



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL & PHOENIX-TALENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD
JOINT WORK SESSION
MEETING MINUTES
- HELD AT PHOENIX-TALENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
& VIA ZOOM -
104 E. Main Street
March 21, 2024 - 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 7:00 PM

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Mayor Ayers-Flood Councilor Ponomareff	Councilor Paré-Miller Councilor Byers Councilor Pastizzo Councilor Greider Councilor seat 6 - vacant
Also Present:	
Gary Milliman, City Manager Hector Flores, Community Engagement Director	

No quorum achieved. The meeting continued as joint work session with Talent City Council and Phoenix-Talent School District Board.

2. Discussion of Annexation of Colver Road Property to Talent City Limits

The Talent City Council and Phoenix-Talent School Board received a presentation from district consultant John Williams of Alpine Environmental Consultants, who delivered an environmental assessment of the district property on Colver Road.

Mr. Williams addressed council concerns about potential pesticide and herbicide contamination on the property, which was used as an agronomy station from 1911 to 1958, not as an orchard as initially thought.

The assessment, conducted by a registered geologist, found low levels of arsenic and lead in the soil across the 47-acre property, likely from historical pesticide use. Elevated lead concentrations were also detected in three wells, though only one exceeded action levels. The consultant recommended placing contaminated soil in an agricultural buffer area along the property boundaries to avoid expensive disposal costs and suggested working with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) through the voluntary cleanup program to obtain a "no further action" letter. This would ensure the site is safe for human health and the environment.

The school district is considering incorporating solar panels or other community-oriented uses alongside athletic fields in the property's development, with the environmental assessment findings and remediation plan playing a crucial role in this process.

3. Adjournment of Joint Meeting at 8:11 PM

Respectfully submitted by:



Hector Flores, City Recorder

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