



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL
January 17, 2018 — 6:45 p.m.**

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The City Council of the City of Talent will meet in a Regular Council session at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 in the Town Hall, 206 E. Main Street. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, should be made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to the City Recorder at 541-535-1566, ext. 1012.

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING — 6:45 p.m.

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call at 7:10 p.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Mayor Ayers-Flood Councilor Berlant Councilor Land Councilor Pederson Councilor Baker Councilor Harrison	Councilor Dolan
Also Present:	
Zac Moody, Interim Executive Director/Community Development Director Ryan Martin, Interim City Manager/Finance Director	

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Community Announcements

- Best of Talent through *Talent News & Review* is due Friday. Would like to plug Java for cutest pet.
- Friday, Jan. 19: Town Hall with Senator Wyden.
- Saturday, Jan. 20: Second annual women’s march in Medford and Grants Pass.
- Sunday, Jan. 21: Connor Shields will put on a weatherization workshop, 5:30-7:30 p.m., with Talent Maker City and City of Talent.

- Thursday, Jan. 25: Talent affordable housing forum, 6-8 p.m. at the Talent Community Center.

Staff: No announcements

Mayor:

- Thank you to Zac Moody for an incredible Community Development Fair
 - Last night was the best community/government open house I have ever seen.
 - Appreciated how all booths were very germane to projects in Talent and how citizens could come ask questions about anything.
 - Made us all look so good, so proud to be a part of it.
 - Thank you to Connor Shields for incredible outreach.
 - Thank you to Savannah Edson for support and organization.
 - Thank you to staff who were there: Public Works, John Master Metcalf, Chief Whipple and team, Fire Department, Ryan Martin.
- State of the City will take place at the Feb. 21 meeting due to heavy workload.

4. Public Presentations

None.

5. Public Hearings

None.

6. Citizens Heard on Non-Agenda Items

Anthony Abshire
355 E Colver Rd #33

See Attachment 6.1: Citizen letter read at meeting (Jan. 17)

- Concerns over transparency of City of Talent, in particular, the financial transparency of TURA and Gateway Project.
- Concern over Talent Maker City and taxes going to a nonprofit without his consent.

Mayor Ayers-Flood asked Abshire if he had met with staff regarding his questions and concerns. She said that he had great questions, many of which could be answered now. Mayor Ayers-Flood said she hopes Abshire will take the time to get the answers and advised of the website with resources and details about the project. She advised that financial information and community development questions can be answered by staff.

Abshire responded that these are just questions he wanted to put out to the people and that they don't have to be answered now.

7. Consent Agenda

- 7.1 Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for January 3, 2018..... Pages 3-7
- 7.2 Acknowledgement of Together for Talent Minutes for December 5, 2017 Pages 8-10
- 7.3 Acknowledgement of the Check Register for December 2017..... Pages 11-18

Discussion: Baker asked if there is anything in the check register to be concerned about. Martin advised that there isn't anything that needs discussion.

Motion: Councilor Berlant moved to approve. Councilor Land seconded.

Vote: All ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Regular Agenda

8.1 Establishment of Citizen Advisory Committees Pages 19-23

Staff report from Community Development Director Zac Moody

- Need to form two Citizen Advisory Committees (CACs), one for Urban Growth Boundary Alternatives Analysis Project and one for Energy Element Comprehensive Plan, to meet a few times and make sure citizens are on board with policies.
- Request to establish two CACs:
 - Energy Element Comprehensive Plan: Minimum of 7 members.
 - Urban Growth Boundary Analysis: Maximum of 11 members. Recommendation for appointees to attend the Feb. 21 meeting.
 - Need to publish openings online and in Flash.

