



TALENT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
- HELD AT TOWN HALL & VIA ZOOM -
206 E. Main Street
August 16th, 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 7:00 p.m. (0:45)

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Mayor Ayers-Flood Councilor Clark Councilor Ponomareff Councilor Greider Councilor Byers Councilor Paré-Miller	Councilor Pastizzo
Also Present:	
Jordan Rooklyn, City Manager Dave Lohman, City Attorney Lucero Martinez, City Recorder Jennifer Snook, Police Chief Hector Flores, Community Engagement Director Tessa DeLine, Finance Director Kristen Maze, Community Development Director Robert Slayton, Superintendent of Public Works	

2. Additions / Corrections to Agenda (2:00)

Mayor Ayers-Flood requested to move item 9.1 to 5.2 item of the agenda.

Councilor Byers requested to add item 9.1 to the agenda under New Business - Approval to Submit LOI Grant.

3. Community Announcements (3:55)

City Manager shared some community announcements that will be happening in August in Talent. Also, City Manager encouraged residents to sign-up for Citizen Alert since we are in fire season.

4. Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items (4:49)

Craig Rodney, resident and business owner in Talent, presented himself to the City Council.

5. Public Hearings (6:13)

5.1 Appointment of Interim City Manager

Adrian Modjeski Human Resource and Administrative Services Director from RVCOG, presented the interim City Manager candidate that Rogue Valley Council of Government would like to recommend for City Council's consideration.

Motion (21:50): Councilor Paré-Miller moved to direct Rogue Valley Council of Governments to negotiate an interim City Manager contract with Tom Humphrey for City Council's consideration. Councilor Byers second motion.

Discussion: Councilor Clark shared with Tom Humphrey that his name came to his mind for this position and explained his reason. Councilor Ponomareff shared her privilege of working with Tom Humphrey in the past. Mayor Ayers-Flood shared her comment regarding this motion.

Vote: 5 ayes (Clark, Ponomareff, Greider, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

5.2 Appeal for Variance File 2023-001 for Setback Exception in Oak Valley Subdivision

Mayor Ayers-Flood read the Opening Statement for Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing

Mayor Ayers-Flood, ex-parte and currently serving as ex-officio of the Planning Commission, let City Council know that she was part of the original hearing, but she didn't participate.

Planning Commission Director Kristen Maze informed council that the appeal to City Council of the variance denied by the Planning Commission for Oak Valley rear yard setback for covered porches. The request is for a variance of the setback exception in TMC 18.90.030(B)(5), which allows an open, unenclosed patio, not covered by roof or canopy, to extend four feet (4') into the required ten-foot (10') rear setback. The proposed variance would allow the Oak Valley Planned Community to extend an unenclosed patio a total of five feet (5') into the rear setback and allow the patio to have a roof or canopy cover that also extends five feet (5') into the rear setback.

The applicant's representative Chris Hearn spoke to council regarding this item explaining additional details about the reason of this appeal.

Mayor Ayers-Flood opened the Public Hearing at 7:59pm

Jerry Hauk, resident of Talent, addressed City Council regarding this matter.

Mayor Ayers-Flood closed the Public Hearing at 8:05pm

Members of the council discussed the application of appeal and asked questions that were answered by Community Development Director Kristen Maze.

Motion (01:16:36): Councilor Clark moved to uphold the Planning Commission denial of Variance 2023-001 and the Appeal 2023-001, based on the Planning Commission Final Order. Councilor Ponomareff seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 5 ayes (Clark, Ponomareff, Greider, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

Mayor Ayers-Flood asked the council to relax council rules to add item 9.5 under New Business - Discussion of Code. City Council members made no objection to it.

5.3 Joint Public Hearing Regarding Resolution 2023-076-R Amending Public Contracting Rules and Spending Authority for City of Talent

City Manager informed council that the City of Talent's contracted attorney firm, Local Government Law Group, has recommended amending the Public Contracting Rules for the City of Talent. The purpose of the amendment is to allow for updates that accommodate changes in the State of Oregon's public contracting code. The last amendment to the Public Contracting Rules was in 2020. Since 2020, the state law has changed in ways requiring further updates to accommodate changes in Oregon's public contracting code. City Manager explained more details about this item.

Mayor Ayers-Flood read the script of the Public Hearing

Mayor Ayers-Flood opened the Public Hearing at 8:34pm

Mayor Ayers-Flood closed the Public Hearing at 8:34pm

Motion (01:37:07): Councilor Byers moved to adopt Resolution 2023-076-R on behalf of the City of Talent and on behalf of the City's Local Contract Review Board. Councilor Paré-Miller seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 5 ayes (Clark, Ponomareff, Greider, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

5.4 Second Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant for Emergency Food Access

City Manager informed council that the purpose of this Public Hearing is for Council to hear from the community about the project and to take comments about the City of Talent's performance. Written comments are welcome as part of the public hearing, and must be received by 2pm on Wednesday, August 16th, 2023, at 110 E Main St, Talent, OR 97540 or by email to publictestimony@cityoftalent.org. A Public Notice and Notice of Public Hearing was posted on the City website and on City noticing boards on August 04, 2023.

Mayor Ayers-Flood opened the Public Hearing at 8:41pm

Speaker Marcee Champion, resident of Jackson County, spoke to council regarding this Public Hearing.

Mayor Ayers-Flood closed the Public Hearing at 8:43pm

6. City Reports (01:41:53)

6.1 City Manager Report

6.2 Urban Renewal Activities Report

City Manager informed council that the staff reports for these items are in the agenda packet and she would be answering questions.

