



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DRAFT MINUTES
TALENT COMMUNITY CENTER
July 18, 2012 – 6:30 P.M.**

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The City Council of the City of Talent will meet on Wednesday, July 18, 2012 in a Regular Council session at 6:30 P.M. in the Talent Community Center, 206 E. Main Street.

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING- 6:30 PM

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Cecil called the Council Meeting to order at 6:37 PM

Members Present

Mayor Cecil
Councilor McManus
Councilor Auer
Councilor Glendenning
Councilor Brown

Members Absent

Councilor Lamb
Councilor Cooke

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Mayor Announcements

Mayor Cecil announced he received a letter from Commissioner Stundrick congratulating the City regarding Wal Mart. Thanked Mark Knox for his work with Wal Mart.

Police Awards-Police Chief Mike Moran presented Deputy David Duke of Jackson County Sheriff's office, officer Aaron Hull of the Phoenix Police Department and Officer Dan Moulin of the Talent Police Department awards. He read a citation that explained the reason for the award. Thanks to their assistance they were able to save a drowning woman.

4. Public Hearings

Public hearings are conducted under a prescribed procedure depending on the topic. The presiding officer will conduct the hearing in accordance with those procedures which will allow for public input at the announced time.

4.1 Regional Plan Comprehensive Plan Element –Mark Knox

City Planner, Mark Knox gave a brief staff report. He handed out letters from 1000 Friends of Oregon and Montero & Associates, LLC regarding this topic (see attached).

Dick Converse of the Rogue Valley Council of Governments presented Council with some background information regarding the Regional Problem Solving Program. He explained that the packet includes the Regional Planning Element (*available on the City website and at City Hall*) and he spoke regarding this. He spoke that the County has adopted its plan it is now time for the City to adopt theirs. He spoke regarding the Agricultural Buffering Standards and findings. He spoke that the recommendation from the Planning Commission is to amend the Comprehensive Plan text by adding a regional Plan Element, to include the approved Urban Reserve Areas on the Comprehensive Plan Map, and amend the Zoning Code by adding Agricultural Buffering Standards and modifying Chapter 8-8. 120 to raise the target density to 6.6 units per gross acre through 2035 and 7.6 units thereafter.

Councilor Auer questioned the densities. Mr. Knox spoke that the densities are going on track.

Mayor Cecil opened the Public Hearing at 7:23 PM

Darby Stricker – 221 E. Rapp Rd. Talent – Ms. Stricker spoke in favor of the buffering zone. She explained that it is important to recognize the burden of the buffer zone is on the developer and would not be a direct burden on the farmer unless the farmer decided to sell their land.

Dixie Loper – 6633 Rapp Lane, Talent – Ms. Loper thanked the Council for adopting this plan and for taking out TA2. She spoke she is thankful to protect the farmland.

Michele Bashaw – 201 W. Rapp Rd, Talent – Ms. Bashaw spoke that she is pleased TA2 farmland was taken out of the plan. She spoke that she likes the current plan.

David Whitehurst – 88 Theo Dr. Talent - Mr. Whitehurst spoke that he is pleased with how the RPS has gone along. He explained the importance of the land.

Matt Witt -2721 Quail Run Rd, Talent – Mr. Witt thanked Council and Planning Commission for all the hours spent on this. He is pleased to preserve the land. He explained by maintaining the rural character of our community we could attract tourists and benefit Talent economically and culturally.

Joanne Haddad-6795 Rapp Lane, Talent – Ms. Haddad spoke in favor of the final recommendation.

Ron Davies – 6795 Rapp Lane, Talent – Mr. Davies spoke that the current plan should be adopted.

Ken Gosling – 218 Theo Dr. Talent – Mr. Gosling spoke that he is pleased that TA2 is out of the plan. He explained that he is a farmer. He spoke he would like to see the Council adopt the plan.

Thomas Lowell – 7340 Adams Rd. Talent and 199 West Rapp Rd. Talent – Mr. Lowell thanked Council and asked them to continue what they have been doing. He gave Council information to cause them to reconsider the plan. He brought over 100 petition signers supporting the creating for a bike path/sidewalk addition along Rapp Road. He recommended that TA-2 be extended to Rapp Lane. He submitted a letter (see attached).