Discussion:

Baker asked why there is a need for different numbers of members. Moody advised that, because the Energy Element has been worked through stringently and Council has adopted a clean energy plan, it won't take as much time and there is not a need for as large a group. UGB is going to take more time, 4 or 5 months, and he believes 11 members are necessary to account for times when perhaps half of the members don't show up. Moody also said he believed that 11 people would be interested in UGB, since it deals with housing and growth, whereas the Energy Element will be harder to find members for.

Baker said he wants to validate that Council members are a not part of the CACs, as he couldn't find it in policy. Moody said he would hope there would be a liaison from Council. Mayor Ayers-Flood said she would not appoint Council members to the CACs, though it's not part of the policy. Berlant added that it doesn't restrict Councilors from attending meetings, listening and learning.

Motion: Baker moved "to establish a Citizen Advisory Committee consisting of a minimum of seven members for the development of the Energy Element in the Talent Comprehensive Plan and direct Staff to begin the application process with potential appointments to be made at the February 21, 2018 City Council meeting."

Discussion: Moody pointed out that the Feb. 21 date may not be possible to meet, because he didn't get as many signatures as he had hoped at the Jan. 16 Community Development Fair.

Revised Motion: Baker moved "to establish a Citizen Advisory Committee consisting of a minimum of seven members for the development of the Energy Element in the Talent Comprehensive Plan and directs Staff to begin the application process." Pederson seconded.

Vote: All ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Ayers-Flood said she thinks the second motion should say a minimum of 7 and maximum of 11. Councilor Berlant said she believes the motion does capture that idea and that the policy does outline that the CAC should have no more than 11.

Motion: Baker moved "to establish a Citizen Advisory Committee consisting of a minimum of 7 members up to 11 members for review of the Urban Growth Boundary alternatives analysis and directs Staff to begin the application process." Pederson seconded.

Vote: All ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Information Items

9.1 Quarterly Financial Report and Presentation Pages 24-30

Staff report by Finance Director Ryan Martin.

See Attachment 9.1: Slideshow: City of Talent Financial Condition of the City

Highlights & Comments (see attached slides for full detail):

- Cost of benefits: Healthcare increases are 10-12% year, resulting in a 30k increase per year
- Stagnant revenues: Very little surcharge increase since 2010
- Staffing level increases: Large staffing level increase without population increase
- Salary increases While Union employees have a set salary schedule, management salaries are at the discretion of the City Manager
- Martin's opinion is that we have a large amount of projects for a city Talent's size: From \$800,000 in FY2016-17 to \$1.1 million in FY2017-18
- Deferred maintenance: We have funds set aside for Town Hall, City Hall, Community Center and PD, but it's not very much and we don't have enough for a big issue, e.g. a flood.
- General Fund at \$1.1 million in FY2015-16 vs. \$677,000 FY2017-18
 - Causes: staffing levels, salary increases, street sweeper loan (from general fund to streets fund), PERS, healthcare
 - Street fund will pay general fund back for street sweeper; however the fund still is decreasing over time; still losing 110k a year after street sweeper repayment and TURA payments, e.g. if street fund weren't paying back 55k more per year, we'd be losing that 55k more per year.
 - Martin advised that even with the 100k that TURA is paying and the 50k the streets fund is repaying, we are still losing about 110k per year.
 - Mayor Ayers-Flood asked if the totals include what we save by no longer contracting for a street sweeper. Martin advised that they do not. Mayor Ayers-Flood said that the street sweeper decision was based on the fact that we will ultimately make up for it by not contracting.
 - Councilor Baker asked Martin to summarize the \$100k from TURA. Martin said that the City helps TURA, so TURA pays the City \$100k a year for services.
 - Councilor Pederson said it is important to remember that when Urban Renewal had their own Executive Director at half-time the cost was \$75-80k/year (after benefits) and that with an Executive Director full-time would amount to \$125k. Councilor Baker asked if that \$100k is for personnel costs and Martin confirmed that it is entirely personnel cost.
- Revenue trends:
 - Higher revenue last year due to delinquent taxes from prior years.
 - Franchise fees didn't change much.
 - Building permits up and down; dependent on how much building is taking place in the city.

