



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
- HELD AT TOWN HALL  
AND VIA ZOOM -  
February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – 6:45 PM**

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**1. Call to Order/Roll Call at 6:45 p.m. (7:00)**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>
Mayor Ayers-Flood Councilor Ponomareff Councilor Greider Councilor Pastizzo Councilor Byers Councilor Paré-Miller	
<b>Also Present:</b>	
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	

*Mayor Ayers-Flood recognized Jackson County Commissioner Dotterer.*

**2. Additions / Corrections to Agenda (07:50)**

Councilor Paré-Miller requested to add an agenda item about Rogue World Music Festival. Mayor Ayers-Flood and City Council decided to add this item as 7.1.

Councilor Byers recused herself from this vote because of a conflict of interest.

**Motion (9:40):** Councilor Paré-Miller moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Pastizzo seconded motion.

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:** 4 ayes (Ponomareff, Pastizzo, Greider, and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

**3. Community Announcements (10:17)**

No Requested.

**4. Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items (10:35)**

Resident of Talent Jerry Hauck addressed City Council requesting the consideration of returning Oak Valley Subdivision back to a single-family medium density zoning.

Speaker Ralph Henderson addressed City Council regarding his concern of density zoning at Oak Valley Subdivision.

Before Mayor continued to the next agenda item, City Recorder *Pro Tem* Hector Flores informed Mayor Ayers-Flood that there was additional speaker request that came through email.

Mayor Ayers-Flood informed speakers that, according to current council rules, they must be present and fill out a speaker request form on the day of the meeting. The Mayor emphasized that the council will follow this rule until they review hybrid meeting options. Therefore, speaker request forms submitted by email will not be accepted. People are encouraged to either attend in person to fill out the forms or submit written communications for the agenda.

## **5. City Reports (19:27)**

### 5.1 City Manager Report

### 5.2 Urban Renewal Activities Report

The City Manager combined both items and informed the council that Community Engagement Director Hector Flores is finalizing the city website, which will launch on March 11th, 2024. He also reminded the council of a special meeting on Saturday, February 24th, 2024, to review the city council goals. The City Manager then provided a further city report to the council members.

## **6. Consent Calendar (35:54)**

6.1 Acknowledgment of Together for Talent Committee Meeting Minutes, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

6.2 Acknowledgment of Together for Talent Committee Meeting Minutes, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

6.3 Acknowledgment of Public Arts Committee Meeting Minutes, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

6.4 Acknowledgment of Public Arts Committee Meeting Minutes, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

6.5 Acknowledgment of Public Arts Committee Meeting Minutes, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

6.6 Acknowledgment of Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

6.7 Acknowledgment of Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

6.8 Acknowledgment of Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

6.9 Acknowledgment of Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Motion (26:28):** Councilor Byers moved to approve the consent calendar. Councilor Paré-Miller seconded motion.

**Discussion:** None.

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

## **7. Unfinished Business (33:15)**

### 7.1 Rogue World Music Festival

*Councilor Byers declared a conflict of interest and recused herself from the dais.*

Sophia Blanton, Development and Events Manager for Rogue World Music in Ashland, Oregon, requested a letter of support from the council. This letter is needed for a grant application to show that the organization collaborates with the communities where they hold festival events, has community support, and that the event serves a greater purpose.

City Attorney Dave Lohman suggested that if the council wished to proceed with a vote approving signing a support letter that a few changes would need to be made.

**Motion (40:30):** Councilor Paré-Miller moved to approve a letter of support for Rogue World Music pending any feedback or updates from staff. Councilor Greider seconded motion.

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:** 4 ayes (Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo, and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

*Councilor Byers returned to the dais.*

7.2 Approval of Resolution 2024-085-R – Establishing a Fee Schedule for Water Rates

7.3 Approval of Resolution 2024-086-R – Establishing a Fee Schedule for Water System Replacement Fee

7.4 Approval of Resolution 2024-087-R – Establishing Water System Connection Fees

City Manager informed city council that all these resolutions will establish a part of the fee schedule for water rates, water system and the connection fees.

City Council had further deliberation regarding these items.

**Motion (53:29):** Councilor Paré-Miller moved to approve resolution number 2024-085-R establishing a fee schedule for water rates and rescinding resolution number 2023-060-R. Councilor Ponomareff seconded motion.

