



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
- HELD AT TOWN HALL
AND VIA ZOOM -
April 3, 2024 – 6:45 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 6:48 PM (00:02:00)

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Mayor Ayers-Flood Councilor Ponomareff Councilor Greider Councilor Pastizzo Councilor Byers Councilor Paré-Miller Councilor Collay (<i>appointed during agenda item 4.1</i>)	
Also Present:	
Gary Milliman, City Manager Dave Lohman, City Attorney Jennifer Snook, Chief Police Hector Flores, Community Engagement Director Kristen Maze, Community Development Director Tessa DeLine, Finance Director Robert Slayton, Superintendent of Public Works	

Due to council vacancy, 3 of 5 attending councilors constituted a quorum.

2. Additions / Corrections to Agenda (00:02:14)

Councilor Byers requested to pull out Urban Forestry Committee March 13, 2024 minutes for further discussion.

Councilor Ponomareff asked to remove agenda item 8.1 from agenda.

City Manager Milliman asked to remove agenda item 9.1 from the Consent Calendar.

Motion (00:04:10): Councilor Byers moved to accept the amended agenda. Councilor Paré-Miller seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 5 ayes (Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motion carried.

3. Appointment of New Council Member (00:04:33)

3.1 Application Selection Process

3.2 Interview of Applicants

City Manager Milliman delivered a staff report for this agenda item. He noted that originally, there were three candidates for the vacant council position, but one withdrew late last week. The questions and a voting ballot were included in the council packet. Mayor Ayers-Flood then asked the remaining

candidates, Russell Hodgdon and Daniel Collay, to approach the council dais for the interview process.

Councilors took turns asking the candidates questions. Candidates Russell Hodgdon and Daniel Collay answered the questions from council members in alternating turns.

3.3 Selection of New Councilor

Councilors filled out their ballots, 1 indicating their first choice and 2 indicating their second choice. All ballots were returned to City Recorder and results as follows:

Councilor Paré-Miller	1. Daniel Collay, 2. Russell Hodgdon
Councilor Byers	1. Daniel Collay, 2. Russell Hodgdon
Councilor Pastizzo	1. Daniel Collay, 2. Russell Hodgdon
Councilor Greider	1. Daniel Collay, 2. Russell Hodgdon
Councilor Ponomareff	1. Daniel Collay, 2. Russell Hodgdon

Daniel Collay received 5 first place votes and Russell Hodgdon received 5 second place votes.

4. Swearing in of New Councilor (00:33:10)

City Recorder *Pro Tem* Hector Flores swore in Daniel Collay as new city councilor. Councilor Collay took his position on the council dais on seat 6.

5. Community Announcements (00:37:06)

City Manager Milliman informed the council of several community announcements. First, the Arbor Day Celebration will take place on April 13, 2024, at Chuck Roberts Park from 10 AM to 2 PM. On the same day, the Spring into Recycling event will be held at City Hall from 10 AM to 4 PM. Additionally, the Bear Creek Stewards clean-up event is scheduled for April 28 at Lyn Newbry Park from 9 AM to 12 PM. Lastly, Hector Flores will present a preview of the new city website.

City Recorder *Pro Tem* Hector Flores displayed a preview of the new city website on the projector screen.

City Manager Milliman continued with additional announcements. A fuel reduction program has commenced on Bear Creek Greenway in the vicinity of Highway 99, and the work is expected to take several months. The electric vehicle charging stations at the Community Center have been updated and are now operational. Lastly, applications for seats on the Budget Committee and Urban Forestry Committee are now being accepted. Interested parties can contact the City Recorder.

6. Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items (00:43:06)

None requested.

7. Department Reports (00:43:54)

7.1 Department Reports

City Manager Milliman informs council that while there are not many department reports in the agenda packet, council is being informed more frequently with weekly City Manager reports.