- Community development fees up and down.
- Population increases by year:
 - 2014 we were #2 in growth and in 2017 we are #7
 - Councilor Baker asked where we get the data and Martin advised that PSU does a population study and it's their estimate.
 - Martin advised that population is an issue, because lots of revenues are affected by population.
- General fund expenditures:
 - Police 53%
 - Admin and Council 30%
 - Community Development 17%
 - Mayor Ayers-Flood stated that it is important to recognize that 53% is actually low for a police department. Believes others come in around 65%. Councilor Pederson confirmed that we are under average for PD expenditures.
- Expenditure trends:
 - Personnel services have increased \$600k in 5 years.
 - Councilor Harrison asked if the number of employees matches the population increase and Martin showed on subsequent slide that from 2013, FTEs per 1,000 increased for the next 3 years, until 2017 when we didn't fill the Community Development Assistant and IT positions.
 - PERS and healthcare are a large reason for the increased cost and Martin advised we have no control over PERS increases.
- Community Center:
 - Huge deficits every year.
 - Getting more rental income over time.
 - Councilor Baker asked if the new solar panels have been factored in and Martin replied that yes, they were included in the current year.
- Parks Fund: More stable from marijuana revenues
- Parks budget by city: In line with cities around our size (Eagle Point and Phoenix); only one Talent parks employee.
- Streets fund: More stable due to additional state highway gas tax revenues
- Water fund: Dependent on water usage
 - Increase due to FY14-15 transfer of \$236,000
 - If that's excluded, the ending balance hasn't changed much.
- SDC fund: Can only use SDC funds if increasing the capacity of a system, e.g. size of water main.

- CIP fund: Martin said it is his opinion that we should use available monies in all funds as one of the key deciding factors for future CIP projects.
- Other cities:
 - Other cities of relative size are 31% less able to meet financial needs.
 - 50% maintained FTE count while we did not.
 - Less than 5% made staffing reductions in FY2016
- Other comments:
 - A house can appreciate 20% but can only go up 3% in property taxes due to Oregon cap on property tax
 - Infrastructure is the main cost driver, more than healthcare and PERS

Questions:

- Mayor Ayers-Flood asked if we were budgeted into this condition and confirmed that the budget officer makes the decisions. Martin confirmed that is correct.
- Mayor Ayers-Flood asked if there should have been indicators in the previous budget cycle, and Martin said that's accurate and that the trend of the last 3 years would be a big indicator.
- Mayor Ayers-Flood asked about our current FTE to supervisor ratio. Martin advised there is about 1 supervisor for every 3.5 employees.
- Re: Salary increases:
 - Mayor Ayers-Flood asked about guidelines for salary increases. Martin advised that there are ranges but not steps for exempt employees, and salary increases are at the discretion of the City Manager.
 - Mayor Ayers-Flood asked if there are guiding policies for salary increases and Martin said there are not.
 - Mayor Ayers-Flood asked if there are relevant policies around the review process that would affect salary increases and Martin said there are not.
 - Mayor Ayers-Flood asked if there are any salaries that exceed ranges. Martin said there are not currently, but there were, and the ranges have since been changed. Mayor Ayers-Flood asked if ranges were adjusted up and Martin said yes, they were and that it happened during the audit process of last year (March 2017).
 - Mayor Ayers-Flood asked if there are policies for changing ranges and Martin said no there are not.
 - Mayor Ayers-Flood asked if changing ranges is at the discretion of the City Manager. Martin said yes—not by policy, but by practice. He advised that the City does not have a policy that says the City Manager has the ability to change the ranges or the salaries.
 - Mayor Ayers-Flood asked if the salaries would have to be approved in budget process, and Martin said yes, they would.
- Mayor Ayers-Flood asked if all projects would have to be approved through the budget process, and Martin said yes, they would.

