



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
- HELD AT TOWN HALL
AND VIA ZOOM -
March 6th, 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 6:53 p.m. (01:41)

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

2. Additions / Corrections to Agenda (02:04)

No Requested

3. Community Announcements (02:58)

Councilor Paré-Miller announced that Talent public Arts Committee will have an Open House at the City Hall lobby on Sunday March 10th. 2024, to celebrate the artists who are showing their work at City Hall.

4. Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items (03:48)

Speaker Joy Riley, resident of Talent, addressed City Council regarding her concern on moving forward with the rezoning.

Speaker Chris Luz, resident of Phoenix, addressed City Council regarding City Council Rules.

5. Department Report (14:14)

5.1 Department Reports

City manager informed council that the department reports are in the agenda packet, highlighting the annual report by the Talent Police Department.

6. Consent Calendar (17:05)

6.1 Acknowledgement of Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes, December 13th, 2023

- 6.2 Acknowledgement of Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes, January 10th, 2024
- 6.3 Acknowledgment of Liquor License – Grab N Go Market
- 6.4 Acknowledgment of Liquor License – Chevron #5017
- 6.5 Acknowledgment of Noise Permit – Lifegate, March 23rd, 2024
- 6.6 Acknowledgment of Noise Permit – Rogue World Music, May 25th, 2024

Motion (17:40): Councilor Paré-Miller moved to approve the consent calendar. Councilor Ponomareff seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

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

7. Unfinished Business (18:00)

7.1 Rescheduling of Vacant Council Seat 6 Interviews

The City Manager informed the Council that staff proposed rescheduling the interviews for City Council seat 6 to April 3rd. The mayor will be out of town on March 20th and wants to be present for the interviews. A motion is needed to change the date because the March 20th date was previously set by an adopted motion.

Motion (17:40): Councilor Paré-Miller moved to reschedule City Council candidate interviews for seat 6 to the next council meeting on April 3rd, 2024. Councilor Byers seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Motion (21:55): Councilor Paré-Miller moved to close candidate application on Wednesday March 27th, 2024. Councilor Byers seconded motion.

Discussion: Councilor Greider asked a clarification question answered by the Mayor.

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

8. New Business (23:03)

8.1 Review Questions for City Council Candidate Interviews

City Manager Milliman reviewed the suggested questions with the council.

Mayor Ayers-Flood asked the City Manager to meet with Council leadership to review and finalize the interview questions.

8.2 Discussion of Zone Change Request – Oak Valley Subdivision

8.3 Discussion of Zone Change Request – Autumn Ridge Subdivision

The City Manager informed the Council that at the last meeting, a homeowners' association requested a zone change for their neighborhood during public comment. The City Manager explained that the Council's policy is not to discuss items brought up during public comment at that time. Therefore, the City Manager included these items on the agenda for the Council to decide whether to initiate the zoning changes or leave the request to the neighborhoods to submit an application and go through the process as private applicants.

Mayor Ayers-Flood asked for questions regarding the zone change request, answered by Community Development Director Kristen Mazen.

Mayor Ayers-Flood and City Council had further discussion regarding this item.

City Council decided not to take any action regarding this request and if the applicant wished for a faster process, they would need to initiate the process as a private applicant.

8.4 Request Community Development Report on Historical Use of Phoenix-Talent School District Colver Road Property Proposed for Annexation

8.5 Request Joint Study Session with Phoenix-Talent School District on Proposed Colver Road Property Annexation

The City Manager informed the Council that Ordinance 2023-976-O was approved on March 15, 2023. This ordinance amended the City of Talent Comprehensive Plan Map to add 47.3 acres for public facilities and open space, including approximately 4.3 acres of public right-of-way, and updated the UGBMA text. The District requested the UGB amendment and is now seeking an annexation to the city limits to better accommodate existing uses on the property and meet long-term needs, as outlined in the Large School District Facility Master Plan.

City Manager received City Council consensus for a joint Study Session.

