

**City of Talent
City Council Meeting Minutes
Talent Community Center
June 6, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present:

Mayor Cecil
Councilor Lamb
Councilor McManus
Councilor Cooke
Councilor Auer
Councilor Glendenning
Councilor Brown

Members Absent:

None

Also Present:

City Manager Tom Corrigan
Finance Director Denise Woodman
Chief Mike Moran
Minute Taker Darla DenHerder
Mail Tribune reporter Tony Boom

A quorum was present and due notice had been published

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Mayor Announcements

The Mayor announced a moment of silence in honor of the 60th anniversary of "D Day".

A performance evaluation needs to be done for the City Manager as per his contract. That will take place at the next City Council meeting in executive session.

Two items on the agenda will be combined: 6.1 and 8.2 Recology and 4.1 and 8.1 Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget Adoption.

4. Public Hearings

4.1 Budget hearing for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the City of Talent to take public comment on the following: Resolution Nos. 12-879-R eligibility to receive state shared revenues; 12-880-R election to receive state revenues and 12-881-R to adopt budget, levy taxes and categorizing taxes.

Denise Woodman – Woodman noted that the budget that was approved by the Budget Committee was in the Council packet for this meeting. She asked if Council had any further questions about the budget. There were none.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 6:58 p.m. regarding Resolution Nos. 12-879-R, 12-880-R, and 12-881-R. There was no comment from the public. The public hearing was closed at 6:59 p.m.

Councilor Brown moved to approve Resolution No. 12-879-R A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE CITY'S ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE STATE SHARED REVENUES DURING THE 2012-13 FISCAL YEAR. Councilor Glendenning seconded the motion. The motion passed with six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays, zero (0) abstains and zero (0) absent.

Councilor Cooke moved to approve Resolution No. 12-880-R A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF TALENT'S ELECTION TO RECEIVE STATE REVENUES DURING THE 2012-13 FISCAL YEAR. Councilor Auer seconded the motion. The motion passed with six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays, zero (0) abstains and zero (0) absent.

Councilor Glendenning moved to approve Resolution No. 12-881-R A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS, LEVYING TAXES, AND CATEGORIZING TAXES FOR THE 2012-13 FISCAL YEAR. The Mayor read the following into the record from the Resolution: Be it further resolved that the City Council of the City of Talent hereby imposes taxes provided for in the adopted budget at the rate of \$3.2316 per \$1000 of assessed value for operations and in the amount of \$63, 441 for bonds, and that these taxes are hereby imposed and categorized for tax year 2012-2013 upon the assessed value of all taxable property within the City. Councilor Lamb seconded the motion. The motion passed with six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays, zero (0) abstains and zero (0) absent.

City Manager Corrigan thanked Denise Woodman for her work on the budget.

4.2 Drive-up Windows in Use Ordinance Rescheduled

5. Citizens Heard on Non-Agenda Items

Debbie Rappaport, 203 Gibson Street Talent. Ms. Rappaport's letter to the Council was included in the Council packet. She is concerned about the safety of the back of her property and the homeless people sleeping there. She has contacted the Police Department. She asked if there was a City Ordinance that prohibits people camping back there. City Manager said there is an ordinance for the Greenway but it doesn't extend out that far. He said patrol in that area has been increased and that some of the brush has been cleared out in that area. He said he would review with the Chief to see what else needs to be done.

6. Public Presentation

6.1 Recology

Steve Fabion and Tom Norris presented the financial statement of Recology. Recology needing a 20.4% rate increase but is proposing an 11.2% rate increase now and then will review financials in a year. The 11.2% increase would represent approximately \$1.86 increase per month to the average citizen. This is the first increase since July of 2009. In January 2013 they would need another 8.6% increase. The increase is due to the rise in operating costs and fallen revenues in the amount of nearly \$500,000 short of projection. With the increase of recycling, there is less trash resulting in less revenue but operating costs due to recycling are double.

Three proposals were presented to the Council:

- Immediate increase to all Talent rate payers of 20.4%

- Immediate increase of 11.2% to all Talent rate payers to be effective through December 31, 2012, followed by an additional increase of 8.6% to be in effect through the fiscal year of 2013.
- The “Ashland Approach” which provides for a 7.5% increase in residential rates and an average of 20% increase for commercial rate payers.

The meeting was open for discussion. Several Councilors expressed their concern of such a high rate increase to business owners and how difficult it was for the City Council to raise rates of any kind to the citizens of Talent. The Mayor asked what would happen if gas prices went down and recycling increased. Recology said they would readjust their figures. Also, it was acknowledged that when the rates were increased, likely many citizens would opt for the “coupon” approach.

Council in favor of reevaluating the City of Talent’s contract with Recology. The City Manager said he would work with contracting options and bring back those options to the Council. Councilor Auer suggested a 4th approach: Approve the 11.2% increase now and then in a year, commercial residents would lose some of their discounts; thus giving businesses a year to adjust to the rate increase.

