community Engagement Director Hector Flores.

Mayor Ayers-Flood asked a question regarding the speaker's concern about neighbors swimming pool, speaker mention that she was not getting any cooperation by the City, Mayor asked if someone knows what that means. City Manager informed council that she would follow up with the speaker, and informed Council that if there is noting on our Ordinances the City will not be able to take action.

Councilor Pastizzo asked regarding water block flood devices been expensive and not all residents can afford them, Councilor asked if there is any way that the City can find financial assistance.

12. Written Communications (02:39:31)

None Requested

13. Adjournment 9:23pm (02:39:36)

Respectfully submitted by:



Lucero Martinez, City Recorder

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