Cindy Harper – 414 James Circle, Talent – Ms. Harper spoke regarding leaving out TA-2 and spoke to agreement of the plan and the importance of farmland.

Greg Holmes – PO Box 2442, Grants Pass – Mr. Holmes thanked the Council. He spoke on behalf of many supporters in agreement of the plan. He gave information regarding the plan and recommended adoption.

Mayor Cecil closed the Public Hearing at 7:52 PM

Deliberations:

Councilor McManus asked for clarification from staff if minor adjustments need to be made is that still possible. Mr. Knox answered that if an amendment needs to be made less than 50 acres someone can apply for a minor amendment. The minor adjustments were discussed.

Councilor Auer questioned the minor amendment process. Mr. Converse explained that the process is stated in the Regional Plan Element under Corrective Measures and Plan Adjustments. He gave a brief overview of the process. Councilor Auer questioned the buffering standards. Mr. Converse spoke that the buffering standards are also in the Regional Plan Element in the Agricultural Buffering & Mitigation section. He gave a brief overview of the standards.

Councilor Glendenning thanked all the public speakers for coming.

Councilor Brown thanked the public speakers. She spoke that she is in favor of the plan amendment.

Councilor Brown moved to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to amend the Comprehensive Plan text by adding a Regional Plan Element, to include the approved Urban Reserve Areas on the Comprehensive Plan Map, and amend the Zoning Code by adding Agricultural Buffering Standards and modifying Chapter 8-8.120 to raise the target density to 6.6 units per gross acre through 2035 and 7.6 units thereafter. The Board's findings are included as Exhibit D. And to approve Ordinance No. 12-865-O an ordinance to amend the Talent Comprehensive Plan to add a Regional Plan Element; amend the official compressive plan map to designate the regional plan boundary and urban reserve areas; amend the zoning code relating to buffering standards, adding section 8.3H3; and adopt an urban reserve management agreement between Jackson County and the City. Councilor Glendenning seconded. Mayor Cecil repeated the motion. Discussion: Councilor Auer spoke that he supports the motion. He would like to look at the concerns from citizens at a later date and appreciates community involvement. Roll Call Vote: Councilor McManus, Councilor Auer, Councilor Glendenning and Councilor Brown: YES. Motion passed 4-0.

5. Citizens Heard on Non-Agenda Items

None.

6. Public Presentations

Items that do not require immediate Council action, such as presentations, discussion of potential future action items.

6.1 Little League Field – Matt from Cal Ripken

Matt Onofrei gave Council a handout showing his plans for Chuck Roberts Park (*see attached*). He gave an overview of the parks with which he is involved. He explained that his organization is looking to propose a \$320 thousand dollar retrofit of Chuck Roberts Park to a multi-sport complex. He gave an overview of the plan. Mayor Cecil questioned how this would be funded. Mr. Onofrei explained he has two large organizations that are looking to act on this in exchange for names on the field and appropriate representation of the organizations. They would also look at donation opportunities for maintenance.

Councilor Brown questioned if they would be working on the girls field. Mr. Onofrei answered they have already invested some into the girls field and will be doing more.

Mayor Cecil explained that this was just to be discussed tonight and no decisions will be made unless the Council wishes to proceed.

Public Speakers:

Wesley Joe – 1104 Quail Ln, Phoenix – Mr. Joe spoke that he is involved in Phoenix Pop Warner Football as a coach. He spoke in favor of proposed plan for little league. He spoke of the importance to keep competitions local.

Colleen Christensen – 910 La Loma Dr., Medford – Ms. Christensen spoke in regards to the little league field. She spoke that she has dealt with struggles with Phoenix Little League in the last year they have lost about 60 kids and some drive all the way to White City to play for better competition. She feels that the field would bring more opportunities for the youth.

Darby Stricker – 221 East Rapp, Talent – Ms. Stricker spoke to how this field would fit into the City of Talent and the Park. She doesn't feel it is a good fit for that spot. The lease is done in 2025. She spoke that we should look at that spot in a different way. She expressed she is not opposed to Baseball just really wants to look at all options.