Councilor Lamb moved to direct the City Manager to prepare a proposal and a resolution to Recology for the rate increase of 11.2 % across the board. Councilor Glendenning seconded the motion. Councilors Lamb, Cooke and Glendenning voted yes. Councilors McManus, Auer and Brown voted no. In the presence of a tie vote, the Mayor cast his vote of yes. The motion thus carried.

6.2 Street Tree Inventory for the City of Talent – Alyssa Albertson and Elijah Polsky

This was a SOU project. 3,188 street trees in Talent were counted and logged.

Council expressed their thanks to the volunteers.

7. Consent Agenda

- 7.1 Approval of City Council Minutes for May 16, 2012
- 7.2 Approval of Budget Committee Minutes for May 17, 2012
- 7.3 Acknowledge Receipt of Harvest Festival Minutes for March 15, 2012
- 7.4 Acknowledge Receipt of Arch. Review Minutes for April 17, 2012
- 7.5 Acknowledge Receipt of Planning Commission Minutes for March 22, 2012
- 7.6 Acknowledge Receipt of Payables

Councilor Glendenning moved to approve the Consent Agenda as proposed. Councilor McManus seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

8. Regular Agenda

- 8.1 Fiscal Year of 2012-13 Budget Adoption – covered in item No. 4.1
- 8.2 Recology – covered in item No. 6.1
- 8.3 Approval of next Art Gallery Display

Robert Townsend, 226 Talent Avenue made the presentation to the Council. Council consensus to approve the display.

9. Information Items

9.1 Email re: homeless

Addressed under "Citizens Heard on Non-Agenda Items"

10. City Manager and Other Department Reports

- Mr. Corrigan reported that there will be a public meeting on June 11th from 4-6 p.m. regarding the Chuck Roberts parking lot.
- There will be a County Commissioner open house on June 19th at 7:00 p.m.
- Harvest Festival meeting on June 13th
- Traffic & Safety meeting on June 14th
- Oregon has the second highest recovery from the recession in the nation
- The Greenway through Talent will open next week (either the 12th or the 13th)
- There will be a meeting with the County to discuss free software they are offering the City
- CDGB grant being considered
- City Manager and Finance Director attended training last week and City Recorder is in training this week
- Toured the Central Point water facility park
- Pictures will be taken of Council members next in the Mayor's office or at the next Council meeting
- County Probation officer working out insurance liability coverage issue
- Two hand-outs were given from League of Oregon Cities: *What elected officials need from staff* and *What staff needs from elected officials*.
- TURA opening bids for the round-about project. Budgeted \$760,000 for both phases. The apparent low bidder was Knife River at \$898,727.95. Marla Cates looking for other options.

11. Other Business

11.1 City of Talent Curfew Ordinance

The Mayor said he asked for review of this ordinance. (Ordinance No. 02-711-0)
Chief Moran said this was a basic ordinance. He said he would prefer curfew be effective from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Some cities have a separate ordinance for children under the age of 14 or different hours during the school year. Parental responsibility plays a huge role in the enforcement of this ordinance. Council discussion resulted in the Mayor directing staff to revise the resolution hours to be from midnight to 5:00 a.m.

12. Mayor and Councilor – Committee Reports and Councilor Comments

Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (Mayor Cecil)
Together for Talent Committee (Mayor Cecil)
Metropolitan Planning Organization (Mayor Cecil)
Planning Commission (Auer & Lamb)
Public Art Advisory Committee (McManus)
Parks Commission (Glendenning & McManus)
Traffic Safety & Transportation Commission (Cooke)
Urban Renewal Agency (Brown, Cooke, & Lamb)
Rogue Valley Council of Governments (McManus)

Medford Water Commission (Lamb)
Bear Creek Greenway Committee (Cooke)
Talent Historical Society (Glendenning)

Councilor McManus reported that Phoenix High School will contribute to the Art Display.

Councilor Lamb said the Planning Commission will meet next week to discuss RPS.

The Mayor attended the Medford Water Commission annual meeting. There will not be an increase this year in SDC's from the Water Commission. The Boys & Girls Club will have a fund raiser to develop scholarships for child care. He also attended an MPO meeting and a safe school presentation was given. Patricia Remencius from Friends of the Library is retiring. He also attended the Phoenix High School senior project presentations. He is going to Portland this weekend to attend the Rose Parade.

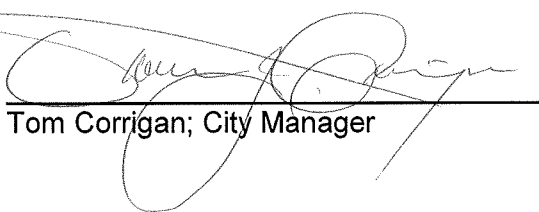
13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Darla DenHerder; Minute Taker

ATTEST:



Tom Corrigan; City Manager