



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
- HELD AT TOWN HALL AND
VIA ZOOM-
January 3rd, 2024 – 6:45 PM**

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call at 6:49 p.m. (01:50)

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Mayor Ayers-Flood Councilor Clark Councilor Ponomareff Councilor Greider Councilor Pastizzo Councilor Byers Councilor Paré-Miller	
Also Present:	
Gary Milliman, City Manager Tom Humphrey, Interim City Manager Pro Tem Lucero Martinez, City Recorder Dave Lohman, City Attorney Jennifer Snook, Chief Police Hector Flores, Community Engagement Director Kristen Maze, Community Development Director Tessa DeLine, Finance Director Robert Slayton, Superintendent of Public Works	

2. Additions / Corrections to Agenda (02:10)

Mayor Ayers-Flood asked a question regarding agenda item 9.3, answered by Community Development Director Kristen Maze. Mayor Ayers-Flood requested to move agenda item 9.3 to the January 17th, 2024, City Council meeting since there would be a Public Hearing.

City Manager Milliman informed City Council that item 5.1 from the agenda was not ready to pursue and asked them to removed it from the agenda.

3. Community Announcements (11:24)

Councilor Clark reported that the Urban Forestry Committee volunteered at Talent Elementary School doing tree maintenance. Also, added that Urban Forestry Committee would be having another work party on January 13th, 2024, at 10am.

Councilor Byers reported on Parks & Recreation Commission inviting participants to attend a Study Session on January 10th, 2024, at 6:00pm where they will be discussing the Chuck Robert Park plan.

4. Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items (14:23)

None requested.

5. Public Presentation (14:37)

This item was removed from the agenda.

6. Department Report (14:42)

6.1 Departments Reports

Tom Humphrey, Interim City Manager Pro Tem gave a verbal report informing council not all department reports were added to the agenda packet. Congratulating Community Development Department for passing community ratings system certification.

Councilor Clark asked for an update on the new bathroom for Kamerin Springs Park, answered by Superintendent of Public Works Robert Slayton.

Councilor Ponomareff asked Community Engagement Director Hector Flores if there is any possibility to add the calendar that he provided on his staff report to the current City website.

7. Consent Calendar (20:20)

7.1 Approval of City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, November 15th, 2023

7.2 Approval of City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, December 6th, 2023

7.3 Approval of City Council Study Session Minutes, November 15th, 2023

7.4 Approval of October 2023 Financial Packet

7.5 Approval of November 2023 Financial Packet

7.6 Appointment of Member Payson Collins for Urban Forestry Committee

7.7 Approval of Generator Purchase for the Police Department

7.8 Scope of Work for Railroad Feasibility Study

7.9 Acknowledgment of Urban Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes, December 13th, 2023

Councilor Ponomareff asked questions regarding item 7.8 from the Consent Calendar, that were answered by Community Development Director Kristen Maze.

Motion (24:33): Councilor Paré-Miller moved to approve the consent calendar. Councilor Byers seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 6 ayes (Clark, Ponomareff, Greider, Pastizzo, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

8. Unfinished Business (24:55)

No items provided.

9. New Business (25:00)

9.1 Introduction to New City Manager Gary Milliman

New City Manager Gary Milliman thanked City Staff and City Council for their support, expressing his excitement to be serving the City of Talent.

Mayor Ayers-Flood thanked Tom Humphrey for his services as Interim City Manager.

9.2 Professional Services Contract For Tom Humphrey

City Manager Gary Milliman informed council during this transition there would be an agreement where Tom Humphrey would help conclude some projects such as the PIER application and other City Manager needs. City Manager explained his contract agreement.

9.3 Discussion of Prospective Land Dedication to City of Talent

This item was removed from the agenda.

10. Other Business and Future Agenda Items (30:32)

Councilor Ponomareff brought back the discussion from the Study Session asking if there is any way where City Council can follow up with consultants for additional questions, answered by City Manager Milliman.

Councilor Clark drew attention to one of the recommendations from Urban Forestry Committee minutes from consent calendar on agenda. Urban Forestry Committee made a motion on December 13th, 2023, to recommend city council to direct staff to contract with a consultant who is qualified in tree codes to update the current codes by June 2024. Councilor Clark requested to add this on future agenda, there was more Council discussion regarding this recommendation with Mayor Ayers-Flood and City Manager Milliman.

Councilor Paré-Miller asked for an update on Foss Road repairs and the Capital Improvement Plan. Mayor Ayers-Flood also requested an update on Wagner Road.

Interim City Manager Pro Tem Tom Humphrey and Superintendent of Public Works Robert Slayton gave an update on Foss Road and Wagner Road.

Mayor Ayers-Flood and City Council had more discussion regarding roads repairs plan.

Mayor Ayers-Flood requested staff to write an article for the Talent News & Reviews to update the community on the plan to fix roads in the City of Talent.

11. Written Communications (57:25)

12. Executive Session (57:32)

The Council met in an executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h):

- To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Mayor Ayers-Flood read the executive session script.

13. Recovering of Public Hearing and Report Out (01:48:52)

Mayor Ayers-Flood announced that there was no decision made.

14. Adjournment 8:36pm (01:49:00)

Respectfully submitted by:



Lucero Martinez, City Recorder

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