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

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From the Mayor's Office

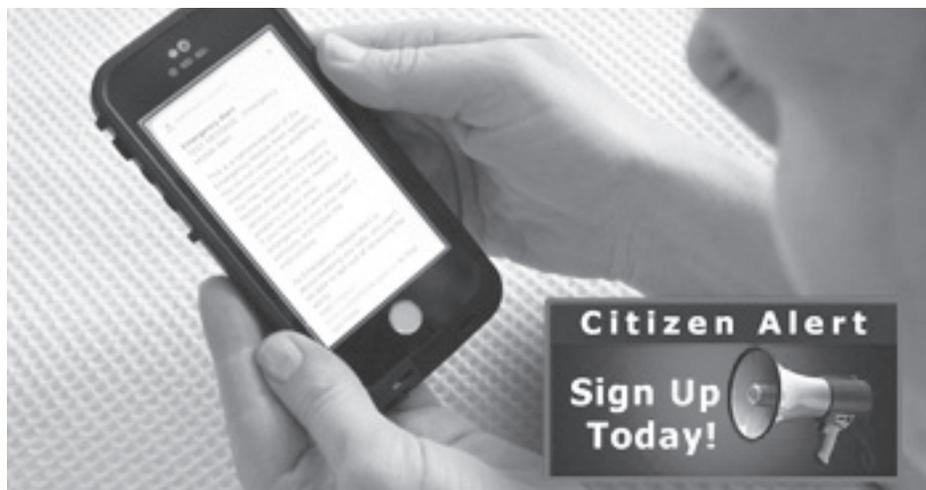
This Flash release marks the near 6 month mark from the Alameda Fire. It seems so long ago now. From the city's perspective, there is hardly any other bigger priority than getting people back home. Which as we are discovering is easier said than done. It looks more and more that this will be a longer journey that we would all like, but Talent will not give up!

On February 24th Talent city council was in full attendance before the Oregon's Special House Committee on Wildfire Recovery, to speak at the public hearing. We were all there so that we could collectively ask for long term affordable and low income housing strategies, funding and land acquisition. Funding for bilingual communications and extended outreach strategies so our Spanish speaking neighbors and friends can also stay informed. We asked to fund environmental strategies to mitigate combustible invasive species and create environmental resilience. We encouraged building policies that provides equitable access for alternative energy. We asked for changes to inclusionary zoning so we can implement more affordable housing. We asked for support for those nonprofits; boots on the ground organizations, who have provided food programs, mutual aide, housing assistance, and we asked for grants for small businesses, not more loans. We asked for continued financial support for the city to maintain increased capacity of staff and to add ongoing resources to fall back on, in the face of lost tax revenues for next three years. We asked for these resources as short to mid-term priorities, so that Talent can get back on our feet, get our families home and then, keep everyone home. We have good reason to be proud of these representative's who made clear that Talent can't do this alone.

We continue to need to fill the vacancies on our Committee and Commissions. Please check out our website to find the latest openings and read about the missions to find where you could plug in.

Grateful to serve,
Mayor Darby Ayers-Flood

Citizen Alert – Sign Up Today!



If you haven't signed up for Jackson County Citizen Alert, now is the time!

We highly suggest that all residents of Jackson County sign up to receive emergency messages from Citizen Alert. "Opting-In to Jackson County Citizen Alert will maximize your ability to receive emergency notifications and accurate up-to-date information in a timely manner for events that may affect your personal safety and property."

By signing up for Citizen Alert you will receive alerts about emergencies near your home, workplace, children's schools or other important places! Landline telephones included in the 911 database are already registered, but by signing up online you can also be notified on your cell phone, work phone, email or by text message. This system is active in both Jackson and Josephine Counties.

Jackson County doesn't share your information with anyone. Your information is only used to send you emergency information, and (if you choose) important community alerts.

To sign up, please visit www.cityoftalent.org for an informative link.

We can't alert you if we can't reach you, so sign up today!

Urban Renewal Agency Closes its FY 2019/2020 Annual Report with an Impressive Track Record

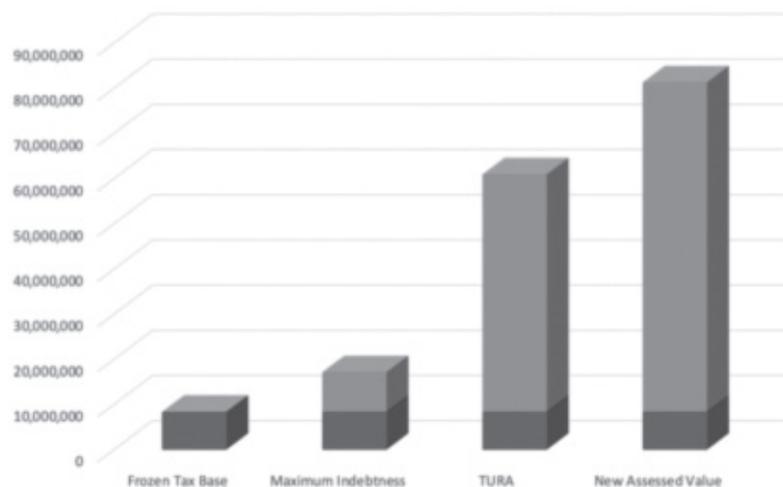
By Jon Legarza

The Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Talent just recently completed its FY 2019/2020 Annual Report. The Annual Report was approved at the Agency's most recent Regular Board Meeting on February 17th.

The Talent Urban Renewal Plan for the Agency was adopted by the City of Talent in 1991. The maximum indebtedness established in 1991 for the Talent Urban Renewal Plan was \$17,127,276. The maximum indebtedness represents the total amount of funds that can be spent on projects, programs, and administration in the urban renewal area over the life of the urban renewal plan. The frozen base assessed value of the Urban Renewal Area was set at \$8,359,724 when the plan was adopted. As of FY 2019/2020, the total assessed value is \$81,254,324 -- resulting in an excess value of \$60,914,324.

The Agency has achieved great success in exceeding its original maximum indebtedness and increasing the tax valuation above the anticipated original indebtedness for the City of Talent, as prepared in 1991. Today, the Talent Urban Renewal Area has ceased taking any division of taxes from the Assessor -- but continues to carry out its mission. The Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Talent has many many investments into infrastructure and improvements throughout the plan area. Within recent years, the Agency acquired three parcels known as the Gateway site within downtown Talent. The Agency's Board of Directors held a recent Town Hall meeting on potential transitional housing to permanent development housing for the Gateway Site that moves forward the community vision and installs long-needed infrastructure for permanent development on the site. The video of the Town Hall is available on the Agency's website at talenturbanrenewal.com.

The Alameda fire devastated Talent's downtown corridor and destroyed many properties within the Urban Renewal Plan area. The Agency's Board of Directors and Staff believes in building strong, long-term relationships with community members, businesses, and local, state, and regional partners. These relationships are crucial to Talent's long term recovery and the future growth of Talent's tax base and economy.



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