Shawn Treen – 111 Arnos St., Talent – Mr. Treen spoke that she moved to Talent for the small town feeling and is against the idea of a new sport complex. She expressed it would bring too many people and parking issues. She asked that Council slows down when making this decision and consider the neighborhoods surrounding.

Russ Schweikert – 801 O'Hare Pkwy #101, Medford – Mr. Schweikert spoke that he is on the Talent /Phoenix Little League board of directors. He spoke that he is against the hostile takeover. He isn't against the idea of adding just isn't happy with how it is being done.

Felicia Hazel – 1370 Lithia Way, Talent – Ms. Hazel spoke representing the Parks and Recreation Commission. She explained they have had a long standing relationship with little league. At last meeting recommended to City Council to consider the proposal with Cal Ripken and to proceed cautiously.

Councilor McManus explained he attended the Parks meeting and was excited with the proposal. He spoke that the use of the field has had limits on how it can be used. He spoke that Council needs to talk to the League and see if there are any issues outstanding. He expressed he doesn't want to miss out on an opportunity with an organization that is looking out for the youth. He explained if the interest in Cal Ripken they can look at different locations. He spoke that the lease in place needs to be honored and then can move forward with other options.

Councilor Auer spoke that he appreciates Mr. Onofrei's enthusiasm. He spoke that he would like to discuss and explore all options.

Councilor Glendenning explained she lives in the neighborhood and it already is noisy. She spoke that this would add more traffic and noise. She spoke that exploring a different location would be a good idea. She wants to make a good decision not a quick decision.

Councilor Brown agreed with Councilor Glendenning. She would like to discuss this with the surrounding community and thinks it would be a good idea to use a different park.

Mayor Cecil asked that Cal Ripken and Talent Little League get together and discuss options and location; and if need be bring it back to Council for further discussion.

7. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consists of items of a repeating or routine nature considered under a single action. Any Councilor may have an item on the consent agenda removed and considered separately on request.

- 7.1 Approval of Regular Council Minutes for June 20, 2012
- 7.2 Acknowledge Receipt of Together for Talent Meeting for June 12, 2012
- 7.3 Acknowledge Receipt of Talent Public Art Committee Minutes for June 21, 2012
- 7.4 Acknowledge Receipt of Payables

Councilor Brown spoke that in the Council Minutes section 12 it should read "a large moveable construction sign."

Councilor Auer abstained to June 20th Council minutes due to absence. Due to lack of quorum for item 7.1 it will be placed on the next agenda.

Councilor Glendenning moved to approve the consent calendar with exception of the June 20th Council minutes. Councilor Auer seconded. Mayor Cecil repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Regular Agenda

Citizens will be provided the opportunity to offer comments on action items after staff has given their report and if there is an applicant, after they have had the opportunity to speak. Action items are expected to result in motions, resolutions, orders, or ordinances.

- 8.1 Amendment #1 to the Intergovernmental Agreement for Library Services between the City of Talent and Jackson County.

Mr. Corrigan gave a brief staff report.

Councilor Brown moved for the City Manager to sign amendment #1 to Jackson County Oregon Intergovernmental Agreement for Library Services dated July 1, 2012 through September 2015 with the City of Talent. Councilor Auer seconded. Mayor Cecil repeated the motion. Discussion: Councilor McManus spoke to add through September 2015. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.2 Appoint Jeanne Tribble and Jeff Rehbein to the Parks Commission
8.3 Appoint Ryan Pederson as an alternate to the Parks Commission

Councilor Glendenning moved appoint Jeanne Tribble and Jeff Rehbein to the Parks Commission as Commissioners and Ryan Pederson to the Parks Commission as an alternate. Councilor Brown seconded. Mayor Cecil repeated the motion. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Information Items

- 9.1 "Move to Amend"

Public Speakers:

Don Chapin – 265 Joy Dr., Talent – Mr. Chapin spoke to Council regarding Corporations are People....or so the Supreme Court has said (*see attached*). He spoke for Council to consider passing a resolution for a Constitutional Amendment.

Gail Beason – 113 Deborah Dr. Talent – Ms. Beason read a letter to the Council (*see attached*).

Ken Gosling – 414 James Circle, Talent – Mr. Gosling spoke in favor of considering a resolution.