8. Committee Member Appointment (00:44:30)

6.1. Appointment of Member to Together for Talent Committee

Agenda item stricken from agenda.

9. Consent Calendar (00:44:41)

- 9.1 ~~Acknowledgement of Liquor License: The Grotto Pizzeria~~
- 9.2 Acknowledgement of Together for Talent Committee minutes, October 3rd, 2023
- 9.3 Acknowledgement of Urban Forestry Committee minutes, January 24th, 2024
- 9.4 Acknowledgement of Urban Forestry Committee minutes, March 7th, 2024
- 9.5 Acknowledgement of Urban Forestry Committee minutes, March 13th, 2024
- 9.6 Approval of Check Register, February 2024
- 9.7 Approval of Check Register, March 2024
- 9.8 Approval of January 2024 Financial Packet
- 9.9 Approval of February 2024 Financial Packet

Agenda item 9.1 stricken from agenda.

Motion (00:44:58): Councilor Paré-Miller moved to approve the consent calendar. Councilor Greider seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 6 ayes (Collay, Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motion carried.

Agenda item 9.5 was pulled from the Consent Calendar for further discussion. Councilor Byers noted that the Urban Forestry Committee's recommendation to be consulted prior to the removal of any public trees seemed more like management than policymaking. She suggested the committee reconsider and reframe their recommendation to focus on policy setting. Mayor Ayers-Flood indicated that this item would be further addressed as item 11.4 on the agenda.

Motion (00:46:42): Councilor Byers moved to accept the March 13 Talent Urban Forestry Committee minutes. Councilor Greider seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 6 ayes (Collay, Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motion carried.

10. Unfinished Business (00:47:13)

None.

11. New Business (00:47:59)

11.1 Formation of Jackson County Animal Control Services District

City Manager Milliman informed the council that the next agenda item would be a presentation regarding potential support for an animal control levy to aid the county's animal control efforts. Representatives from Jackson County were present to make the presentation and answer any questions. The City Manager asked the council whether they wished for staff to return with a resolution supporting the county's efforts or to take no further action.

Jackson County Senior Deputy County Administrator/County Counsel Joel C. Benton delivered a presentation about the proposed Jackson County Animal Control Service District.

Councilors directed questions to Mr. Benton about the funding of the new services district.

Stacey Brubaker, department director for Jackson County Health and Human Services, approached the council and answered questions regarding the proposed Jackson County Animal Control Service District.

Public Speakers:

- Denise Krause, no address given, delivered public testimony.
- Laura Hern, resident of Applegate, delivered public testimony.
- Brooke Butler, resident of Talent, delivered public testimony.

Councilor Ponomareff suggested that council to postpone item indefinitely. No objections.

Motion (01:56:35): Councilor Paré-Milled moved to take no action and decline for consideration this matter at this time. Councilor Byers seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 6 ayes (Collay, Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo, Byers, Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor Ayers-Flood stepped down from the council dais & transferred gavel to Council President Byers. **(01:57:09)**

Council took a 5-minute recess. **(01:57:20)**

Council President Byers called the meeting back to order. **(02:01:21)**

11.2 Update from Talent Business Alliance

Talent Business Alliance president Darby Ayers-Flood delivered an annual update on the Talent Business Alliance.

Mayor Ayers-Flood resumed position on council dais and Council President Byers returned gavel to Mayor. **(02:21:05)**

(moved) 11.5 **(02:21:40)**

- 11.5a - Jackson County Community – Long Term Recovery Group Agreement Presentation on Long Term Recover Plan
- 11.5b - Jackson County Community – Long Term Recovery Group Resolution Adopting Recovery Plan
- 11.5c - Jackson County Community – Long Term Recovery Group Agreement Extension for use of Depot Building

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Presentation by Jackson County Community - Long Term Recovery Group Executive Director Caryn Wheeler-Clay and Housing Recovery Director Mathew Havnear.