8.6 Resolution 2024-088-R – Authorizing Old Town Skate Park Grant Application

The City Manager informed the council that the City of Talent has hired consultants to help prepare a grant application for the Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation's Local Government Program. This grant aims to rehabilitate the Skatepark at Old Town Park. To proceed, a Resolution authorizing the application submission is necessary.

Motion (1:15:42): Councilor Byers moved to adopt resolution 2024-088-R authorizing submission of an application for the Old Town Skatepark project to the Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation. Councilor Pastizzo seconded motion.

Discussion: None

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

8.7 Urban Forestry Committee Recommendation for Sidewalk Replacement at Ray's Market

The City Manager informed that Ray's Market was contacted by the Community Development Department regarding the sidewalks on Market Street and E. Wagner Street near the tree wells. The sidewalks have been damaged by tree roots, posing obstacles to ADA accessibility and public safety. According to City Municipal Code, maintaining sidewalks falls under the responsibility of the adjacent property owner. Ray's Market leases the property where the market is situated, and this responsibility has been transferred to them through the lease agreement. Despite repeated replacements and repairs of the sidewalks at the tree well locations, the damage persists. Ray's Market proposes removing the street trees to reduce ongoing costs, suggesting planting new trees in a landscaped area on private property behind the sidewalk. The City has approved tree vouchers to assist in acquiring these new trees.

Speaker Mike Oxendine, resident of Talent, addressed City Council regarding his concerns on preserving trees.

Mayor Ayers-Flood informed that there was no motion on the table, the item falls to the floor.

8.8 Request from Urban Forestry Committee to Authorize Participation in Air Quality Monitoring Citizen Science Project

The City Manager informed the council that the Urban Forestry Committee has been actively finding places to put air quality and temperature monitoring devices in Talent neighborhoods, both on private and public property. This is part of a citizen science initiative aimed at informing and educating the local community, city council, landowners, funders, and others about the benefits of urban tree canopy. The goal is to preserve existing canopy, maintain and care for it, and advocate for more trees to close canopy gaps. UFC members have obtained permission from approximately 18 property owners to install these monitoring devices.

Councilor Ponomareff asked to relax the rules for speaker Mike Oxendine to explain further on the citizen science subcommittee and the monitoring devices in Talent

Motion (1:58:50): Councilor Ponomareff moved to relax the rules to suspend the rules so that speaker Mike Oxendine could address council. Councilor Pastizzo seconded motion.

Discussion: None

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

Speaker Mike Oxendine, resident of Talent, addressed city council and shared more details about the request by Urban Forestry Committee.

Motion (2:09:56): Councilor Ponomareff moved to authorize the Talent Urban Forestry Committee to conduct and participate in the air quality citizen science program to gather information relative to the impact of a restored urban canopy on air quality, ambient temperatures, streets, wildlife, economics and the quality of life; and require that all UFC members actively participating in conducting this program execute a Volunteer Registration and Release of Claims/Liability Waiver form. Councilor Byers seconded motion.

Discussion: None

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

Motion (2:11:06): Councilor Byers moved to amendment to require that the value of the goods be reported to the city for potential reporting. Councilor Ponomareff seconded motion.

Discussion: Councilor Ponomareff requested to add on the motion to work with staff to the satisfaction of staff.

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

9. Other Business and Future Agenda Items (02:13:17)

City Manager informed the council about the Look-A-Head document and if they had items that they would like for a future agenda, to inform the City Manager and City Recorder.

Mayor Ayers-Flood mentioned receiving a communication from United Way offering the city two wheelchair chargers as a donation at no cost. She asked if anyone objected to accepting them, and there was no objection raised.

Mayor Ayers-Flood brought back the discussion regarding the testimony from speaker Derek Manzi and explained more details about what happened.

10. Written Communications (02:10:18)

None Requested

11. Adjournment 9:17pm (02:24:54)

Respectfully submitted by:



Hector Flores, City Recorder *Pro Tem*

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