Gary Leason – 220 West Rapp Rd, Talent – Mr. Leason spoke that he respects the Supreme Court and Freedom of Speech. He spoke against the matter. He spoke that Talent should focus on Talent business. He spoke that Council should table this issue. He expressed there shouldn't be debate on just any topic.

Councilor McManus spoke that he appreciates the presentation. He explained that this would be something best placed on the ballot. He spoke that it isn't effective for Talent to consider the Resolution and would be best to put it to the voters.

Councilor Auer moved to extend this meeting to finish the agenda. Councilor Glendenning seconded. Mayor Cecil repeated the motion. Discussion: None. Councilor McManus, Councilor Auer, Councilor Glendenning: AYE. Councilor Brown: NAY. Motion Passed: 3-1.

Councilor Auer questioned Mr. Corrigan's perspective on this issue. Mr. Corrigan explained that the City has no problem creating a resolution if it's for a Council Goal or something that affects the City of Talent on a day to day basis. The City of Talent has no long history of this. The Cities in Oregon that have done this have in house legal counsel we do not therefore there will be a cost.

Councilor Glendenning agrees with Councilor McManus and doesn't believe this is city business and would not be in favor of a resolution. Councilor Brown agrees with Councilor McManus and Councilor Glendenning. She spoke that this should be tabled to the public.

Mayor Cecil spoke that to pursue this it should be done through the election process. Councilor Auer spoke that he would like to see this get pursued further for public input. **It was Council consensus to not do a Resolution. Councilor Auer was not in consensus on this issue.**

- 9.2 Rapp Road Improvements

Mr. Corrigan gave a brief staff report. He explained that there is work that needs to be done and questioned if this is something Council would like to pursue. Mayor Cecil suggested that this should be discussed at the next Council goals setting meeting. Councilor Brown disagreed and gave her reasons why. She added that there were over 100 signatures petitioning for safe walking and bicycling along Rapp Road. Mayor Cecil asked if Traffic Safety had looked at this. Mr. Corrigan answered no. Mayor Cecil spoke that this topic should be on the next Traffic Safety Meeting Agenda. Mr. Corrigan would see that it gets put on the Traffic Safety Agenda.

Public Speaker:

Gary Leason – 220 W Rapp Rd. #75, Talent – Mr. Leason spoke strongly that Rapp Road is dangerous. He explained this is an urgent item. He spoke it's a threat to public safety. He proposed to give the City \$1000 to build a walking bridge.

- 9.3 Email – Margaret Mason
9.4 Letter – Gail Beason
9.5 Letter – Mary Bishop

Councilor Auer spoke that as a point of order emails should have physical addresses on them for the record.

10. City Manager & Other Department Reports

Items for discussion by the City Manager and Department Heads as needed.

Mr. Corrigan briefed Council with City and Department Reports.

- RFP for Legal Services went out.
- Phoenix Talent School Board established a construction excise tax. It is mandated the City collect the tax for them.
- Audit is in process. USDA Compliance Audit coming up soon.
- A temp will be organizing the file system in City Hall.
- July 23rd there will be a walk thru at Gibson and Lapree 5-7 PM.
- Applications are available for Councilors to download on the Ipads.
- Interview process is going on for Police, Planning and Finance.
- Building Fee changes are coming soon.
- The speed trailer will be fixed and used soon.
- Security Cameras are in process 3 are up and running.

11. Other Business

Mayor Cecil would like to get the agenda to have a time schedule. Presentations limited to 15 minutes. He also announced that if Councilors would like to place an item on the agenda to bring it to Council and as a consensus they can decide whether or not to put it on the agenda. *(Councilor Brown left 9:50 PM).*

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 & Auer)
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)
Harvest Festival Committee – (McManus)

Councilor Glendenning announced that Alice Burnett passed away last month.

Mayor Cecil announced he is going to the Mayors Association Conference next week.

13. Adjournment

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:57 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:



Melissa Huhtala, City Recorder

ATTEST:



Tom Corrigan, City Manager

Note: This agenda and the entire agenda packet, including staff reports, referenced documents, resolutions and ordinances are posted on the City of Talent website (www.cityoftalent.org) in advance of each meeting.