- Mayor Ayers-Flood asked if there were indicators there would be a budget shortfall. Martin advised that it is difficult to say there is a shortfall, because each fund does have an adequate balance to continue operating normally. Martin opined that we did too many projects this year for how much money we have to transfer out of other funds to pay for it.
- Mayor Ayers-Flood asked if the ending balance was diminished by these projects, and Martin said yes, it was.
- Mayor Ayers-Flood asked if it would be possible to do a population forecast. Martin advised that may be contained in the master plans but he thinks those are inaccurate now. He said he doesn't know of any entity that does population forecasting. Councilor Pederson said the housing analysis did include a population forecast.
- Mayor Ayers-Flood asked if any staffing studies have been done, e.g. what we should have based on our City size and services. Martin said no.
- Councilor Baker asked to revisit the slide with the list of projects and asked if we are committed to complete all of them with this year's budget. Martin said no, we are not necessarily committed, and Councilor Baker suggested that holding off on a project that could help.
- Councilor Harrison asked if there is a red line on personnel salaries. Martin said there is for Union employees but not for management.
- Councilor Harrison asked if the Splash Pad is a goal we can't afford now. Martin said the money was budgeted for it (transferred from SDC to CIP) and that it would be at the discretion of Council.
- Councilor Harrison asked if it would help to give staff some room to examine the expenditures in meeting these goals. Martin said he believes that could be vetted out in the Council goals process.
- Councilor Harrison asked what the trend is for the General Fund. Martin said it is heading in the wrong direction right now. Martin advised that this year was budgeted with a deficit of 110k, but it will be more like 170-180k due to franchise agreements. It was budgeted that we would have an increase in franchise fees this year and that hasn't happened yet. Martin said he is hoping to have a resolution on franchise fees to the Council within the next month.
- Councilor Harrison asked where we will be if we don't correct our trend. Martin said that if we don't correct it in 2-3 years we would be in some trouble.
- Councilor Harrison asked if we anticipate new revenues from Charlie Hamilton's properties. (Mayor Ayers-Flood clarified that he meant revenues that have not yet been identified.) Martin said he believes that revenues for some of it, like building permits, were included in this budget; however, inclusion of property taxes will be 2-3 years.
- Councilor Harrison asked if we can continue to satisfy all our citizens with all these services. Martin said it's a tough question to answer but that we'll have to cut expenditures somewhere.
- Councilor Pederson comments noted that CIP projects to be completed in FY2017-18 were not all budgeted in FY2017-18. Several are new (Rapp Rd. improvements, Splash Pad) but Community Center solar panels were offset by Blue Sky grant. Greenway Connection Trail was a match. Advised we should keep in mind that a lot of projects are not coming out of the General Fund and a lot did not come out of FY2017-18 budget.
- Councilor Pederson asked if the increase in salaries is a problem or just the increase of benefits costs. Martin said that the benefits cost increase is the greater problem but both are an issue.
- Councilor Pederson asked if we could reduce the number of projects to where things are still getting accomplished but we are gaining ground back on the General Fund. Martin said yes, that is fair to say. Martin said it needs to be evaluated. If we have large project and don't have money now, maybe we

should push back another project and do it over course of two years or try to save money and do it the second year rather than try to push it through.

