



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
HELD VIA ZOOM
February 19th, 2021 — 7:00 PM**

Study Session, Regular Council & TURA meetings are digitally recorded and will be available on the City website: www.cityoftalent.org.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call at 7:02 p.m. (00:02:30)

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Mayor Ayers-Flood Councilor Paré-Miller Councilor Byers Councilor Pastizzo Councilor Volkart Councilor Ponomareff Councilor Clark	
Also Present:	
Jamie McLeod-Skinner, Interim City Manager Hector Flores, Interim City Recorder Jennifer Snook, Police Chief Bret Marshall, Public Works Director	

2. Meeting Accessibility (00:03:05)

3. New Business (00:05:20)

3.1 Consideration of Using Southern Portion of Chuck Roberts Park as a Backup Federal Emergency Management Agency Temporary Emergency Housing Site

Staff Report – Interim City Manager Jamie McLeod-Skinner

Interim City Manager described the Alameda Fire devastation that destroyed 1/3 of housing in City of Talent in autumn of 2021 and the steps taken by the City of Talent, Council and Mayor, Governor to declare a state of emergency in our local region and statewide. This was important because of the expanded authority granted to the City Manager to sign executive orders to address the needs of the public and the City of Talent. Interim City Manager issued and signed Executive Order 2021-03-EO to address temporary emergency accommodations throughout the City of Talent.

Interim City Manager read letter from resident asking for temporary housing.

Interim City Manager announced the signature of an Ingress/Egress Agreement with FEMA that would enable them to conduct studies necessary to determine whether they can use the Southernmost portion of Chuck Roberts Park as a potential temporary emergency housing site. Interim City Manager made it clear that this is an exploratory stage for FEMA to determine if this contingent site meets their needs. Additionally, Interim City Manager made it clear this is for temporary emergency housing, FEMA's Direct Emergency Housing Program is limited to 18 months from the date of the disaster.

Presenters:

Stan Thomas, State Emergency Coordinator, Oregon Office Emergency Management

Duke Davis, Federal Coordinating Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency

Pam Zawada, Direct Housing Logistics, Federal Emergency Management Agency

Presentation showing potential layout of FEMA trailers on contingent site and examples of other FEMA sites with similar FEMA layouts.

Councilor Volkart asked for clarification on the total number of potential trailers on the contingent FEMA site.

Councilor Byers thanked presenters for their consideration of large families and asked if there is consideration of assistance for larger extended families.

Mayor reminded that presenters could answer questions from the public via the question-and-answer function on Zoom.

Sara Mahlik, FEMA representative, described the number of families waiting and the current locations where spaces are available for families.

Councilor Ponomareff asked FEMA representatives to expand on park rules for families at FEMA sites.

Tom Humphreys, Jackson County and City of Central Point

Presenter described Jackson County efforts to assist and help FEMA negotiate with property owners to place temporary emergency units on their property.

Speakers Requests

Gwen Turos, Talent, Oregon. Speaker expressed support for placing temporary emergency housing on this property.

Allison Rosenbluth, Talent, Oregon. Speaker expressed support for proposal for use of Chuck Roberts Park for temporary emergency housing for fire victims. Speaker provided example of her work in fire relief and the requests for housing.

Suzanne Sky, Talent, Oregon. Speaker expressed concern that Chuck Roberts park was not the appropriate site for temporary emergency housing.

Erin Parent, Talent, Oregon. Speaker expressed the importance of little league to the community and the inability to use field options from the Phoenix-Talent School District.

Heather Ayers-Flood, Talent, Oregon. Speaker expressed support for the use of Chuck Roberts Park for temporary emergency housing for fire victims.

Lynn Lickens, Talent, Oregon. Speaker expressed support for the Alameda Fire victims and supported City efforts in use of Chuck Roberts Park for temporary emergency housing.

Zac Moody, Medford, Oregon. Speaker suggested city look at other options for temporary emergency housing.

Teresa Cisneros, (no current city given). Speaker expressed support for temporary emergency housing at Chuck Roberts Park.

Kathy Keese, Medford, Oregon. Speaker described her work with Alameda Fire victims and her support of the City of Talent for interim housing at Chuck Roberts Park.

Debrah Rothschild, Talent, Oregon. Speaker is manager of Talent Mobile Estates and stated that long-term housing is the larger need.

Eddie Westcott, (displaced resident of Talent, Oregon). Speaker supported the comments of previous speakers and expressed support for the project.

Niria Garcia, Talent, Oregon. Speaker expressed support of this project.

Jacksona Corona, Central Point, Oregon (displaced resident of Talent resident). Speaker described being displaced by the fire and being relocated to Central Point. Speaker described her support for this project.

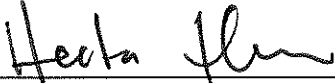
JJ Darcy, (displaced resident of Talent resident). Speaker expressed concern that the site would be used for a longer amount of time than being discussed during this meeting for other sites to be considered.

4. Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items (2:13:00)

Susan Bizeau, Talent, Oregon. Speaker decided to submit her comments via email to Interim City Manager.

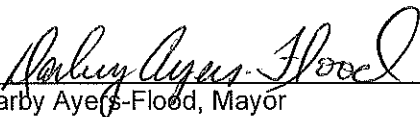
5. Adjournment at 9:15 p.m. (02:15:20)

Respectfully submitted by:



Hector Flores, Interim City Recorder

Attest:



Darby Ayers-Flood, Mayor

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