



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
- HELD AT TOWN HALL -
October 4th, 2023 – 6:45 PM**

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call at 6:47 p.m. (00:11)

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

2. Additions / Corrections to Agenda (00:34)

Councilor Clark requested to add to the agenda under new business 10.1 – Town Hall for Urban Forestry Community Workshop

Mayor Ayers-Flood requested to add to the agenda 9.2 – Discussion on Ethics and renamed item 9.2 to item 9.3.

3. Community Announcements (01:35)

Interim City Manager shared events that would be happening during October 2023.

4. Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items (04:14)

Lei Justin, resident of Talent addressed City Council.

5. Department Report (10:20)

5.1 Department Reports

Interim City Manager informed council that every department highlighted their news in the agenda packet report and if they had any questions, department directors were present to answer questions.

Councilor Ponomareff asked a question regarding collection agencies, answered by Finance Director Tessa DeLine.

Councilor Clark asked for an update on the FEMA (grant) Fuels Reduction Project for Bear Creek and Wagner Creek.

6. Consent Calendar (18:13)

6.1 Approval of City Council Regular Meeting, September 20th, 2023

6.2 Approval of Check Register – September 2023

6.3 Approval of June 2023 Financial Packet

Motion (18:32): Councilor Paré-Miller moved to approve the consent calendar. Councilor Ponomareff seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

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

7. Executive Session (18:53)

City Council met in an executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

Mayor Ayers-Flood read the Executive Session script.

Executive Session started at (19:50)

8. Reconvening of Public Meeting and Report Out (30:20)

Mayor Ayers-Flood and City Council return to regular meeting at 7:45pm

Mayor Ayers-Flood asked council to entertain a motion (*see agenda item 9.1*)

9. Unfinished Business (2:05:15)

9.1 Resolution 2023-083-R Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement for the City's Police Unit between the City of Talent and Teamsters Local 223

Motion (58:13): Councilor Byers moved to approve resolution 2023-083-R, a resolution ratifying the Teamsters Local #223 Police Unit, collective bargaining agreement and directing the City Manager to sign the agreement. Councilor Ponomareff seconded motion.

Discussion: City Manager asked council to amend the motion due to language correction.

Amended Motion (58:50): Councilor Byers moved to approve resolution 2023-083-R, a resolution ratifying the Teamsters Local #223 Police Unit, collective bargaining agreement and directing the City Mayor to sign the agreement. Councilor Ponomareff seconded motion.

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

9.2 Discussion on Ethics

Mayor Ayers-Flood addressed the letter that City Council received from resident Deric Manzi regarding ethics concerns.

Mayor Ayers-Flood requested to add the letter to the record for this meeting, due to receiving the letter late that day, attached with the response from Susan Myers from Oregon Government Ethics Commission.

Mayor Ayers-Flood read the email from Susan Myers from Oregon Government Ethics Commission.

To read these letters, please visit the City of Talent website, October 4th City Council meeting link.

9.3 Discussion on PIER Projects

Interim City Manager gave a verbal report to City Council, discussion on the process for the second round of applications for PIER.

Mayor Ayers-Flood and City Council had further discussion regarding PIER application.

10. New Business (1:33:25)

10.1 Town Hall for Urban Forestry Community Workshop

Councilor Clark announced that the Urban Forestry Committee would host their Community Workshop on October 21st, 2023, and requested to use the Town Hall for this event.

Mayor Ayers-Flood asked Interim City Manager about the process to reserve Town Hall for committees and commissions meetings.

11. Other Business and Future Agenda Items (1:38:45)

Mayor Ayers-Flood clarified from previous meeting regarding the discussion of Zoom chat policy from the letter of resident Deric Manzi.

City Attorney Dave Lohman led this discussion regarding the Zoom policy and that he would address as a study session for the City Council Rules of Procedure.

12. Written Communications (1:44:09)

12.1 Letter from Resident Deric Manzi

Council acknowledged letter from resident.

13. Adjournment 8:32pm (1:44:16)

Respectfully submitted by:



Lucero Martinez, City Recorder

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