



# THE FLASH City of Talent

An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works and Police Departments

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## From the Mayor's Office

It is often hard to say goodbye and this time is certainly no exception. Please join me in expressing profound gratitude to Melissa Huhtala Talent City Recorder, as she



embarks on a new adventure with the City to our South. She has been an amazing employee but more than that, she has thrown her whole heart into her job with the City of Talent. One only needs to have experienced the Talent Harvest Festival in the past 6 years to know what I am talking about. In my many years of leadership, I have known few people who can manage as many balls in the air at one time as Melissa, and then have them all land exactly the way she wants them too. Productive, outstanding service with her finger on the pulse, her head in the game and her heart in the community is what Melissa Huhtala gave Talent. So as we say goodbye with gratitude, let us please also say congratulations as she moves to a larger job with greater opportunity. She earned it! Their gain is our loss, but it couldn't have happened to a nicer person!

The sun is finally out. Nights are balmy and long. Down town Talent is alive with foot traffic, friends, a warm flame to stare into and great beverages on tap and uncorked. There is music in the air and an incredible art scene to sooth the soul. Talent City Council and the City Staff, has worked hard to revitalize economy in the core of our community and it is really starting to take shape. Hope to see you out one night, on an evening stroll in down town Talent.

Goals and budget are in the can. We adopted continuing efforts on economic development, streets and walk ways and parks. With that, are new goals on energy efficiency planning, traffic safety strategies and the Gateway project. Please take a moment to visit the Talent website where you will find a complete list of the Talent City Goals for 2017/2018 as well as the Talent City Budget. Many thanks to the Budget Committee for their fine work!

Volunteers are always welcome! Please find committee openings on [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org).

*Grateful to serve,*

*Mayor Darby Stricker*



See you down the road, Melissa...

## CITY OF TALENT NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL VACANCY COUNCIL POSITION NO. 3

The City of Talent is seeking applications for City Council Position No. 3. Talent City Council positions are elected and/or appointed by Council, when a vacancy occurs, until the next general election.

To qualify, candidates must reside within the City limits and be a registered voter in the City prior to submitting an application for appointment. Applications must be submitted to the Office of the City Recorder no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday June 14, 2017 to be considered.

Talent City Council will conduct a public interview of candidates at its regular meeting of Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. Talent Town Hall, 206 E. Main Street, Talent, Oregon 97540.

The appointee's term shall begin immediately upon his/her appointment and term ending 12/31/18.

Applications may be obtained at City Hall, 110 E. Main Street, Talent, Oregon 97540; phone 535-1566 or on the City website: [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org).

## News from Talent PD By Chief Whipple

The recent loss of Corporal Moulin to neighboring Ashland Police Department opened a position within the Talent Police Department. Applications were received for several weeks and after reviewing the applications, 8 candidates were invited to an assessment center interview. From that interview process, the panel unanimously choose James Vial to continue with the hiring process.

James followed up his exceptional showing throughout his oral interviews by proving that he was just as exceptional a candidate during an extensive background investigation. But, his journey to become a Talent Police Officer was not finished at that time, as James was required to take a medical test, as well as a psychological test before finally being hired as the newest Talent Police Officer.

Officer Vial has lived in the Rogue Valley for most his life and is a South Medford High School graduate. Prior to joining the Talent Police Department, he was a student at Rogue Community College where he was in the Reserve Officer Law Enforcement Academy. I had the opportunity to talk to many of his instructors from the Academy, and all of them were impressed with Officer Vial.

Although Officer Vial's training through the Reserve Officer Law Enforcement Academy was nearly completed, his training to be a Talent Police Officer has just begun. Officer Vial will train at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training for the next 16 weeks where he will learn the basics of being a Police Officer including criminal and traffic law, problem oriented policing, emergency vehicle operations, ethics, cultural awareness and diversity, mental health and developmental disabilities, tactical communications and diffusing hostility, use of force, defensive tactics, firearms, report writing, forensics, interview and interrogations skills as well as numerous other topics.

But wait there's more. Upon his graduation from the DPSST Academy, Officer Vial will be assigned to at least three officers from the Talent Police Department who will continue with his Field Training Program. It will only be when he has shown he has the tactical experience and technical knowledge that he will be released for solo patrol.

When you see Officer Vial on the streets, make sure to welcome him to Talent.

