



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
- HELD AT TOWN HALL
AND VIA ZOOM -
August 7, 2024 – 6:45 PM**

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call at 6:53 PM (00:05:20)

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 Hector Flores, City Recorder Gaoying Vigoa, City Engineer, Public Works Administrator Tessa DeLine, Finance Director Jennifer Snook, Chief of Police	

2. Additions / Corrections to Agenda (00:05:40)

No additions or corrections made.

3. Community Announcements (00:05:57)

City Manager Milliman provided updates on several topics, including the ongoing preparations for the Harvest Festival, election packet availability for the November City Council election, and an upcoming report on Foss Road. He mentioned ongoing weed abatement efforts, highlighted vacancies on city committees, and noted that city offices would be closed on September 2 for Labor Day. He also warned of extreme fire danger and reminded all about the Homeowners Assistance and Reconstruction Program, which is still accepting applications.

4. Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items (00:09:00)

None requested.

5. Public Hearings (00:09:53)

5.1 Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant Proposals

Councilor Paré-Miller declared a potential conflict of interest on this agenda item as a paid employee of the Talent Business Alliance but reserved the right to participate in the discussion.

Councilor Ponomareff reminded city council that she is a volunteer board member of the Talent Business Alliance and that she had no actual or potential conflict of interest but that announcing so was for educational purposes.

Councilor Greider declared a potential conflict of interest on this agenda item as a paid employee of Rogue Action Center, which is a non-profit that does work in Talent and that has been involved in discussions on this item.

Mayor Ayers-Flood declared a potential conflict of interest on this agenda item as a paid employee for the non-profit Micro Enterprises Services of Oregon (MISO) and reserved the right to participate in the discussion.

City Manager Milliman discussed a proposal for the city to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to acquire and remodel a building at 49 Talent Avenue to serve as a Community Resource Center. This center would house services like the ACCESS food pantry and provide office space for local NGOs. The building costs \$1.35 million, and the city could apply for a grant of up to \$1.5 million. Milliman noted the city's recent eligibility for CDBG funding and the urgent application deadline. During a public hearing, residents were invited to share their views on the project, and the council was asked to consider authorizing the grant application.

Councilor Byers declared a potential conflict of interest on this agenda item due to their work as a volunteer and as an independent contractor with the Talent Business Alliance.

Mayor Ayers-Flood opens public hearing at 7:19 PM

Mayor Ayers-Flood takes speaker requests forms

- Judith Richards provided public testimony

Mayor Ayers-Flood closed public hearing at 7:21 PM

Mayor Ayers-Flood acknowledges additional public comments provided via email

City Manager Milliman informed council on emailed public comments from Robin Murphy, Rebecca Pearson, and Clarkie Clark. Comments entered into public record.

Council deliberation occurs.

Mayor Ayers-Flood emphasized that selection of tenants is not happening at present as it is too early in the process. Mayor acknowledges community input for food bank and non-profits that directly serve lower income residents.

Councilor Greider asked when it would be a good time to get organizations to come forward in support. City Manager Milliman informed the council that this is the time to do so, however, it is premature.

Councilor Byers suggested it may be beneficial to hear from organizations that serve the community as to what type of services are needed and desired by the community.

Mayor Ayers-Flood indicated that outreach to local organizations by the city would be necessary.

Councilors responded to comments received.

Mayor Ayers-Flood entertained motion from council:

Motion (00:44:55): Councilor Byers moved to authorize the City Manager to submit a Community Development Block Grant Application for a Community Resource Center project. Seconded by Councilor Pastizzo.

Discussion: Councilor Paré-Miller commended City Manager Milliman for his initiative in putting the concept of a community resource center together so quickly. Councilor Byers and Mayor Ayers-Flood seconded comments by Councilor Byers.

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

6. Department Reports (00:47:50)

6.1 Update from Public Works

Gaoying Vigoa delivered an update from Public Works updating the council on bioswales visibility, water usage at the Chuck Roberts Splash Pad, and an update on work being done on Foss Road.

7. Consent Calendar (01:03:01)

Councilor Paré-Miller requested that edits be made to reflect the accuracy of the minutes. Noted by the City Recorder.

7.1 City Council Study Session Minutes – February 24, 2024

7.2 City Council Study Session Minutes – March 6, 2024

7.3 City Council Study Session Minutes – March 21, 2024

7.4 City Council Study Session Minutes – April 3, 2024

7.5 City Council Study Session Minutes – April 24, 2024

7.6 City Council Study Session Minutes – May 29, 2024

7.7 City Council Study Session Minutes – June 18, 2024

7.8 City Council Study Session Minutes – July 17, 2024

7.9 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2024

7.10 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2024

7.11 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2024

7.12 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2024

7.13 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2024

7.14 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – July 17, 2024

7.15 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2024

7.16 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2024

7.17 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2024

7.18 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2024

7.19 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – May 28, 2024

Motion (01:03:57): Councilor Byers moved approve the Consent Calendar. Councilor Paré-Miller seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Mayor Ayers-Flood recognized Jackson County Commissioner Dave Dotterer in the audience.

8. Unfinished Business (01:05:14)

8.1 Consideration of Vehicle Replacement Plan

Staff report and presentation delivered by Finance Director Tessa DeLine.

Councilor Ponomareff asked if Electric Vehicles were being considered as replacement vehicles. Answered by Tessa DeLine.

9. New Business (01:47:25)

No items to report on.

10. Other Business and Future Agenda Items (01:49:39)

10.1 Review of Look-A-Head

City Manager Milliman informed the council that an update on the psilocybin would be included on the next council agenda.

City Manager Milliman informed the council that the August 13 TURA workshop and August 21 Council Study Session meetings would be cancelled.

Councilor Paré-Miller informed the council that the Public Arts Committee would be making recommendations for a Public Arts Master Plan and a donation of artwork from a local artist.

Councilor Ponomareff asked if a council meeting concerning camping on public property could be scheduled as a study session. City Manager Milliman offered several dates and to confirm the study session with council leadership.

11. Written Communications (02:07:53)

None submitted.

12. Adjournment 8:55 PM (02:08:10)

Respectfully submitted by:



Hector Flores, City Recorder

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