



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN HALL  
March 3, 2021 — 6:00 p.m.**

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**1. Call to Order/Roll Call at 5:01 p.m.**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>
Chair Ayers-Flood Vice-Chair Clark Member Byers Member Volkart Member Paré-Miller Member Pastizzo	Member Ponomareff
<b>Also Present:</b>	
Jon Legarza, Executive Director	

**2. Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items**

None

**3. Consent Agenda**

**3.1 Approval of FY 2019 - 2020 Audit**

**3.2 Approval of Check Register**

Member Volkart inquired about an Alpine Environmental charge on the check register. Legarza clarified the charge. Chair Ayers-Flood commented on the positive audit.

**Motion:** Member Paré-Miller moves to approve the consent agenda. Vice Chair Clark seconded.

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:** All ayes; motion carries.

**4. Regular Agenda**

**4.1 Approval of the Scope of Work for Public / Community Outreach**

Legarza discussed the draft scope of work for public and community outreach for the Agency. Legarza stated that the motion tonight would lay the groundwork for the Agency to more clearly communicate the return on tax dollars to the large community from the Urban Renewal Agency.

Discussion:

- Member Byers thanked Legarza for developing the scope of work for public and community outreach.

**Motion:** Member Byers moves approve the draft scope of work for public and community outreach for the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Talent. Volkart seconded.

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:** All ayes; motion carries.

Chair Ayers-Flood thanked Legarza for the report that will appear in the Talent flash on the Urban Renewal Agency's tenure.

#### **4.2 Approval to Present the Proposed Urban Renewal Agency Beautification Grant Program to the City of Talent Urban Forestry Committee**

Staff Report – Executive Director

Legarza introduced the proposed grant program and stated that the grant program would be state-of-the-art in its design and collaboration with a City of Talent committee specialized in forestry. Legarza stated that the proposed motion tonight will direct staff to present the program to the City of Talent Urban Forestry Committee, where after, it will then return to the Urban Renewal Agency for final approval.

Discussion:

- Member Clark stated he appreciated the Executive Director bringing the grant program to the Board of Directors. Member Clark stated he would work with the committee to develop the program to be equitable.
- Chair Ayers-Flood expanded on the comment from Member Clark, discussing insurance policy coverages of landscaping. Chair Ayers-Flood stated that she hopes this program could benefit those who do not have insurance money. Chair Ayers-Flood also mentioned the long history of tree and landscaping efforts of the Agency.
- Member Byers inquired about the grant progress being in Spanish along with English. Byers also inquired about the mobile home parks and the grant eligibility.
  - Legarza stated that the program could be developed in multiple languages.
  - Member Clark also responded he will keep these comments in consideration during the Urban Forestry Committee consideration.
- Chair Ayers-Flood inquired about the process and application.
  - Legarza confirmed that the budget and application would be launched after approval.

**Motion:** Member Clark moves to direct staff to present the proposed beautification grant program to the Urban Forestry Committee of the City of Talent and direct staff to develop an application for potential grantees. Volkart seconded.

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:** All ayes; motion carries.

#### **4.3 Discussion of Future Meeting Dates and Times**

Staff Report – Executive Director

Legarza stated that he had received responses to the Doodle pool for a new regular meeting date and time that does not conflict with possible City Council study sessions.

Discussion:

The Board of Directors and staff discussed the future meeting schedule for the Agency.

**Motion:** Member Volkart moves to schedule Regular Board Meetings of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Talent for the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm. Byers seconded

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All ayes; motion carries.

### **5. Items from Executive Director**

Legarza provided an update regarding a partnership in a joint application to Business Oregon for Wildfire Capacity / Technical Assistance funding. Legarza also updated the Board on potential GIS 3D modelling that could be included in the grant, if awarded. Legarza also updated the Board of Directors on the progress of Ashland Food Coop Market Study efforts.

Chair Ayers Flood stated that she is excited about ongoing staff work.

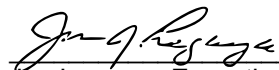
**6. Items from Chair or Agency Members**

Member Pastizzo discussed low-income housing in the City. Pastizzo discussed bringing in the Housing Authority to discuss affordable housing in the Talent community.

Member Clark provided an update on central median planting on Highway 99 by the Urban Forestry Committee that is passing a recommendation to the City to fund the trees. Member Clark stated that there are six trees within the Urban Renewal Agency area.

**7. Adjournment at 6:36 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Jon Legarza, Executive Director

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