## TALENT URBAN RENEWAL NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Talent, Jackson County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 will be held at Talent Town Hall, 206 East Main Street, Talent. The meeting will take place on June 7, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive public comment on the budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after Wednesday June 1, at Talent City Hall, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. This notice is also available on the City of Talent website: [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org)

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## Talent Historical Society News

Thanks so much to everyone who came out to our Talent Tomato Sale on May 13th. We had a wonderful time seeing old and new faces and sold a lot of tomato plants. We still have some

Tomato t-shirts available. You can check them out by visiting our website

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at: [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org) and clicking on the store icon, or you can stop by our Museum at 105 N. Market Street from 1:00 to 5:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. This event is an important fund raiser for us, so we appreciate your support. Hope you have a wonderful summer filled with eating juicy Talent Tomatoes!!

And please join us for a fun and informative field trip to the Stearns Cemetery on Tuesday, June 27th when Jan Wright will once again entertain us with stories of Talent's pioneer citizens. We'll also have the new Stearns Cemetery Guide available free of

charge. Meet at the Cemetery on Anderson Ck. Rd., just off Wagner

Ck. Rd. at 6:30 pm. The talk is free and open to the public and you need not be a member to attend. Call 541-512-8838 for more info.

## WANTED- COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MEMBERS

**Planning Commission**  
Currently there is 1 vacancy for a Planning Commissioner. The term for a Commissioner is 4 years. The Planning Commission meets every 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in Talent Town Hall.

## Talent Public Art Committee (TPAC)

Currently TPAC is looking for 3-4 volunteers for specific projects and/or to become TPAC members to enjoy a greater hands-on involvement in developing the arts in Talent. So whether you're just interested, ready to go or you're looking to support the arts with your time or just financially, give us a call. Call Ron Hodgdon at 541.535.1620 or email: [hodg1027@mind.net](mailto:hodg1027@mind.net). Please specify your name, contact information and TPAC related interest to be contacted.

## Talent Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee

There are currently 5 vacancies for this Committee. Meetings are once or twice a year in June.

**Together for Talent Committee**

Interested in becoming a **Talenteer**? This is a great Committee to be involved in if you have a passion for trees, trails, forums and want to help make Talent an even better place to live and work. There are no term limits for this Committee. Meetings are every 1st Tuesday of the month at 3:00 PM in the City Hall Conference Room.

**Harvest Festival Committee**  
Looking for motivated, enthusiastic Committee members to help create an event that was even better than the last. The Committee meets monthly beginning in February and twice a month or more as we get closer to the event.

**Bee City USA**  
Education on Pollination. Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6 PM for location and more information contact Dolly Warden at 541-897-0065 or email: dolly.warden17@gmail.com

**Architectural Review Committee To reestablish this committee we need 5 members for the Architectural Review Committee.**  
This is a 5-person committee with no specified terms. The ARC advises the Planning Commission and City Council on Design Review criteria for the Historic District in Talent. Reviews development applications for new or renovation projects in the Old Town area. Meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

**Parks Commission**  
There is currently 1 alternate member vacancy. This is a seven person commission each serving a two year term. The commission advises the City Council on planning and improvements to City parks and provides over site to the City's Summer Recreation Programs. The commission meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Members are active in raising community awareness of use of City parks and the importance of participation in recreational activities.

**For other questions regarding the vacancies please contact Melissa Huhtala at City Hall:**

**541-535-1566 or email: Melissa@cityoftalent.org. You can stop by City Hall for an application or find one online at www.cityoftalent.org**

**NOXIOUS VEGETATION ABATEMENT NOTICE**

The purpose of the City of Talent's Noxious Vegetation Ordinance is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens. Ordinance #925 in The Municipal Code requires all properties to be maintained clear of weeds throughout the year.

Weeds constitute a public nuisance when they create a fire hazard, are a source of contamination or pollution of water, air or property; become a danger to health, create a breeding place or habitation for insects or rodents; or are harmful to human habitations.

Weeds must be maintained no taller than 6 inches above the ground during the Summer Season which begins May 15th each year. Weed abatement may be accomplished by hand trimming and mowing. Regular landscape maintenance can reduce weed growth and minimize burdensome abatement projects.

The City has worked diligently to educate residents of the new

ordinance, publishing notices in the Talent News & Review and sending letters to all property owners in the City's utility billing system. Failure to comply with the Noxious Vegetation regulations could result a 48-hour compliance notice and if not abated, a fine up to \$500.