- Councilor Land asked if it was the delay in franchise agreements that was a large part of the deficit. Martin said, aside from that, revenues would have been \$110k less in expenditures but when you factor that in you are looking at \$180k.
- Councilor Land asked what the delay was in franchise agreements. Martin said it was communication with different entities, coupled with the right-of-way ordinance that Pacific Power didn't agree with. Land asked if we can come to an agreement in a timely fashion if it will move the fund in the right direction. Martin said more so than before, that there was a \$110k deficit budgeted but we ended up with a \$180k deficit.
- Mayor Ayers-Flood said that, now we realize have a shortfall of \$70k in franchise income, it makes sense to evaluate projects and cut projects to account for that shortfall. Martin advised that the issue is that projects for this year aren't funded by the General Fund.
- Mayor Ayers-Flood suggested we create a policy for the City that requires financial presentations at least twice a year, so we can gauge how we are progressing in accordance with what the budget committee has adopted. Stated that when we go into goal setting, we also need to look at financial feasibility of that goal.
- Mayor Ayers-Flood stated that we need staffing studies, salary caps, and policies that associate raises with reviews so that we're allocating funds appropriately
- Councilor Baker said he would like to see a financial presentation more than twice a year. Mayor Ayers-Flood suggested a presentation twice a year but balance sheets quarterly.
- Councilor Baker asked if, in future presentations, they could see a longer period of time than just a year, e.g. 5-year trends.
- Councilor Baker commented that the biggest contributor to revenues are property taxes but there aren't many residential lots to develop in Talent. Mayor Ayers-Flood suggested that in goal setting session Council can discuss how to work toward increasing revenues from property taxes.
- Councilor Baker expressed concern that staff are buried in the Gateway Project and suggested that maybe the City needs to hire someone to figure out a way to get more residential buildings and property taxes. Mayor Ayers-Flood said it is worthy of discussion and she'd like to start with staff recommendations.
- Mayor Ayers-Flood commented that the TURA sundown is 18 months out, meaning \$200-250k revenue returning to General Fund per year.
 - Would like staff to develop a summary plan for wise choices to make over the next couple of years and wants to know how it would affect workload and what the timeline would be to produce it. Martin said a plan could be put together within a month or so, or it can be a discussion at Council goals; can be collaborative effort on how we move forward from here. Martin said on a positive note, we are in a position to turn around and move in the right direction. Mayor Ayers-Flood said a plan from staff would be great but a collaborative effort would be beneficial, too. Councilor Pederson said he supports the idea of bringing it to goal setting session.
- Councilor Land said she appreciates the strong transparency in the presentation so they can be clearly educated.
- Mayor Ayers-Flood said she'd like to see the City start developing policies right now, including a financial reporting policy.
- Mayor Ayers-Flood said she supports Councilor Baker's need for info on a quarterly basis. Wants a quarterly report designed and presentation twice a year, with policy installed by first quarter of this year.

- Councilor Harrison commented that the wheels aren't falling off but red flags are there. Said we have to be more prudent in our approval of expenditures as every little bit adds up. Mayor Ayers-Flood agreed and said it's a discussion appropriate for the budget cycle.
- Mayor Ayers-Flood commented that the financial presentation exceeded what she had hoped for and that she appreciates the transparency and detail.

Council Baker asked if we should evaluate projects. Mayor Ayers-Flood said that rather than assessing projects already budgeted and set to be completed in FY17-18, we should look at the list of projects yet to be funded and yet to be started. Councilor Baker said he would like a matrix of project, year funded, what fund it's coming from, and what happens if we don't do it. (Mayor Ayers-Flood added: only those that have not been started.) Councilor Berlant said she would also add the projected start date.

- Mayor Ayers-Flood invited staff to let them know if they are overloaded. Martin said we can talk about projects at the goal setting meeting.

10. City Manager & Other Department Reports

Introduction to new City Recorder, Erin Zelinka

- Zelinka reported that we had a list of ordinances that were missing originals, exhibits, and signatures, and that project has now been completed.
- Zelinka said that she is working on getting ordinances organized with one naming convention so that she can more easily locate all the ordinances we need to send to Code Publishing for codification.
- Zelinka advised that she chose the naming convention based on talking to other City Recorders and reading best practices for Information Management.

