



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL - TURA
JOINT STUDY SESSION MINUTES
TOWN HALL
November 13, 2019 — 6:30 PM**

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Mayor Ayers-Flood Councilor Berlant Councilor Dolan Councilor Harrison Councilor Ponomareff Councilor Clark Councilor Land	
Also Present:	
Sandra Spelliscy, City Manager Gabriella Shahi, City Recorder	

2. Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items

3. Discussion of City / TURA Issues

Carrie Connelly with The Local Government Law Group conducted a discussion regarding City/ TURA operational issues.

On September 17, 2019, Connelly was asked to represent both entities on this related matter. She received a staff report that was presented to the TURA Board that set out in greater detail the chronology of events that took place during the time of transfer of operational support and the financial transactions between the agencies. The firm was asked to provide legal guidance regarding the import of what transpired between the two agencies in 2015 and the following years and what, if any further, actions were needed to cure legal deficiencies and the operating relationship between the two agencies and to place the relationship on a sound legal footing going forward.

Connelly advised to discuss past actions as minimally as needed and focus on how to move forward.

Connelly thanked Spelliscy for her diligence in bringing forth the issues at hand. She explained that she is not concerned with what she has discovered while looking at the issues. There is no foreseeable reason both agencies cannot move forward successfully. Connelly stated that her perspective is that if TURA wants to carry out major development project instead of traditional city infrastructure projects, it may be unrealistic to ask city staff to act as staff for TURA.

Connelly reviewed the history of the operational transition in 2015. She discussed the possible options for the City and TURA to move forward. TURA's goals will be a primary determinate of how best to move forward.

Councilor Dolan stated the current executive director does not want to remain in that role, the Board does not wish to compel her to do so, and the Board seeks to hire an outside project manager for the Gateway Project.

Mayor Ayers-Flood stated a residual concern is how this new structure will impact the employment contract for Spelliscy. Connelly responded that if the concern is related to salary, that can be addressed at the next contractual update.

Council discussed the previously reviewed options for restructuring TURA operations.

Spelliscy stated she has a draft IGA prepared for RVCOG pending clarification on the type of person the Board wants to hire (employee or contractor).

Portions of the staff report from the October 16, 2019 TURA meeting and resulting motion were reread.

Connelly and Spelliscy discussed Spelliscy's perspective on acting as executive director of TURA.

Connelly suggested that the major problem with the current TURA staffing model is the scope of the Gateway Project. She suggested that the easiest option would be to keep Spelliscy as executive director and hire a project manager to handle the Gateway Project. Council discussed why they want to maintain the course of action they are already on.

Council, Spelliscy, and Connelly discussed the draft IGA with RVCOG.

Councilor Dolan asked if the City or TURA are at risk of any liability issues based on the information in the September 4, 2019 staff report. Connelly responded that the incomplete actions can be repaired. She has no other concerns.

Spelliscy and Connelly discussed how to address outstanding financial transactions between the agencies.

Council and Connelly discussed TURA ceasing operations until a new executive director is hired. They discussed options for meeting the minimum requirements while minimizing operational costs.

Council, Spelliscy, and Connelly clarified that the IGA with RVCOG will include seeking candidates with the option of being an employee and/or a contractor.

4. Adjournment at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by:



Gabriella Shahi, City Recorder

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