Motion (02:43:17): Councilor Paré-Miller moved to extend the meeting until 10PM. Councilor Byers seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 6 ayes (Collay, Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo, Byers, Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motion carried.

11.5b - Jackson County Community – Long Term Recovery Group Resolution Adopting Recovery Plan

Motion (02:45:10): Councilor Ponomareff moved to acknowledge the Rogue Reimagined Regional Long Term Recovery Plan as an optional guidance document for emergency planning and long term recovery purposes. Councilor Byers seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 6 ayes (Collay, Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo, Byers, Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motion carried.

11.5c - Jackson County Community – Long Term Recovery Group Agreement Extension for use of Depot Building

City Manager Milliman delivered a staff report detailing a request from the Jackson County Community - Long Term Recovery Group regarding their lease agreement with the City of Talent. He presented three alternative motions for consideration. The first option was to continue the lease through July 31, 2025, under the current terms, with an option to renew. The second option was to extend the existing lease agreement through July 31, 2025, with a modification adjusting the lease payment rate from \$1 per year to \$562.50 per month, effective July 1, 2024. The final alternative was to acknowledge that the lease had expired and provide a 30-day notice to vacate.

Motion (02:57:13): Councilor Byers moved to continue the JCC-LTRG lease through July 31, 2024 with current terms. Councilor Paré-Miller seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 6 ayes (Collay, Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo, Byers, Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion (02:58:28): Councilor Byers moved direct staff to draft a policy concern a specific non-profit discount for all spaces owned by the City and leased to other businesses. Councilor Paré-Miller seconded motion.

Amendment Motion (02:59:22): Councilor Collay moved that a property rate analysis is included. Councilor Ponomareff seconded motion.

Discussion: Council discussion ensued.

Vote: 6 ayes (Collay, Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo, Byers, Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion: Council discussion ensued.

Vote: 6 ayes (Collay, Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo, Byers, Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motion carried.

11.3 Intergovernmental Agreement with Rogue Valley Council of Governments for Planning, Grant Management and Human Resources Services

City Manager Milliman reported on the resignation of Community Development Director Kristen Maze and the subsequent need for planning and grant management services. The City has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG) to provide these services on an as-needed basis through August. RVCOG's planning staff has already begun assisting with ongoing projects, including the railroad master plan. This arrangement aims to fill the gap in the Community Development Department and manage major projects as needed.

Motion (03:07:29): Councilor Ponomareff moved to approve the intergovernmental agreement for planning, grant management, human resource services with the Rogue Valley Council of Governments. Councilor Pastizzo seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 6 ayes (Collay, Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo, Byers, Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motion carried.

11.4 Urban Forestry Committee Recommendations on Public Tree Management

Motion (03:09:06): Councilor Ponomareff moved to move this agenda item to the next council meeting. Councilor Paré-Miller seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 6 ayes (Collay, Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo, Byers, Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor clarified that the agenda item would be moved to the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

12. Other Business and Future Agenda Items (03:09:45)

City Manager Milliman reported that future agenda items included annexation of school district property and a report from the Urban Renewal Agency, also including the recommendations from the Urban Forestry Committee and the Together for Talent Committee.

Councilor Paré-Miller suggested placing the Public Arts Committee Master plan on a future agenda for feedback.

Councilor Ponomareff asked if Budget Committee meetings would be held soon. City Manager Milliman responded that a schedule would be distributed soon.

Mayor Ayers-Flood suggested holding a Council Study Session on Council Rules of Procedure before upcoming council meetings until the item is updated.

13. Written Communications

None submitted.

14. Adjournment 8:02 PM (03:13:33)

Respectfully submitted by:



Hector Flores, City Recorder

Note: These minutes and the entire agenda packet, including staff reports, referenced documents, resolutions and ordinances are posted on the City of Talent website (www.cityoftalent.org) after each meeting. The minutes are not a verbatim record: the narrative has been condensed and paraphrased to reflect the discussions and decisions made.