



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
January 20, 2021 — 6:45 PM**

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**1. Call to Order/Roll Call at 6:45 p.m. (17:30)**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>
Mayor Ayers-Flood Councilor Byers Councilor Volkart Councilor Ponomareff Councilor Clark	None  (2 council vacancies)
<b>Also Present:</b>	
Jamie McLeod-Skinner, Interim City Manager Hector Flores, Interim City Recorder Jennifer Snook, Police Chief Bret Marshall, Public Works Director Kurt Sexton, Finance Director	

**2. Meeting Accessibility (19:13)**

None requested.

**3. Appointment of New Councilors (20:29)**

**3.1 Eligibility and Appointment Process. (20:58)**

Staff Report – City Manager

Staff outlines eligibility requirements for new councilors including those who were displaced of the fire but have declared they will be returning to Talent.

Councilors express their support of applicants who have been displaced by the Almeda Fire and wish to serve on the city council.

**Motion (35:50):** Councilor Ponomareff moved that the council adopt a temporary rule to expire on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 that a qualified elector in the context of council, commission or committee membership include those who were at the time of the Almeda Fire residents of the City of Talent and who were displaced by the fire and who are registered to vote in Talent and who affirm the intention to reside in the City of Talent when circumstances permit. Councilor Volkart seconded.

**Discussion:** Councilor Ponomareff stated that her intention is for the term of new applications to end during next election cycle.

**Vote:** 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carries.

**Motion (43:30):** Councilor Volkart moved to direct staff to re-notice the 2 vacant city council positions. Councilor Byers seconded.

**Discussion:** Councilors discuss fairness of extending city council vacancy applications for 2 weeks.

**Vote:** 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carries.

### 3.2 Applicant Interviews (51:50)

- Interview with applicant Colette Paré-Miller
- Interview with applicant Duk Ly
- Interview with applicant David Pastizzo
- Interview with applicant Elyn Lander

3.3 Selection of new councilors – postponed until next city council meeting

## 4. Swearing in of New Councilors

*Postponed until next city council meeting.*

## 5. Council Committee and Liaison Assignments (1:53:23)

Note: moved to end of meeting

## 6. Community Announcements (1:54:10)

### 6.1 FEMA Fact Sheet for Jackson County, January 2021 (English & Spanish)

## 7. Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items

None.

## 8. Public Presentations (1:55:00)

### 8.1 Introduction of Interim City Recorder

*Item moved to next city council meeting due to time constraints.*

### 8.2 Recognition of Police Officer – Successful Completion of Academy Training

Staff Report – Police Chief Snook

Chief Snook introduced new officer Edgar Valdovinos and updates on police training, especially in Covid-19 protocols.

### 8.3 Update on Talent Urban Renewal Agency Gateway Project

Jon Legarza updated city council on Talent Urban Renewal Agency (TURA) Gateway project especially in 4 tasks:

1. approval of concept plan for 53 temporary accommodation spaces on Gateway site,
2. approval for grant funding to begin design and engineering plans for Gateway site.
3. intergovernmental agreement to provide housing to the Phoenix-Talent School District families that were impacted by the fires, specially a *first right of housing* on Gateway site.
4. TURA staff to identify future funding for project that would result in long term infrastructure being installed on Gateway site.
5. TURA townhall meeting on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5pm, further information on Urban Renewal website.

## 9. Public Hearings

None

## 10. Consent Calendar (1:10:03)

### 10.1 December 2020 Check Register

### 10.2 Acknowledgement of December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Parks Commission Minutes

**Motion (1:10:20):** Councilor Ponomareff moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Councilor Clark.

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:** 4 ayes. Motion carries.

#### 14. Committee Reports (2:10:55)

*Item moved to follow Consent Calendar by direction of the Mayor.*

##### **14. Proposal to Install a Plaque in the Kamerin Springs Park to Honor Those Who Protected the Neighborhood from the Almeda Fire**

Staff Report – Mayor

The council hears request from the residents of the Kamerin Springs neighborhood for the approval of a plaque in the Kamerin Springs neighborhood park to honor those individuals who saved the neighborhood from the Almeda Fire. The proposed wording of the plaque is in the attached email and the plaque will be paid for by the neighborhood residents. The requested location is in the city park gazebo and applicants provide sizing and placement.

Council discussion ensued on the proposal to install plaque at Kamerin Springs park.

Speaker Requests

- Annette Glanckopf, Talent, Oregon  
Speaker expressed support for plaque at Kamerin Springs Park
- Laura Paneka, Talent, Oregon  
Speaker expressed support for plaque at Kamerin Springs Park
- Charlie Cross, Talent, Oregon  
Speaker expressed support for plaque at Kamerin Springs Park

**Motion** (2:42:12): Councilor Clark moved to direct staff to initiate conversations with the Parks Commission and Talent Public Arts Committee regarding a permanent art installation in commemoration of the community's emergency response to the Almeda Fire. Councilor Volkart seconded.

**Discussion:** Council discussion ensued on the merits of the proposal to install plaque at Kamerin Springs park.

**Vote:** 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carries.

**Motion** (2:46:28): Councilor Clark moved for approval of the installation of a medium sized plaque at the Kamerin Springs gazebo paid for by the Kamerin Springs neighborhood residents to honor those who aided in the prevention of the spread of the Almeda Fire. Councilor Ponomareff seconded.

**Discussion:** Councilor Volkart asked for clarification on size of the proposed plaque.

**Vote:** 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carries.

#### 11. Unfinished Business (2:49:00)

##### **11.1 Update on Potential Intergovernmental Agreement with Ashland Police Department**

Staff Report – Police Chief Snook

Chief Snook updated Council and Mayor on potential of Intergovernmental Agreement with the Ashland Police Department. Ashland City Council approved the IGA on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to further continue discussion to determine the best option to continue policing services in Talent.

**Motion** (3:07:10): Councilor Ponomareff moved to extend the meeting 5 minutes. Councilors Volkart and Clark seconded.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carries.

**11.3 Updated on Timeline for Pending Zoning Code Amendments**

Staff Report – Interim City Manager

Staff updated Mayor and Council that Elizabeth Decker was hired as a consultant to step in while the Community Development Director position is vacant. Consultant to address pending Title 18 code amendments.

**Motion (3:18:29):** Councilor Volkart moved to extend the meeting 10 minutes. Councilors Ponomareff seconded.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carries

Staff and Council discuss opening up public parks.

**12. New Business**

None

**13. Committee Reports**

None

**14. Other Business & Future Agenda Items**

None

**15. Written Communications**

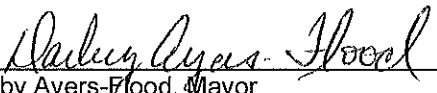
Submission of written statements by Nancy Buono from January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 City Council meeting

**16. Adjournment at 9:55 p.m. (3:26:17)**

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Hector Flores, Interim City Recorder

Attest:

  
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Darby Ayers-Flood, Mayor

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