



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
- HELD AT COMMUNITY
CENTER
& VIA ZOOM -
April 24th, 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 6:53PM (00:00:52)

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Mayor Ayers-Flood Councilor Collay Councilor Ponomareff Councilor Greider Councilor Pastizzo Councilor Byers Councilor Paré-Miller	
Also Present:	
Gary Milliman, City Manager Dave Lohman, City Attorney Jennifer Snook, Chief Police Hector Flores, Community Engagement Director Tessa DeLine, Finance Director	

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

Councilor Ponomareff requested to move agenda item 10.2 – Presentation by Together for Talent Committee on Proposed Talent Gas Resolution to right after agenda item 4 – Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items. No objections from the council.

Mayor Ayers-Flood requested to add New Business agenda item 10.2 – Appointment of Councilor Collay as liaison to Urban Forestry Committee. No objections from the council.

3. Community Announcements (00:03:38)

City Manager Milliman informed the council of several community announcements. A Ground Breaking Ceremony at Talent Mobile Estates was scheduled for April 27 at 11 AM. On the same day, a Local Goods Market took place at Wagner Plaza, and a Wood Debris Drop-off event was planned for May 2 at the Fire District 5 station from 9 AM to 5 PM. The PIER Committee was set to meet at the Talent Community Center on May 2 starting at 11 AM. Additionally, May 11 marked the Talent Craft Crawl, a new citywide event. Ongoing notices included encouraging residents to sign up for Citizen Alert, adhering to the Weed Abatement Ordinance, and the Budget Committee meetings scheduled for May 1, May 8, and June 5.

4. Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items (00:05:55)

None requested.

10.2 – Presentation by Together for Talent Committee on Proposed Talent Gas Resolution

Together for Talent Committee Chair David Spinney delivered a presentation on a proposed Talent Gas Resolution.

Motion (00:17:51): Councilor Ponomareff moved to direct staff to review the resolution and bring it back to council for deliberation and possible voting at a future meeting. Councilor Byers seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

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

5. City Reports (00:20:21)

5.1 City Manager Reports

5.1 Urban Renewal Activities Report

City Manager Milliman updated the council on the fire at Town Hall, which displaced City Council and Planning Commission meetings to the Community Center and affected the operations of the Talent Food Pantry and Talent Business Alliance. Restoration efforts for the historic Town Hall building were underway with insurance and rehabilitation specialists. Milliman also announced the beginning of the budget season, with the first Budget Committee Meeting scheduled for May 1, 2024. In staffing news, Community Development Director Kristen Maze resigned, leaving both the Community Development and Public Works Director positions vacant. The city contracted with the Rogue Valley Council of Governments to assist with long-term planning projects. Additionally, the city planned to attend upcoming PIER meetings to seek further funding for their PIER application.

6. Commission / Committee Member Appointment (00:26:08)

6.1. Appointment of Member to Planning Commission

Motion (00:27:14): Councilor Ponomareff moved to affirm the Mayor's appointment of Jason Clark as a commissioner of the City of Talent Planning Commission for a 4 year term beginning on April 20, 2024. Councilor Byers seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

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

7. Consent Calendar (00:27:50)

7.1 Acknowledgment of Together for Talent Committee Meeting Minutes, March 5, 2024

7.2 Acknowledgment of Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes, February 28, 2024

Motion (00:28:00): Councilor Byers moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Councilor Geider seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

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

8. Public Hearings (00:28:23)

8.1 Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance 2024-948-O for Annexation of 6100 Colver Road to be Included in the City Limits

City Manager Milliman delivered staff report for the council to consider an ordinance for the annexation of a 43-acre school district property at 6100 Colver Road. The land, used by the Phoenix-Talent School District for various facilities, was recently added to Talent's Urban Growth Boundary and is zoned for public facilities. The annexation is necessary for development, requiring a conditional use permit and a public hearing. Environmental assessments have been conducted due to the property's agricultural history, with concerns addressed in a joint meeting on March 21. The staff report outlines the required findings and standards met for the annexation.

Mayor opens public hearing. (00:36:35)

City Manager Milliman delivered City Planner report which determined that the approval criteria for the application were met. The City Manager read the findings into the record.

