



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL
January 2, 2019 — 6:45 p.m.**

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING — 6:45 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call at 6:45 p.m.**
- 2. Swearing-in of Newly Elected Mayor & Councilors**
- 3. Roll Call**

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Mayor Ayers-Flood Councilor Land Councilor Berlant Councilor Dolan Councilor Harrison Councilor Ponomareff Councilor Clark	
Also Present:	
Zac Moody, Community Development Director Chief Doney, Talent Police Department Gabriella Shahi, City Recorder Kurt Sexton, Finance Director Bret Marshall, Public Works Director	

- 4. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 5. Election of Council President**

Motion: Councilor Dolan moved to elect Councilor Berlant as Council President. Councilor Harrison Seconded.

Discussion:

- No other nominations were presented.
- Each City Councilor gave their support for the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

- 6. Community Announcements**

- There are several committee and commission openings. Mayor Ayers-Flood encouraged community involvement.
- The Community Development Fair will take place on February 5, 2019.
- Oregon Department of State Lands will accept public comments on the proposed Pacific Connector gas pipeline's effects on waters and wetlands on January 8, 2019.
- SOREDI will host their local retreat in Talent on January 8, 2019.
- Rogue Climate will hold their monthly community meeting about community solar opportunities for the residents of Talent on January 10, 2019.

7. Public Presentations

None.

8. Public Hearings

None.

9. Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items

None.

10. Consent Agenda

10.1 Approval of December 5 & December 19, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: Councilor Land moved to approve the December 5 & December 19, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes as amended. Councilor Berlant seconded.

Discussion: None

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

11. Regular Agenda

11.1 Letter re: Age-Friendly Communities Network

Staff Report: Community Development Director

At the December 5, 2018 meeting, a representative from the Oregon office of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) spoke to the Council regarding a nationwide AARP initiative called the Age-Friendly Communities Network. At the close of the meeting, Council directed staff to prepare a draft letter of interest to AARP regarding the Network. The letter is attached for Council approval. The letter of interest is the first step in a longer application process to join the network. Council may want to discuss appointing a Council liaison, or setting up a Council subcommittee, to continue the work necessary to join, and then participate in, the Network.

Discussion: None.

Motion: Councilor Land moved to approve sending the attached letter of interest with adjustments to AARP regarding its Age-Friendly Communities Network. Councilor Dolan seconded.

Discussion:

- Councilor Berlant asked for the letter to include information about Talent's open spaces and parks, the health and safety priorities such as not using pesticides in the paragraph about the character of Talent.

- Councilor Dolan asked for staff to make changes and then send the letter without the need for Council approval afterwards. She is unsure that the changes Councilor Berlant is asking for are necessary because the letter is just a preliminary formality to express interest.
- Councilor Land stated the proposed changes are a core piece of who Talent is as a city.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

11.2 Council Liaison Policy

Staff Report by Community Development Director

Council directed staff to bring back possible options for a Council policy regarding and assignment process for and explanation of duties of Council Liaisons to City Commissions and Committees, and other external entities. The current liaison assignments include: Planning Commission, Parks Commission, Economic Development Commission, Traffic Safety and Transportation Commission, T4T Committee, TPAC, Rogue Valley Council of Governments, SOREDI, Metropolitan Planning Organization, and Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation. Liaison duties seem to be centered around attending meetings and reporting back to Council on activities, but again, there is nothing written that prescribes this. Prior to staff recommending a formal policy on Liaisons, it would be helpful for Council to have a more focused discussion on the purpose and duties of the position, and how appointments should be made.

Discussion:

- Councilor Berlant understood that being a liaison is optional. She feels having a guiding document would be valuable. There is an opportunity to strengthen liaison relationships.
- Mayor Ayers-Flood asked Shahi if she can search the City Records for any possible documents that may assist with building this policy. Shahi said she will search the City records and ask OAMR if they have similar documents for a point of reference.
- Councilor Dolan understood that this is one part of the bigger issue of how commissions and committees will function overall.
- Councilor Land said that the agendas had been more specific in the past about who was reporting about what organization. Communication should be clear and concise. She wants to have a standard for how Council reports to the community about the groups for which they liaison.
- Moody stated that Staff needs for more clarity on the subject to start creating a policy.
- Councilor Dolan asked about the current liaison assignments.
- The Study Session will take place on January 30, 2018 at 6:00pm.

