



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
February 3rd, 2021 — 6:45 PM**

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**1. Call to Order/Roll Call at 6:45 p.m. (00:59)**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>
Mayor Ayers-Flood Councilor Byers Councilor Volkart Councilor Ponomareff Councilor Clark	
<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 Dick Converse, Interim Community Development Director Jeff Wilcox, Community Development Assistant/Code Enforcement	

**2. Meeting Accessibility (1:10)**

None requested.

**3. Additions / Corrections to Agenda (1:45)**

- Councilor Ponomareff added to agenda executive order from Talent Urban Renewal Agency, new item 12.3.
- Councilor Clark added Talent Urban Forestry Committee recommendation for appointment to consent calendar, new item 10.3.
- Mayor Ayers-Flood added discussion item on recruitment process for City Manager position and contracting with Rogue Valley Council of Governments, new item 12.4.

**Motion (5:23):** Councilor Volkart moved to proceed with the agenda as amended. Councilor Clark seconded.

**Discussion:** none.

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

**4. Appointment of New Councilors (6:19)**

4.1 Applicant Selection Process. (6:20)

Staff Report – City Manager

Staff outlines the process for appointing new councilors according to the City of Talent charter, a process determined by the city council.

**Motion (9:20):** Councilor Clark moved to use ranked choice voting. Each councilor ranking their top 3 choices, electing each seat separately. Councilor Volkart. seconded.

**Discussion:** Council discussion on voting method.

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

**Motion to Amend (20:25):** Councilor Ponomareff moved to amend voting to a single round rather than 2 rounds. Councilor Clark seconded.

**Discussion:** none.

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

#### 4.2 Interview of Additional Applicants (21:30)

- Interview with applicant Charlie Cross
- Interview with applicant Sheryl Zimmerer
- Interview with applicant

#### 4.3 Selection of new councilors (46:45)

Councilors vote for seats via chat function on Zoom (1<sup>st</sup> choice 3pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice 2 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice 1 pts)

- Councilor Byers (1<sup>st</sup> choice: Colette Paré-Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice David Pastizzo, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice Charley Cross)
- Councilor Volkart (1<sup>st</sup> choice: Colette Paré-Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice David Pastizzo, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice Ellyn Lander)
- Councilor Ponomareff (1<sup>st</sup> choice: Colette Paré-Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice Ellyn Lander, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice Charley Cross)
- Councilor Clark (1<sup>st</sup> choice: Colette Paré-Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice David Pastizzo, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice Charley Cross)

Results:

- Colette Paré-Miller received was elected to seat 1 of the Talent City Council.
- David Pastizzo was elected to seat 3 of the Talent City Council.

### 5. Swearing in of New Councilors (50:45)

Colette Paré-Miller and David Pastizzo swore the Oath of Office and assumed their positions on the Talent City Council.

### 6. Community Announcements (1:00:30)

#### 6.1 Wildfire Recovery Legislative Hearing, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Staff updated council on upcoming opportunity to participate in hearing for Southern Oregon.

### 7. Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items (1:02:05)

None.

### 8. Public Presentations (1:02:20)

#### 8.1 Introduction of Interim City Recorder

Staff updated council on introduction of interim city recorder Hector Flores, Talent resident.

### 9. Public Hearings (1:05:20)

None.

### 10. Consent Calendar (1:06:35)

10.1 Approval of Budget Calendar

12.2 Approval of December 16, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes

10.3 Approval of appointment Chris Johns to Talent Urban Forestry Committee

**Motion (1:06:50):** Councilor Ponomareff moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Councilor Byers seconded.

**Discussion:** Councilor Volkart asked clarification about eligibility for approving consent calendar.

**Vote:** 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carries.

## 11. Unfinished Business (1:09:40)

### 11.1 Update on Scheduling for Title 18 Housing Code Amendments

Staff Report – Interim City Manager

Staff updates council that on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 a joint Planning Commission and City Council Study Session will take place to look at zoning code. Immediately following joint study session, the Planning Commission will meet to provide a recommendation for the city council on the proposed code. The recommendation will come before the council on March 3<sup>rd</sup> for a public hearing.

Discussion:

- Elizabeth Decker clarifies whether zoning code amendments can be adopted through an emergency ordinance.
- Interim Community Development Director Dick Converse clarifies what city charter requires for emergency ordinance.
- Council and staff discussed language overlap between title 17 and title 18.

## 12. New Business (1:21:15)

### 12.2 Resolution 2021-028-R Supporting Proposed Temporary Emergency Housing at 6100 Colver Road Property

Staff Report – Interim City Manager

Staff reported that on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the City of Talent hosted a townhall where the possibility of temporary housing on Phoenix-Talent School District property on Colver Road. This property outside of city limits but inside of urban reserve. City hosted the townhall and conversation.

**Motion (1:26:25):** Councilor Ponomareff moved for approval of resolution 2021-028-R supporting proposed emergency housing at 6100 Colver Road property in the ownership of the Phoenix-Talent School District. Councilors Clark and Volkart seconded.

