



THE *FLASH* OF TALENT

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By Talent Mayor Marian Telerski

The accomplishments of the year may be measured by the financial stability of the City, the degree to which the council has achieved its goals, and by the successful functioning of the departments, committees, and commissions. As we review our seven goals, we can say, "Yes we did that," or, "Yes, we are doing that." What is most apparent about this year is that it is a year in which we made plans and did them. Loud applause is due to our employees, elected officials, and to our citizen volunteers for their hard work and creative thinking.

For the first time in many years, the City's financial condition is currently sound and the future looks good. This improvement can be attributed to a number of factors – the development and implementation of sound financial and budgetary policies, professional and conscientious staff, and the Council's insistence on financial excellence and accountability. The City Administrator Leahnette York and Holly Haviland, Finance Officer, jointly prepared a comprehensive budget that enables members of the public to easily participate in and better understand the budgetary process. Although the construction moratorium is a financial burden, it is a short-term situation with a visible end. The TAP Intertie project is fully funded and will become a reality in the year 2000. During the TAP Intertie construction period, we are planning for the continued financial stability of the City once the moratorium is lifted through the development and implementation of system development charges, fees, and reserves. The City's improved financial condition can also be partly attributed to the efforts of City staff and a number of volunteers that have been incredibly successful in the area of grant writing. Their efforts brought more than \$200,000 in grant funds to the City during the 1997-98 fiscal year, and during 1998, the City received grant awards exceeding \$2.4 million. City staff and volunteers continue to assertively seek grant funding. The achievements of the commissions and committees are many. Some that stand out are the creation of the Flash, our newsletter begun by Joi Riley and ably continued by Allison Zigich, our volunteer coordinator. What is also notable this year is the cooperation and partnerships on projects.

The skateboard park, begun by the parks commission, was assisted by the City Council, Urban Renewal Agency, City staff, grant funds, and volunteers. The transportation depot is a

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The Talent City Council wants to receive your suggestions on **goals and community concerns** *prior* to the Council's annual goal setting retreat on Saturday, January 23, 1999.

Please use the space below to write your top 3 goals or concerns for the City of Talent. Please **return the bottom half of this form** to the City of Talent by Thursday, January 21, 1999. Our address is 204 E Main Street or mail to: P.O. Box 445, Talent – your comments and suggestions are greatly appreciated.



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