Please assess your property immediately and take necessary action towards proper weed abatement. Thank you for taking pride in the community by helping us to maintain a safe and aesthetically pleasing environment.

For more information on the City's Noxious Vegetation Ordinance, please visit [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org) and click Departments, then Community Development.

**Get Ready!**

# THE Talent Harvest Festival is coming...October 7, 2017

This GREAT Fall Event (48 Years) will once again bring you the full experience of living in our community. Live Music, Arts, Crafts, Great Local Foods, Wine & Beer Garden, Grand Parade, Harvest Home for Kids, Climbing Wall, Pancake Breakfast, Apple Pressing and so much more!



**48<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

**Save the Date!!**




**Fun, Fun, Fun!** Discover Your Talent!®

**FORM LB-1**

**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**

A public meeting of the City of Talent City Council will be held on June 21, 2017 at 6:45 pm at the Talent Town Hall, 206 E. Main Street, Talent, OR. The purpose of this meeting is to give the citizens an opportunity to comment on the use of State Revenue Sharing and to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 as approved by the City of Talent Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at the Talent City Hall 110 E. Main Street, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or online at the city's website at [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org). This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Thomas J. Corrigan Telephone: 541-535-1566 Email: [tcorrigan@cityoftalent.org](mailto:tcorrigan@cityoftalent.org)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2015-2016	Adopted Budget This Year 2016-2017	Approved Budget Next Year 2017-2018
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	4,837,091	4,613,745	4,160,351
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	581,153	631,500	643,000
Federal, State and all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations	1,508,486	542,200	599,986
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	495,000	317,500	572,696
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	2,487,823	2,999,845	3,012,578
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	1,013,395	1,034,270	1,062,665
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>10,922,948</b>	<b>10,139,060</b>	<b>10,051,276</b>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	2,261,262	2,546,400	2,606,200
Materials and Services	1,576,804	2,074,300	1,669,200
Capital Outlay	1,518,999	1,913,295	1,898,192
Debt Service	414,960	470,270	977,214
Interfund Transfers	495,000	317,500	572,696
Contingencies	0	912,850	1,223,300
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	0	1,904,445	1,104,474
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>6,267,025</b>	<b>10,139,060</b>	<b>10,051,276</b>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program FTE for that unit or program			
Administration	982,214	1,245,150	1,410,536
FTE	4.50	4.65	4.13
Community Development	341,637	463,150	358,550
FTE	2.87	3.30	2.20
Police	1,116,822	1,187,600	1,291,550
FTE	9.78	9.93	9.73
Non Departmental	276,000	615,625	586,275
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Library	0	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Parks	98,135	168,000	171,700
FTE	0.89	0.91	0.91
Streets	601,988	871,500	944,100
FTE	2.95	2.95	2.76
Water	1,239,340	2,080,000	2,023,500
FTE	5.07	4.99	4.90
TAP	0	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
SDC	0	1,222,100	1,266,950
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Improvement Project	1,502,165	2,164,645	1,882,612
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
GO Bond Debt Service	79,411	81,970	89,065
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
West Valley View Debt Service	29,313	39,320	26,438
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water Debt Service Reserve	0	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>6,267,025</b>	<b>10,139,060</b>	<b>10,051,276</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>26.06</b>	<b>26.73</b>	<b>24.63</b>

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING \***  
Funding sources and activities for the City of Talent are consistent with the previous year. Interim financing for the Talent Urban Renewal Agency (TURA) of \$200,000 is included in the General Fund Administration Budget. This is a limited duration loan with a 2% interest rate to be repaid during the fiscal year. The City proposes to not fill the IT Director and Community Development Assistant positions once they are vacated in May, 2017. The General Fund loaned the Street Fund \$196,500 for the purchase of a street sweeper in FY2016-17 with a 4 year repayment. The Street Fund includes the second annual debt service payment to the General Fund.

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2015-16	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2016-17	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2017-18
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit \$3.2316 per \$1,000)	\$3.2316	\$3.2316	\$3.2316
Local Option Levy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	81.505	82.573	91.419

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1,	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$470,000	\$0
Other Bonds	\$3,175,000	\$0
Other Borrowings	\$2,524,489	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,169,489</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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