

# City of Talent

Community Development Department - Planning



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## STAFF REPORT and **PROPOSED FINAL ORDER**

Type-4 Land Use Application — Legislative Review — Planning Commission

Meeting date: September 26, 2019  
File no: CPA 2018-003  
Prepared by: Zac Moody, Community Development Director  
Item: Adoption of Clean Energy Element J

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Petitioner .....City of Talent

Requested Action .....Amendments to the City of Talent’s Comprehensive Plan, adding Element J, Clean Energy.

### **PROPOSAL**

The purpose of this amendment is to update the City’s Comprehensive Plan to include a Clean Energy Element consistent with the City’s Clean Energy Action Plan.

### **AGENCY AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No agency or public comments have been received.

### **DISCUSSION**

In October of 2015, citizens of Talent organized and held an envisioning workshop for the greater use of renewable energy throughout all sectors of Talent. The workshop marked the beginning of a year-long effort among Rogue Climate Talent and Together for Talent volunteers to develop a Clean Energy Action Plan populated with goals and implementation steps to guide Talent’s business and residential communities and local government to both conserve energy and increase their dependence on renewable (versus fossil-fuel) energy sources.

The 2018-2030 Plan was proposed to City Council by community members representing Together for Talent and Rogue Climate Talent on November 16, 2016. Council moved to have City staff vet the plan. The development of the Energy Element is the result of the vetting process.

The 2017-2018 Clean Energy Action Plan was drafted by the City’s Together for Talent Committee to outline short-term goals and actions for the City and community organizations to

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take towards realizing the longer-term 2030 Plan. This document was presented to City Council on April 17, 2017. City Council moved to have specific Actions reviewed and modified by City staff.

In October of 2017, the Community Development began working with Rogue Climate Talent and Together for Talent members to create a draft Energy Element in preparation for the present Citizen Advisory Committee to amend and, ultimately, propose to the Planning Commission for adoption into the City of Talent's Comprehensive Plan.

The current draft's language was derived from the 2018-2030 Clean Energy Action Plan where that document's language was directly applicable to the City. The language was then revised through a series of meetings beginning in June of 2018. City staff and citizen volunteers worked over a seven-month period resulting in multiple iterations of the document. On February 26, 2019, the CAC recommended the draft included in this report be reviewed by the Planning Commission for adoption by the City Council. A draft of the Clean Energy Element was presented to the Planning Commission on April 9, 2019 and again on June 27, 2019. During the last Planning Commission meeting, staff was asked to present the draft element at the next Planning Commission public hearing so that a recommendation could be made to the City Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the findings for the amendments outlined in the Proposed Final Order, staff recommends approval of the amendments.

**ATTACHMENTS**

The following information was submitted regarding this application:

- Proposed Final Orders
- Draft Clean Energy Element
- Appendix A and Appendix B (of the draft element)



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September 19, 2019  
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Staff has recommended these amendments for approval, but it will require at least one public hearing before the Planning Commission and one public hearing before the City Council for

a decision. The Talent Zoning Code establishes procedures for legislative hearings in Section 8-3M.160.

**A public hearing on the proposed action is scheduled before the Planning Commission on September 26, 2019 at 6:30 PM at Talent Town Hall.**

For copies of public documents or for more information related to this staff report, please contact the Community Development Director at 541-535-7401 or via e-mail at [zmoody@cityoftalent.org](mailto:zmoody@cityoftalent.org).