



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
- HELD AT COMMUNITY CENTER
AND VIA ZOOM -
May 15th, 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 p.m. (07:05)

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

2. Additions / Corrections to Agenda (07:35)

No Requested

3. Community Announcements (7:45)

The City Manager announced several upcoming events: a citywide yard sale on May 18, 2024, from 7am to 6pm; a business mixer hosted by the Talent Business Alliance at Suncrest on May 22, 2024, from 6pm to 7:30pm; and a Commission and Committee Chair Summit at the community center on May 29, 2024, from 6:30pm to 8pm, featuring representatives from the League of Oregon Cities. Additionally, June 5, 2024, marks the first day to pick up election packets for the upcoming city council elections. The City Manager also provided an update on Town Hall conditions and suggested that the council discuss future plans for the building.

The City Manager informed the council that City Recorder Lucero Martinez has resigned and will be leaving her position on May 31, 2024. Hector Flores will be assuming the role. Additionally, after 11 years of service, Robert Slayton's last day was Friday, May 18, 2024. The City Manager expressed gratitude for their dedicated service. Nick Schubert from the Community Development Department will oversee type 1 and type 2 applications. For type 3 and type 4 applications, the city has contracted with the Rogue Valley Council of Governments for a six-month period. The City Manager provided further details on these ongoing changes within city departments.

Councilor Byers shared details of Rogue World Music Festival happening on Saturday May 25th, 2024, at Talent Commons Library Park.

4. Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items (20:36)

No Requested

5. Public Presentation (21:25)

5.1 Presentation from Rural Development Initiatives

Consultants Cayla Catino and Kevin Teater from Rural Development Initiatives gave a presentation on rural development and answered questions from City Council.

5.2 Presentation on Town Hall Restoration

Finance Director Tessa DeLine gave a presentation on Town Hall restoration and answered questions from City Council.

6. City Reports (1:16:00)

6.1 City Manager Report

City Manager informed council that he covered his report under Community Announcements.

6.2 Urban Renewal Activities Report

City Manager gave a verbal report to council giving updates on PIER grant application.

Mayor Ayers-Flood and Councilor Ponomareff shared more details on what's happening with the PIER committee and the reason why the State has sent a letter directing the Committee to start over and revisit all the applications that have been submitted.

7. Consent Calendar (1:24:19)

7.1 Approval of March 2024 Financial Packet

7.2 Approval of April 2024 Check Register

7.3 Appointment of Jason Clark to Talent Urban Forestry Committee

Motion (1:24:43): Councilor Byers moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Councilor Ponomareff seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 4 ayes (Collay, Ponomareff, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

8. Unfinished Business (1:25:00)

8.1 Approval of City Council Goals, Priorities, and Action Plan

City Manager gave a verbal report to City Council.

Motion (1:26:14): Councilor Byers moved to adopt the updated City Council goals. Councilor Collay seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 4 ayes (Collay, Ponomareff, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

9. New Business (1:26:34)

9.1 Recommendation from Architectural Review Committee for Historic District Sign Toppers

City Manager informed council that the Architectural Review Committee has made a recommendation for sign toppers to be placed at 24 locations in the Old Town area.

Representative of the Architectural Review Committee gave more details about the design of the sign toppers and answered questions from council.

Motion (1:31:41): Councilor Byers moved to authorize the installation of Talent Old Town sign toppers at 24 locations as identified by the Talent Architectural Review Committee, with the signs and mounting hardware to be provided through private donations and installation by the Public Works Department. Councilor Collay seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 4 ayes (Collay, Ponomareff, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

9.2 Approval of Award of Contract for Water Meter Replacement Project

The City Manager informed the council that a Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals was issued for replacing the City's water meter infrastructure with a remote read meter system. Two proposals were received, and a panel consisting of the City Manager, Public Works Superintendent, Finance Director, City Engineer, and a Utility Superintendent from another agency evaluated them. Please refer to the attached memorandum from the City's engineer, Jeff Ballard, which outlines the process for evaluating these proposals.

Motion (1:37:47): Councilor Ponomareff moved to direct the City Manager to negotiate a contract for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Transition Project with Zenner USA and return to the City Council for final approval. Councilor Paré-Miller seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 4 ayes (Collay, Ponomareff, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

9.3 Approval of Landowner Agreement with Rogue River Watershed Council

The City Manager informed the council that the Rogue River Watershed Council plans to enhance ecological conditions in Bear Creek, as presented at the April 17, 2024, City Council meeting. To proceed with the project, access through Lynn Newbry Park is necessary. City staff recommend authorizing the City Manager to execute a cooperative landowner agreement with the Rogue River Watershed Council for the Bear Creek RM 19.0 project.

Motion (1:39:57): Councilor Collay moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the Cooperative Landowner Agreement for the Bear Creek RM 19.0 project with the Rogue River Watershed Council. Councilor Byers seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 4 ayes (Collay, Ponomareff, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

9.4 Discussion of Elector Eligibility for General Election

The City Manager informed the council that on January 20th, 2021, the City Council adopted a temporary rule allowing Alameda Fire displaced residents living outside the City to run for and hold public office. At the June 1, 2022 meeting, the council extended this rule until September 8th, 2024. The extension defined a qualified elector as Alameda Fire-displaced residents who were City of Talent residents at the time of the fire, are registered to vote in Talent, and affirm their intent to return to Talent when feasible.

Motion (1:44:14): Councilor Ponomareff moved to adopt a temporary rule that defines a qualified elector in the context of council, commission or committee membership to include those who were at the time of the Alameda Fire residents of the City of Talent and who were displaced by the fire and who are registered to vote in Talent and who affirm the intention to reside in the City of Talent within 2 years after the first Council meeting of 2025; and expired 2 years after the first Council meeting of January 2025. Councilor Collay seconded motion.

Discussion: Mayor Ayers-Flood asked a clarifying question regarding the process to verify their residency. City Attorney, City Manager and City Council had a further discussion regarding Mayor's question.

Vote: 4 ayes (Collay, Ponomareff, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

9.5 Resolution 2024-090-R, Scheduling Election of City of Talent Officers on November 5, 2024

The City Manager informed the city council that Talent's next general election will align with the state election on November 5, 2024. During this election, voters will choose councilors for Seats #2, #4, and #6, each serving a 4-year term. The City Recorder is responsible for announcing election details. Candidates interested in these positions must submit nomination forms to the City Recorder between June 5, 2024, and August 20, 2024.

Motion (1:53:13): Councilor Byers moved to adopt resolution No. 2024-090-R, a resolution scheduling an Election of Talent City Officers for November 5th, 2024, General Election. Councilor Collay seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 4 ayes (Collay, Ponomareff, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

10. Commission / Committee Reports (1:54:20)

Mayor Ayers-Flood noted that that Planning Commission didn't meet last month.

11. Other Business and Future Agenda Items (1:54:45)

Mayor Ayers-Flood asked for council to resume the council rules study sessions, answered by the City Attorney. Mayor and Council would like to conclude this item by the end of June.

12. Written Communications (1:56:44)

None Requested

13. Adjournment 8:48pm (1:56:45)

Respectfully submitted by:



Hector Flores, City Recorder

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