**Discussion:** Councilor Ponomareff praised school district leadership and fire recovery efforts.

**Vote:** 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carries.

### 12.1 Appointment of Budget Officer

Staff Report – Interim City Reporter

Staff updated the council that every year the city must go through a budget process for the upcoming year. The city council is recommend to appoint a Budget Officer for the year, with the city manager traditionally filling this role.

**Motion (1:30:40):** Councilor Clark moved that the council approve Interim City Manager Jamie McLeod-Skinner as the city of Talent 2021/2022 Budget Officer for the preparation of the fiscal year 2021/2022 city budget. Councilor Byers seconded.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carries.

### 12.3 Executive Order from Talent Urban Renewal Agency

#### Staff Report – Interim City Manager

Staff suggested to pass along the analysis from the Talent Urban Renewal Agency's attorney to the City of Talent's attorney seeking for their opinion on that analysis.

Council and staff discussion ensued.

#### 12.4 Recruitment Process

Mayor Ayers-Flood spoke about recruitment process with Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG) and the positive results obtained and the role of RVCOG in recruitment.

Discussion:

- Council and Staff discussed process and results with RVCOG.
- Council and Staff discussed concerns with staff capacity and benefit of outsourcing hiring process.

**Motion** (1:52:40): Councilor Ponomareff moved to contract with RVCOG to recruit for a city manager with the Mayor and council president acting as delegates. Councilor Volkart seconded.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carries.

### 13. City Manager and Department Reports (2:09:05)

#### 13.1 City Manager Report

Staff Report – Interim City Manager

Updated on continued effort on housing in collaboration with regional partners. Staff addresses concerns from public on fees on cost of building homes, showed table indicating fees charged by city, county and state and other entities. In addition, the fees that have been waived by the city.

Council and staff discussion on fees, clarification, and processing of fees, permits and applications.

#### 13.2 Finance Department Report

Staff Report – Finance Director

Staff updated on weekly meetings with FEMA program delivery manager, submitted preliminary damage inventory and expect to add to it. Need to appoint Budget Committee and staff will be posting recruitment notice. Councilor Ponomareff will work with staff on reimbursement project.

#### 13.3 Public Works Department Report

Staff Report – Public Works Director

Staff outlines work and responsibilities of Public Works for new city council members. Updated on extension from Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Project grant for Seismic Risk Plan required by State Drinking Water Program for Water Master Plan Update. Address citizen concerns on cleanup of debris left on sidewalk from Alameda Fire in September. Staff provided update on Kameron Springs park play structure installation timeline. Staff updated on grant from Business Oregon that provides free personal protection equipment to cities for distribution to residents. Owl Box installed on Public Works property by resident from Clearview neighborhood to combat increased rodent infestation.

**Motion** (2:34:40): Councilor Clark moved to extend the meeting as late as 10pm as necessary. Councilor Ponomareff seconded.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carries.

#### 13.4 Police Department Report

##### Staff Report – Police Chief

Staff updated on police reports and service calls, pointed out a call about a squeaky windmill. Many calls came in about controlled burns in hills above Talent. Staff discussed possibility of contracting Phoenix Police Department for policing services.

#### 14. Committee Reports (2:39:25)

none

#### 15. Other Business and Future Agenda Items (2:39:30)

Councilor Byers proposed to open future City Council Meetings with land acknowledgement. Councilor requested to add an agenda item to the February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, city council meeting agenda to introduce language for potential land acknowledgement to be used at the start of future city council meetings and to submit request for staff review and input and to invite local tribal leadership to speak to important and significant of use of land acknowledgements. Councilor Byers offered to draft language of the land acknowledgement and to contact local tribal leaders.

Council and staff discussion on Parks Committee report on installation of plaque of recognition at Kamerin Springs Park.

Council and staff discussion ensued on details on where the request would fit on agenda and time needed.

**Motion** (2:44:30): Councilor Byers moved to reconsider of the approval of the installation of a plaque at Kamerin Springs Park. Councilor Clark seconded.

**Discussion:** Councilor discussion ensued about the decision to approval the plaque needed more time to evaluate and to consider a larger inclusive celebration in honor of efforts to save property during the Alameda Fire.

**Vote:** 5 ayes, 0 nays, abstain 1 (Paré-Miller) Motion carries.

*Councilor Paré-Miller later clarified that she voted aye.*

**Motion** (2:58:05): Councilor Clark moved to deny the request to install a commemorative plaque on the pavilion at Kamerin Springs Park. Councilor Volkart seconded.

**Discussion:** Councilor Clark discussed the equity considerations involved with using public space for the plaque.

**Vote:** 6 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carries.

Councilor Volkart moved to requests for next agenda the appointment of 2 expiring terms on the Planning Commission.

**Motion** (3:07:10): Councilor Volkart moved to reaffirm the two expiring seats on the Planning Commission until such time that they can communicate their interest and be scheduled onto an agenda. Councilor Byers and Ponomareff seconded.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** 6 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carries.

#### 16. Commission and Committee Approved Minutes

Acknowledgement of the January 27, 2021, Talent Urban Forestry Committee Minutes

#### 17. Written Communications


16.1 Written Correspondence from Zac Moody

#### 18. Adjournment at 10:01 p.m. (3:08:04)

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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