



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
February 17th, 2021 — 6:45 PM**

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**1. Call to Order/Roll Call at 6:50 p.m. (17:35)**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>
Mayor Ayers-Flood Councilor Paré-Miller Councilor Byers Councilor Pastizzo Councilor Volkart Councilor Clark	Councilor Ponomareff
<b>Also Present:</b>	
Jamie McLeod-Skinner, City Manager Hector Flores, City Recorder Jennifer Snook, Police Department Bret Marshall, Public Works Director Kurt Sexton, Finance Director Dick Converse, Interim Community Development Director	

**2. Meeting Accessibility (18:35)**

None requested.

Agenda changes requested by Mayor, moving agenda item 11.1 – Finance 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Report up to item 4. Consensus from the Council with no objections.

**3. Executive Session (20:25)**

- The Council will meet in an Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations.

**Public Meeting reconvened at (45:15)**

No reportable action made.

**4. Community Announcements (47:10)**

**6.1 – Update on Debris Removal – John Vial, Director of Jackson Co. Emergency Operation Center**

Director John Vial gave summary on debris clean-up priorities at fire affected sites in Talent. Councilor Pastizzo asked clarifying questions regarding timeline of clean-up.

**11.1 – Finance 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Report**

Staff Report – Finance Director

Finance director presented staff report and gave summary of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly report.

**5. Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items (1:20:30)**

Michael Biggs, Talent, Oregon spoke on permit processing at the City of Talent.

**6. Public Presentations (1:24:05)**

Kim Young, SOREDI presented on grants for small businesses.

Tucker Teutch, Remake Talent presented on update on remake Talent's zone captain program.

**7. Public Hearings (1:49:00)**

None.

**8. Consent Calendar (1:49:05)**

**8.1 Approval of January 2021 Check Register**

**8.2 Approval to Authorize Interim City Manager to Submit Grant Applications**

**8.3 Approval to Advocate on Modification to Proposed Senate Bill 459**

**8.4 Approval of Extension from Pacific Power to Complete Electric Vehicle Charging Station**

**8.5 Acknowledgement of Parks and Recreation Commission 2021 Goals and Budget Recommendations**

**8.6 Acknowledgement of Parks and Recreation January 29, 2021, Minutes**

**8.7 Acknowledgement of Talent Urban Forestry Committee January 27, 2021, Minutes**

**8.8 Update on Emergency Response Consultant Contract**

**Motion (1:49:25):** Councilor Paré-Miller moved to approve the entire Consent Calendar. Councilor Clark seconded.

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:** All ayes (5-0, Ponomareff absent). Motion carries.

**9. Unfinished Business (1:51:00)**

**9.1 Professional Services Agreement for Risk and Resilience Assessment**

Staff Report – Public Works Director

Staff updated on Risk and Resilience plan required by the 2018 Americans Water Infrastructure Act and mandated by the State of Oregon. Must be completed by December 30<sup>th</sup> of 2021. Staff budgeted \$100,000 for this risk assessment by consultant but came in at \$16,581 because Water Master Plan, Seismic Resilience Plan, and Water Management Conservation Plan had already been completed.

Councilor Volkart praised Public Works director for his work and efforts.

**Motion (1:54:15):** Councilor Byers moved to approve the professional services agreement with RH2 to complete the state required AWIA Risk and Resilience Assessment with a project total \$16,581. Councilor Paré-Miller and Pastizzo seconded.

**Discussion: None.**

**Vote:** All ayes (5-0, Ponomareff absent). Motion carries.

## 10. New Business (1:55:25)

### 10.1 Review of Housing Development Fees (1:55:25)

Staff Report – Interim City Manager

Staff has been receiving high volume of requests from public to waive fees. Staff showed fee schedule for single family home example showing *rebuilding as is*, *rebuilding with expanded footprint* or *new builds*. Community Development director clarified between waiving fees and fees currently not being charged.

Speakers on Agenda item 10.1

Michael Biggs, Talent, Oregon  
Speaker expressed frustration on slow permit processing at City Hall.

Dawn Mellon, Talent, Oregon  
Speaker reiterated her husband's frustration on slow permit processing at City Hall.

