

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-045-R

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TALENT, OREGON, DECLARING OFFICIAL INTENT TO CONSIDER AN URBAN RENEWAL PLAN TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY REBUILD POST-ALMEDA FIRE

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2020, the Almeda Fire destroyed or caused major damage to 690 residential structures and 64 commercial structures within Talent city limits, representing a loss of 47% of our manufactured housing, 60% of our brick-and-mortar businesses, and 30% of our tree canopy;

WHEREAS, two years after the fire, 44 commercial lots remain vacant, 212 manufactured home spaces remain vacant, and 80 families are living in transitional housing within city limits;

WHEREAS, additional fire-impacted families are still living outside of city limits in hotels, recreational vehicles, and FEMA housing;

WHEREAS, the loss of community, connection, and personal possessions is incalculable;

WHEREAS, the threat of wildfire, extreme weather, and other environmental hazards remain significant;

WHEREAS, it is the City's intention to rebuild the spaces for all our community members to have the opportunity to return to our community;

WHEREAS, it is the City's intention to reduce the risk of future catastrophes;

WHEREAS, Urban Renewal is a tool to support redevelopment or rehabilitation as a result of a catastrophe;

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Talent reviewed the feasibility of an Urban Renewal plan and drafted a plan to support community rebuild and resiliency, which taxing districts reviewed and provided feedback on;

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed that feedback and emphasizes its intent to listen to and work with regional partners to design a plan that provides for services, rebuilds our community, and reduces the region's vulnerability to environmental hazards; and,

WHEREAS, the City believes additional time to refine the plan can make for a stronger plan and better outcomes for the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TALENT, OREGON,
as follows:**

Section 1. Recitals. That the foregoing recitals are true and correct to the best of our knowledge.

Section 2. Purpose of Resolution. That this resolution is adopted solely for the purposes of declaring an intent to consider an urban renewal plan that incorporates: (a) a

frozen tax base that is based on assessed values certified by the Jackson County Assessor in October of 2022, reflecting assessed values as of January 2022, and (b) a referral to the public vote on the May 2023 ballot. This resolution is not intended to prevent the City from making additional changes to a Plan or bind the City to adopt such a Plan or any plan.

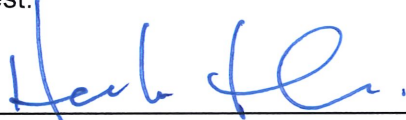
Section 3. Declaration of City. That the City hereby declares its official intent to consider such an urban renewal plan.

Section 4. Effective Date of Resolution. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

Duly enacted by the City Council in open session on the 17th of August, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

Attest:



Hector Flores, City Recorder