Staff report from Public Works Superintendent Bret Marshall

- Highway 99: Waiting on permit from ODOT; should be done by end of this month
- John St. improvements: In process of getting bids from contractors; will be a week or two and will bring to TURA for approval.
- Rapp Rd.: Design is done; ready to go out for bid early spring.
- Pacific Power: Supposed to start today but noticed they haven't started; going to move powerline out of way to accommodate pedestrian bridge.
- Water Master Plan: Working to provide RH2 with data requested to produce new Water Master Plan.
- Phase 3 LED Street Light Retrofit: Started today; working on finishing Market, Wagner and John St. as the third phase.
- GC Systems came out today because two control valves failed and another in need of repairs; taken care of today. Valve that was keeping Wagner reservoir from draining is now open and all is functional again.

Questions:

- Councilor Baker asked if Marshall had phone call with Martin regarding the Splash Pad. Martin said they talked with engineer about Splash Pad and how much they have paid so far and anticipated costs. Martin said we are halfway into paying engineering costs at \$6,400 dollars. Councilor Baker asked how much we are ultimately saving. Martin said he calculated that recycling the water would save \$3-4k per year in water costs, and the engineer didn't disagree. Councilor Baker asked how long the payback period would be, and Martin said 30-40 years, at today's water rate.

- Moody added onto Water Master Plan report that he has been working with GIS data; so, when we get Water Master Plan we will get a GIS layer we can take into field that Public Works guy can look at the tablet and know where their water facilities are at.

Staff report from Community Development Director Zac Moody

- UGB process: Project is moving forward.
 - CAC first step.
 - Beth Goodman from EcoNorthwest is quite a ways down the road with the regional housing strategy almost being completed.
 - Will be coming to council beginning of March or end of February to discuss TA4 and TA5, and to ask for a decision on what want to do with TA4 and TA5. Even bringing in those lands, we'll find ourselves in five years in the same position as now, with no buildable lands. Will take effort to determine where we can continue to grow to support population growth.
- At next Planning Commission meeting will have a staff report about building permits. Will be good for Council to see how many permits we've had. Would like to start bringing a quarterly report.
 - Mayor Ayers-Flood asked if there is an expedited application in the pipeline. Moody said he doesn't have one at this point. They'll likely be submitting one soon, but not sure when. Mayor Ayers-Flood asked if we have a policy on expedited applications. Moody said we do not but it is subject to ORS 197. Mayor expressed concern that the ORS calls for a higher scrutiny.
 - Mayor Ayers-Flood asked for a summary of history and challenges that we faced and amount of money it cost us previously, so Council can be informed on changes that have happened since that would make it easier than it was in the past; wants to make sure not facing same issues as in the past.
 - Moody advised that we don't have a choice; if they meet criteria for an expedited application, we can't refuse it. He said it is not his preference but we don't have that choice, nor do we have choice to accept or not accept a land use application. Moody said he has consulted with an attorney on the expedited land use process and there are four clear and objective criteria that have to be met before that can be an option for them.
 - Moody said he will provide a summary with the approval path, what was submitted, language of code that's changed, and explanation of how process happened. He advised he is not sure if will be able to equate the costs to the City and doesn't have the ability to regulate those costs.
 - Mayor-Ayers-Flood said it would be good to have advice on file from attorney. Moody agreed and said most cities do send off approvals for attorney review before being signed off. He said he will be asking for legal counsel advice on that because he doesn't want to accept a land use application we shouldn't have and we don't want to deny a land use application we shouldn't have.

Staff Report from Talent PD Chief Curtis Whipple

- Down one officer; having a hiring process with written exercise on Monday and a warm-up exercise on Tuesday.
- Last 2 weeks very busy with several thefts and burglaries in Talent, helping outside jurisdictions, a traffic stop that ended up being linked to a Wyoming arson case.
- Another case where arrested an individual in Talent for burglary and a theft in Medford. Also a suspect for robberies and burglaries in northern California.