**Discussion:** Councilor Byers made a comment and City Recorder noted it. Councilor Paré-Miller thanked city staff for their hard work. Mayor also thanked staff for the informative water rate study. Councilor Ponomareff followed up with a question.

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

**Motion (56:29):** Councilor Paré-Miller moved to approve resolution number 2024-086-R establishing a fee schedule for water replacement fees. Councilor Greider seconded motion.

**Discussion:** None

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

**Motion (57:32):** Councilor Pastizzo moved to approve resolution number 2024-087-R establishing a temporary schedule for water connection fees. Councilor Byers seconded motion.

**Discussion:** None

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

## **8. New Business (2:06:28)**

8.1 Approval of Arbor Day Planning

City Manager informed council that the Talent Urban Forestry Committee is recommending that the city conduct an expanded event for Arbor Day on April 14. City Manager shared the concerns raised by Talent Mobile Estates Management regarding this event and with the approval of city council, the possibility of modifying the event.

Jane Hargrove and Mike Oxendine, residents of Talent addressed the council regarding the event.

**Motion (1:20:00):** Councilor Byers moved to tentatively approve, subject to resolving plant selection, irrigation, OWEB and fencing logistical matters, the April 14, 2024, Arbor Day event as proposed by the Urban Forestry Committee and direct staff to provide necessary logistical support; and to report back to the Council concerning any unresolved logistical matters. Inedible seconded motion.

**Discussion:** Mayor Ayers-Flood asked a clarification question answered by City Manager. Councilor Ponomareff shared her support on the event and for having more tree canopies.

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

## 8.2 Discussion of Events at City Hall

The City Manager informed the council that the Public Arts Committee is planning an "Open Gallery at Talent City Hall" event on March 9, 2024, to showcase local artwork in the City Hall lobby. Part of the discussion involved serving alcoholic beverages. Since the Public Arts Committee is a City-authorized volunteer group, a formal use permit isn't required, unlike for organizations renting space in the Community Center. The City Manager sought direction on whether to apply the same standards for serving alcohol as those used for the Community Center.

Mayor Ayers-Flood asked the city council to make a motion for this petition, no one responded. Motion falls for lack of motion.

## 8.3 Temporary Event Signs & Banners on City Property

The City Manager informed the council that staff received requests to install banners on the bollards at the west end of the roundabout. However, the current sign regulations don't allow for these signs, so the administration cannot issue permits for them.

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

**Motion (1:52:41):** Councilor Byers moved to direct staff to continue the practice as established while developing code as time and capacity allows. Councilor Greider seconded motion.

**Discussion:** None

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

## 8.4 Discussion of Eligibility & Appointment Process for Council Vacancy

The City Manager informed the council that with Councilor Clark's resignation, staff need direction on the process to fill the vacancy. The city charter allows filling vacancies by appointment.

**Motion (2:00:10):** Councilor Byers moved to issue a notice of City Council Vacancy for City Council Seat 6 inviting qualified electors to apply for the vacancy, with an application deadline of March 13, and with interviews to be scheduled followed by possible appointment to fill the vacancy at the March 20 City Council meeting. Councilor Paré-Miller seconded motion.

**Discussion:** None

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

## 9. Commission / Committee Reports

Councilor Paré-Miller reported on behalf of the Talent Public Arts Committee and shared their excitement of hosting an art Open House event at City Hall lobby Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

*Councilor Byers reported out but due sound issues her report is inaudible.*

Councilor Ponomareff reported on the Together for Talent Committee and shared the presentation they had on wildfire risk assessment program. Also shared about the upcoming recycling event on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

## 10. Other Business and Future Agenda Items (02:07:55)

Mayor Ayers-Flood brought back the discussion regarding rezoning, seeking direction from the Planning Commission Director Kristen Maze.

## 11. Written Communications (02:10:18)

None Requested

## 12. Executive Session (02:10:21)

The Council met in an executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a)(h):

- To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

**13. Reporting Out (03:00:53)**

Mayor Ayers-Flood and City Council came back to regular meeting informing that there was no decision made during the Executive Session.

**14. Adjournment 9:39pm (03:01:14)**

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Hector Flores, City Recorder Pro Tem

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