12. Information Items

None.

13. City Manager & Other Department Reports

Report from Finance Director

- Audits reports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 are available. There were no discrepancies found in the audit.
- The City posted a part time position for receptionist while the current front desk receptionist is on medical leave.

- Mayor Ayers-Flood asked if it is possible to present a “state of the city’s financials” twice a year. This request will be discussed with the City Manager.

Report from Community and Development Director

- Rogue Valley Sewer Storm Water Labeling Project is partnering with the local middle school to install new plaques. A grant was provided to help to pay for this project.
- Parks Master Plan Kick off with University of Oregon to get feedback from Parks Commission on January 9, 2018.
- Short Term Rental deliberation will continue on February 6, 2018 Council Meeting. Public Hearing is officially closed at this time.
- Efficiency Measures were discussed at Planning Commission. Plans to bring back on January 16, 2018 Council Meeting. Mayor asked about public forum as the next step. First draft to Planning Commission.
- The first draft of the code amendments will be presented at a study session on February 28, 2018. The forum has not been decided at this time. Consultant will be using the recommended measures developed by staff and recommended by Planning Commission as a guide for the code amendments and will also be reviewing proposed code amendments being completed by staff regarding high-density zoning.
- Staff will be using both the efficiency measures and the comprehensive plan to develop the revised code language. The efficiency measures were developed from the Year 1 and Year 2 Housing Implementation steps and that upon completion of the code amendments, both Year 1 and Year 2 goals should be completed. Mayor Ayers-Flood asked if when code amendments are complete, will we be amending the Comprehensive Plan with strategies. Staff stated that the implementation steps in the comp plan are used to develop zoning code language
- ODOT will be changing out all signal heads on OR99 in the coming weeks.

Report from Public Works Director

- Phase 1 preconstruction meeting for the Reservoir Project is on January 9, 2019. The project will start shortly after.
- Public Works will receive the full draft of the new Water Master Plan for review within the next week.
- The City will discuss the creation of a Storm Water Master Plan with Rogue Valley Sewer Services.
- Public Works has been working on the black berry growths at the wetlands. They removed a majority of them. They intend to experiment on ways to control future growths without the use of pesticides.
- The traffic engineer is doing her assessment now. She will send her report with recommendations for speed calming.
- Public Works is working with ODOT on the Bear Creek connection trail. They are working on how to transfer the money for the City can manage the project.
- Street sweeping is currently taking place once a week.

Report from Chief of Police

- Talent PD received three traffic safety grants totaling \$5,000 enforcement of driving of under the influence, distracted driving, and seat belts.
- All Talent PD officers are signed up to receive anti-bias training help by Portland State University on January 23, 2017.
- Talent PD is the first tier 3 city to start capturing data on race, age, and location of residence on officer-initiated traffic and pedestrian stops. This was required by July of 2020.
- Doney said he will compile data on complaints about fireworks on New Year's Eve. He will bring this back to Council during his January 16, 2018 department report.

14. Other Business

- Council Discussed if Councilor Ponomareff needs to change her position with the Energy CAC to avoid conflict of interests. Staff's recommendation is to keep it as is until project completion.
- Mayor Ayers-Flood will present School Board resolution to the school board.

15. Mayor and Councilor — Committee Reports and Councilor Comments

- TPAC will not meet in January. They submitted their goals. They are preparing a Peace Pole recommendation for Council.
- Together for Talent will discuss a recruitment plan.
- Parks Commission did not meet in in December. They will meet in January. They are seeking to officially establish the IPM subcommittee.
- Traffic Safety & Transportation Commission will be held in January. Their goals are submitted.
- Harvest Festival will meet next week. The information is on Website.
- Economic Development Commission will hold a meeting in January.

16. Commission and Committee Approved Minutes

No discussion held on this item.

17. Written Communications

None.

18. Discuss Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

- Discussion on fireworks - February 20, 2019
- Discussion on social media policy – March 6, 2019


19. Adjournment at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Gabriella Ciprazo, City Recorder

Attest:



Darby Ayers-Flood, Mayor

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