- Mayor Ayers-Flood asked about community engagement efforts, e.g. Coffee With Cops. Chief Whipple advised they'll be starting Coffee With Cops back up in March/April.
- Councilor Land thanked the police department for how they handled her two calls to PD and said they were handled with grace and respect.
- Councilor Harrison asked if there is currently volunteer patrol on Bear Creek pathway. Chief Whipple said they current have 3 volunteers but none of them are patrolling on Bear Creek.
 - Councilor Harrison asked if they are looking for volunteers. Chief Whipple advised that they had an application process 8-9 months ago and brought on 3 at that time but that he doesn't want them on the bike path.
 - Mayor Ayers-Flood asked about the intergovernmental agreement for patrolling the bike path. Chief Whipple advised they have collaborated with Medford PD and Jackson Co. Sheriff's Department. 1.5 years ago had the first consolidated enforcement agreement on the Greenway, from Ashland to Central Point. Jackson County offered a side by side to other agencies and there is overtime available to individuals to patrol the Greenway.

Staff Report from Interim City Manager Ryan Martin

- Moving forward with City of Ashland for IT services.
- AFN (Ashland Fiber Network) to potentially provide internet services and having a meeting to discuss next week.
- Working on franchise agreements.
 - Councilor Baker asked when Martin said "AFN is providing service to 'us'," who is "us"? Martin said the City of Talent.
 - Martin advised that currently the City, PD and Public Works pay \$13k a year for internet. AFN is expanding and can provide services for less.

11. Other Business

- Mayor Ayers-Flood asked if anyone has anything to discuss. Councilor Baker said EV chargers and the item was added for discussion
- Mayor Ayers-Flood said the Planning Commission opening link was not available until recently and asked if we should extend the notification longer to make sure we've noticed it properly. Moody said he agrees and would like to extend it until February.
- Jan. 24 Executive Session
 - Mayor Ayers-Flood advised there has been advice for two executive sessions. Said she would like to propose one earlier than the 24th for personal reasons.
 - Discussion regarding available dates.
 - Council decided on executive sessions on Jan. 24 and Jan. 29. Mayor Ayers-Flood said she will send an e-mail to confirm the dates. Proposed start time of 6 p.m. but will confirm the time with the City attorney.

Motion: Councilor Baker moved to extend the Council meeting 5 minutes. Pederson seconded.

Vote: All ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Mayor and Councilor — Committee Reports and Councilor Comments

None.

13. EV Chargers

Councilor Baker brought up the app to charge for EV charger usage (previously mentioned by Councilor Land at a cost of \$300/year). Councilor Baker suggested that Talent residents can get a receipt, bring the receipt to City Hall, and be refunded that money from the sponsorship money, perhaps as a credit on their water bill. Would allow Talent residents to get that money back and wouldn't have to install the \$1,500 meter.

Councilor Land confirmed that Councilor Baker wants to be able to charge nonresidents but wants Talent residents to get reimbursed. Councilor Baker confirmed that is correct, as long as there is sponsorship money left over.

Martin advised that without the TURA board voting on the meter, we don't know what the EV charger usage will cost or how much it will be used. Martin said it sounds easy using an app but he can guarantee it won't be as easy as it sounds and staff time won't be worth the savings. Said that if Councilor Pederson is accurate on the cost of the charger in his house, it will not be worth spending \$300 to track what may amount to \$30/mo.

Councilor Pederson said he would want to see usage averages after 90 days. Said we don't need the meter and can just compare electricity costs before and after. Martin said it would be difficult to track usage as such due to other variables.

Mayor Ayers-Flood would like to see usage averages after 6 months and said she likes the idea of outsiders paying and Talent residents being reimbursed.

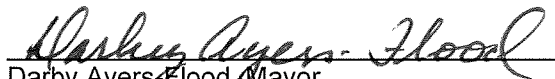
Moody advised that they can figure out a way to meter usage.

14. Adjournment at 9:35 PM

Respectfully submitted by:


Erin Zelinka, City Recorder

Attest:


Darby Ayers-Flood, Mayor

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