Vaiko Allen, Talent, Oregon  
Speaker expressed request to eliminate community development fee and CET tax waived.

**Motion (2:29:25):** Councilor Volkart moved that the City waive the City's 4 Affordable Housing CET's for like-for-like rebuild structures that were destroyed Almeda Fire on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Councilor Clark seconded.

**Discussion:** Councilor Clark mentioned that the school district CET is charged proportionally based if someone is increasing their footprint or building more than before, paying additional SDC's.

**Motion (2:50:35)** Councilor Volkart moved to waive the Council rules and continue the Council meeting until the close of business. Councilor Clark seconded.

**Discussion:** none

**Vote:** All ayes (5-0, Ponomareff absent). Motion carries.

**Amended Motion (2:54:30):** Councilor Byers moved that the City waive the City's 4 Affordable Housing CET's for like-for-like rebuild of structures that were destroyed by the Almeda Fire on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Clark seconded.

**Discussion:**

**Vote:** All ayes (5-0, Ponomareff absent). Motion carries.

### 10.2 Review of Options for Re-Open Park Facilities (2:57:10)

Staff Report – Public Works Department

Staff outlined reasons for closed parks and related amenities primarily due to state of emergency for pandemic. Staff has been receiving public input and requests to open parks, amenities, and other facilities for public use. Due to this, staff has prepared opening options.

### 10.3 Approval to Hire Interim Planning Staff and Community Engagement Staff and Approval to Use Council's Set-Aside Funds (3:25:15)

Staff Report – Interim City Manager

Staff spoke about how hiring additional staff will be necessary to improve City processes. Staff request ability to hire additional interim staff in order to meet the additional requests from the residents and to increase ability to meet those requests in a timely manner.

**Motion (3:36:00):** Councilor Paré-Miller moved that Council provide consent for the Interim City Manager to hire staff as she deems necessary through June 30, 2021. Councilor Byers seconded.  
**Discussion: Councilor Volkart pointed out that the Charter also allows the City Manager to hire and fire. Mayor noted this would be for hiring.**  
**Vote:** All ayes (5-0, Ponomareff absent). Motion carries.

Staff request consent to be able to enter into new Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs)

**Motion (3:42:30):** Councilor Clark moved that Council provides consent for the Interim City Manager to expand and/or enter into new Intergovernmental Agreements to provide planning resources and community engagement as she deems necessary through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Councilor Volkart seconded.  
**Discussion: none.**  
**Vote:** All ayes (5-0, Ponomareff absent). Motion carries.

Staff request consent to be able to spend resources up to \$75,000 from Council Set Aside Reserve Fund.

**Motion (3:47:50):** Councilor Clark moved for approval for the Interim City Manager to utilize up to \$75,000 of the Council Set Aside Reserve Fund to address the City emergency response planning and community engagement needs as she deems necessary through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Councilor Paré-Miller seconded.  
**Discussion: none.**  
**Vote:** All ayes (5-0, Ponomareff absent). Motion carries.

Staff requests permission from Council to work with council members and commissioners on volunteer planning review process.

#### **10.4 Talent Urban Forestry Grant Project and Grant Request (3:51:00)**

Staff Report – Interim City Manager

Staff deferred to Councilor Clark to update Council on this agenda item. Councilor Clark let Council know about proposal submitted to Arbor Day Foundation recovery program to be placed at local public schools and impacted parts of the City of Talent.

**Motion (3:56:00):** Councilor Paré-Miller moved that Council retroactively approve the \$54,300 funding request from the Arbor Day Foundation’s Community Tree Recover Grant submitted by the Talent Urban Forestry Committee with the understanding that prior approval will be sought from the City for future grant applications. Councilor Byers seconded.  
**Discussion: none.**  
**Vote:** All ayes (5-0, Ponomareff absent). Motion carries.

#### **11. Committee Reports**

None.

#### **12. Other Business & Future Agenda Items**

None.

#### **13. Commission and Committee Approved Minutes**

None.

#### **14. Written Communications**

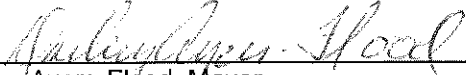
None.

**15. Adjournment at 10:31 p.m. (3:59:00)**

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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