Mayor opens public hearing for public testimony. **(00:51:13)**

Applicant Testimony

- Jay Harlan, CSA Planning, agent of record for Phoenix-Talent School District

Public Testimony

- Chris Gallegos, resident of Phoenix, Oregon
- Omar Cervantes, resident of Talent, Oregon
- Christopher Olshausen, resident of Talent, Oregon
- Luis Rodrigues, resident of Phoenix, Oregon
- Alvin Olsen, resident of Talent, Oregon
- Matt Guthmiller, resident of Phoenix, Oregon
- Greg Roe, resident of Talent, Oregon
- Brent Barry, resident of Jacksonville, Oregon
- Katie McCormick, resident of Talent, Oregon
- Erin Mahanay, resident of Medford, Oregon

Mayor closes public hearing for public testimony. **(01:21:27)**

City Manager Milliman discussed an additional provision to the annexation agreement with the school district. This provision requires the district to enter a voluntary cleanup program with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) before submitting a development application. The district must also secure a "no further action" letter from DEQ before occupancy or commencing new uses on the property. This ensures proper environmental cleanup before development proceeds.

Motion (01:24:33): Councilor Ponomareff moved to authorize the City Manager to add the following provision the party's annexation agreement and to execute the agreement after signature by the authorized school district representative. The district will enter into a voluntary cleanup program with the DEQ prior to submitting development application and will secure a no further action letter from DEQ prior to occupancy or commencement of a new use as defined in the annexation agreement between the city and the school district. Councilor Byers seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Motion (01:26:30): Councilor Ponomareff moved to have Ordinance 2024-984-O for annexation of 6100 Colver Road read in full and then by title. Councilor Pastizzo seconded motion.

Discussion: Council discussed on proper procedure to read ordinance into the record.

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

City Manager Milliman read Ordinance 2024-984-O in full.

Motion (01:34:24): Councilor Pastizzo moved to approve Ordinance 2024-984-O for annexation of 6100 Colver Road to be included in the City Limits. Councilor Byers seconded motion.

Discussion: none.

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

Mayor Ayers-Flood highlighted the long-term regional problem-solving process to preserve agricultural lands and praised Don Watson for her early involvement. She commended the school district for expanding recreational facilities, addressing environmental concerns transparently, and voluntarily working with the DEQ. Ayers-Flood appreciated the district's cooperation and dedication, ensuring the property could be enjoyed confidently by the community.

9. Unfinished Business **(01:46:12)**

9.1 Review Format of FY 24/25 Council Goals, Priorities, and Action Plan / Schedule workshop

City Manager Milliman delivered a staff report focused on a workshop to address city council goals and priorities for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025. He suggested conducting another short workshop, possibly an hour long, to review and understand these goals better. Milliman proposed a new format that highlights effort level, priority level, timeline, and related items to show how various goals are interrelated. He expressed a desire to discuss areas needing improvement, breaking them into multiple years, and gaining a clearer understanding of these activities. He considered incorporating this discussion into the budget meeting.

Council discussion ensued on the format of the proposed goals workshop. Clarity provided by City Manager Milliman.

Council agreed to have a Study Session focused on goals on May 1st, 2024 at 4:30pm.

10. New Business (02:12:38)

10.1 Consideration of Urban Forestry Committee Recommendations on Public Tree Management

City Manager Milliman delivered a staff report focused on public tree management recommendations from the Urban Forestry Committee.

Motion (02:38:52): Councilor Paré-Miller moved to extend meeting until 9:45PM. Councilor Greider seconded motion.

Discussion: none.

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

Councilor Paré-Miller noted that all city committees and commissions struggle with processes and that hopefully some clarification can be provided at the Summit Training in late May.

10.2 – Appointment of Councilor Collay as liaison to Urban Forestry Committee

Mayor Ayers-Flood noted that the council appointed Councilor Collay to serve as council liaison to the Urban Forestry Committee as well as the Bear Creek Revisioning Masterplan Steering Committee.

11. Commission / Committee Reports

Parks and Recreation Commission: Councilor Byers informed council that the commission will be holding a public hearing at their next meeting to receive input on re-envision Chuck Roberts Park.

12. Other Business and Future Agenda Items (02:45:12)

Councilor Byers asked that the next study session on council rules of procedure include revisiting the topic of attendance for councilors at council meetings.

13. Written Communications

None submitted.

14. Adjournment 9:40PM (02:48:16)

Respectfully submitted by:



Hector Flores, City Recorder

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