7. Consent Calendar (00:12:21)

7.1 Approval of City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, May 17th, 2023

7.2 Approval of City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, July 19th, 2023

7.3 Appointment of Members David Spinney and Hector Zaragoza to Together for Talent Committee

7.4 Authorization of City Manager to Execute Grant Agreement ODOE #23-044 for Community Renewable Energy Program

7.5 Approval of Letter of Support for Age+ Affordable Housing Development at 600 South Pacific Hwy

7.6 Approval of OLCC for El Rey del Taco LLC at 115 W Valley View Rd

Motion (01:45:38): Councilor Ponomareff moved to approve the consent calendar. Councilor Paré-Miller seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 5 ayes (Clark, Ponomareff, Greider, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

8. Unfinished Business (01:45:56)

None Requested.

9. New Business (01:45:58)

9.1 Travel Oregon Competitive Grant Letter of Intent (LOI)

Councilor Byers informed council that Travel Oregon just release their 10 years strategic plan with their fiscal year 2023, 2024 and 2025 competitive grant program. Councilor Byers gave more information about the program and shared the benefit that it would bring to public facilities in the city.

Motion (02:05:40): Councilor Ponomareff moved to approve the LOI to the travel Oregon Competitive Grant. Councilor Greider seconded motion.

Discussion: Councilor Ponomareff asked a clarifying question regarding the motion answered by City Manager. Councilor Byers asked if council had to bring back the application before council for approval to submit the application answered by City Manager.

Vote: 5 ayes (Clark, Ponomareff, Greider, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

9.2 Adoption of Timeline for City Manager Recruitment

City Manager summarized the consensus that were discussed during the study session. City Council had a discussion on August 16th, 2023, about which processes they would like to use for recruiting and hiring of a City Manager. City Council Consensus are:

1. City Council would like to have meetings with City Council and Mayor to develop a candidate profile in addition to an employment survey, community survey, a meeting with community leaders and a department head meeting.
2. City Council would like to form a subcommittee that will be comprised of the Mayor, the Council President, and the Vice Chair of Urban Renewal Board. That subcommittee would be responsible for creating the shortlist that would first be reviewing the candidate applications, deciding who would move to a virtual interview round that will be conducted by subcommittee and that would make the recommendations for who should be in the final interview round in front of a full council, and it would be in person. The shortlist meeting is planned to take place in October 11th, preliminary interviews are planned to take place in October 24th and the final interviews will take place on November 1st. Dates may change depending on schedule accessibility.

Motion (02:10:01): Councilor Byers moved to adopt the outline timeline for the City Manager recruitment process. Councilor Ponomareff seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 5 ayes (Clark, Ponomareff, Greider, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

9.3 Discussion of Eligible Projects for PIER Funding

City Manager informed council that the Planning, Infrastructure, and Economic Revitalization (PIER) program has \$13.8 million available in Community Development Block Grant funds to support our community's recovery from the Alameda and South Obenchain Fires. These funds are intended to support some of the largest unmet needs in Jackson County: business and economic recovery. The City of Talent is eligible to apply for PIER funding. Staff has identified projects that are eligible for PIER funding and are aligned with the program goals. This agenda item is to discuss which projects, if any, City Council would like the City to submit a grant application for.

City Council and Mayor had a discussion regarding this item.

Motion (02:24:25): Councilor Clark moved to extend the meeting as late to 10 o'clock or as necessary. Councilor Paré-Miller seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 5 ayes (Clark, Ponomareff, Greider, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

Motion (02:35:55): Councilor Byers moved to direct staff to submit an application to the PIER program for the combine streetscape enhancements and upgrade on Wagner street from Wagner Creek Road to Talent Avenue. Councilor Ponomareff seconded motion.

Discussion: Councilor Byers spoke to her motion. Mayor Ayers-Flood shared her opinion of not supporting this motion and explained the reason.

City Council had more discussion regarding amending this motion explaining their reasons and asking questions regarding the process of the grant to the City Manager.

Amending Motion (02:43:43): Councilor Ponomareff moved to amend the original motion to include the second grant for Path to Success Grant. Councilor Greider seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 5 ayes (Clark, Ponomareff, Greider, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

Original Motion Vote: 5 ayes (Clark, Ponomareff, Greider, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

9.4 Consideration of Request from Urban Forestry Committee Regarding Trees at 300 West Valley Road

City Manager informed council that at their August 9, 2023, committee meeting, that the Talent Urban Forestry Committee approved the following motion:

[We] move to ask City Council to review the public record and supplemental info from the committee pertaining to the property owner obligations regarding dead and dying trees at 300 West Valley View Road and investigate the City's opportunities for recourse.

The supplemental info from the committee is a general land use application by West Valley View LLC for 300 W Valley View Rd, a copy of which is attached to the staff report. This agenda item is to discuss if City Council would like to direct staff to take the actions requested by the Urban Forestry Committee.

City Council and Mayor Ayers-Flood had a discussion regarding this item.

Motion (02:56:30): Councilor Clark moved to direct the City Attorney to look into this further and draft an opinion for council. Councilor Ponomareff seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 5 ayes (Clark, Ponomareff, Greider, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

10. Commission / Committee Reports (02:57:13)

None Requested.

11. Other Business and Future Agenda Items (02:57:23)

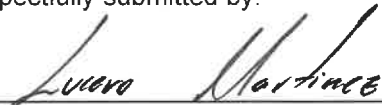
None Requested.

12. Written Communications (02:57:28)

None Requested.

13. Adjournment 10:00pm (02:58:52)

Respectfully submitted by:



Lucero Martinez, City Recorder

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