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Mayor's State of The City Report

At the City Council meeting on January 1, 2005, Mayor Telerski delivered her State of The City Report. In her presentation to the City Council and citizens, the Mayor outlined the successes and the challenges for the City in the coming year.

"I believe it is evident to anyone walking through our city that the face of Talent is changing. Where there were cows grazing two years ago, there are houses, streets, mailboxes, young landscape, new neighbors. Where there was only gravel and weeds, there are sidewalks, people pushing strollers, and kids on bikes with training wheels, folks walking to and from downtown. During the four years of our building moratorium to accomplish the intertie with the Medford Water Commission, few visible changes were evident in the city. However, during this time, the council and the planning commission anticipated change; they focused attention on updating our ordinances to accommodate the expected changes, greater densities, greater demands on the infrastructure, greater demands for public service from police, planning, administration and finance, public works. All that planning brings us to the present, where we are applying the plans and preparations and

facing the new challenges of greater population. I would like to frame my remarks within the context of how we are responding to the needs and challenges of a greater, and younger population. I would also like to list, before I report on the activities of each department, what are some of the results of population growth. I will also say a few words about the failure of the bond to create a Civic Center and make additions to the police department. Lastly, please be aware that all our departments, our council, commissions and committees work together in so many ways to accomplish the business of the citizens. Each department is crucial, their cooperation necessary. We are complimented and enhanced by the many volunteers who contribute their time, skills and inspiration to make this their city. We could not do without them. Organizations grow and benefit from new inspiration and fresh faces. As the city grows, we encourage new and long time residents alike to join in the adventure of making a city work for all of us. We hope to see you, and you, in City Hall.



We need to hear from you about what is important to you, as citizens, as parents, as neighbors. We encourage you to join a committee or commission and be part of the future of this town."I would like to make some remarks in regard to the need for a Civic Center, a renovated police department, funding for parks maintenance. These issues will not go away. We want to offer the highest levels of service to our citizens, in staff and in technical capability. Our present City Hall is thirty years old. It was built when the population was half what is now, or less. It housed the council chambers, police department, administration, planning, Court, inspection, finance and technical support. It is too small for our present staff and technical needs. Our goal is to find a way to economically accomplish a new Civic Center to accommodate the expanding government services of a vital and growing city.

....."We need to hear from you, as well, and encourage you to join us in the council chambers, call us on the phone, meet with us. It is our pleasure to serve you. Let us give thanks for this beautiful place we live in, and work to protect it and better it for those who follow us." Marian Telerski Mayor, City of Talent
(The entire text can be read on the city website - www.cityoftalent.org)

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Council Wants to Hear From You

The Talent City Council will be meeting at the end of February for their annual goal-setting session. Before their meeting, they would like to hear from you. This is your chance to express what goals you feel should be of importance to the community in the coming year.

Please take time to list your top three goals or concerns for the City of Talent. After completing this form, please return it to City Hall, 204 East Main Street (P.O. Box 445), by February 18, 2005. If you would like to submit your comments electronically, please e-mail City Manager, Betty Wheeler at betty@cityoftalent.org Thank you in advance for your time. Your comments and suggestions are greatly appreciated.

Council Goals

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COP TALK By Officer Shane Wilson



This month I would like to address the traffic problem on Highway 99. In 2004 there were a total of 19 motor vehicle crashes on Hwy 99. Of these 19 crashes, 6 resulted in injury. This makes Hwy 99 the #1 safety threat to the citizens of Talent. Of the 19 crashes, six occurred at the Hwy 99/Rapp Rd intersection; 5 occurred at Hwy 99 and New St; 4 accidents occurred at the W. Valley View/Hwy 99 intersection, and 4 occurred at Hwy 99 & Suncrest/Colver Rd intersection.

Additionally, in September 2003 there was a fatal traffic accident on Highway 99 at Creel Road. These accidents have a variety of contributing factors, but common themes that repeat in most accidents on Highway 99 are drivers failing to yield, driving too fast for conditions, following too closely, drivers entering the roadway into the path of another vehicle, rear end collisions when a vehicle is stopped in the roadway waiting to turn, and vehicles failing to obey traffic control devices. From a traffic safety standpoint, the police department welcomes the proposed Highway

99 upgrade project, which will include new traffic lights and turn lanes and other improvements that will help prevent these crashes. In the meantime, please be careful when driving Highway 99. Make sure you are giving yourself plenty of space in between vehicles. Without turn lanes and traffic lights at some intersections, people turning onto one of these side streets are forced to stop in traffic to yield to oncoming vehicles. This makes for a dangerous situation especially at certain times of the day.

Planning Department News

Upcoming Public Hearings

All Planning Commission meetings take place at the Community Center, 206 East Main Street, and start at 6:30 PM.

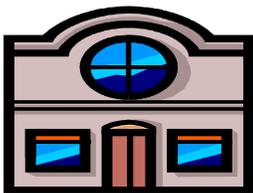
On Thursday, January 27 the Commission will hold a public hearing on an application for a subdivision containing 14 lots next to 510 Highway 99. The land is zoned R2, High-Density Residential. **Updates-**

On Thursday, January 13 the

Planning Commission approved a setback variance for three lots in the Oak Valley Subdivision. On January 19 the City Council adopted the Access Management Plan for the Highway 99 Modernization Project. They voted 4-1 on the motion to adopt. On January 19 the City Council adopted amendments to Article 8 of the Zoning Ordinance. They voted 4-1 on the motion to adopt. The Planning Commission recommended adoption at its November 18 meeting.

At the beginning of January a number of minor changes to the Zoning Ordinance and Land Divisions Ordinance took effect, including a density calculation method and revised rules on lot averaging for subdivisions (Ordinance Nos. 776 and 777).

If you have a specific request or need more information, please feel free to contact Planning at 535-7401 or via e-mail at john@cityoftalent.org.



The Talent Urban Renewal Agency is announcing a **Rehabilitation/**

Facade Improvement Grant Program

for buildings within the Urban Renewal Area. The purpose of the Grant Program is to 1) restore commercial and residential buildings to historically compatible exterior design and 2) encourage new investment and development in Talent. Eligible work includes exterior paint, signage and awnings,

Rehabilitation/Facade Improvement Grants

replacement of missing decorative features, restoration of doors, windows and chimneys, storefront rehabilitation, and removal of non-historic materials or additions. Projects may also include improving ADA access and improving or installing systems necessary to business development. Properties must be located within the Urban Renewal Area. Property owners and business lessees may apply. For the current funding year, the Agency will focus on 1) rehabilitation of commercial properties and 2) existing historic structures (commercial or residential) within

the downtown core area. Each project is eligible for **up to 5 hours of free design consultation**/project assistance from an architectural/historic design consultant, in addition to **direct grants of up to \$5,000** (no match required) and **matching grants of up to \$10,000** (requires a 50/50 match from the applicant). An application is required. Appropriateness of applications is the decision of the Agency, based on available funding and the application's ability to meet the goals and objectives of the Urban Renewal Plan. For more information, contact the Talent Urban Renewal Agency, (541) 535-6170.

WAGNER STREET IMPROVEMENTS

After the 1st of July 2005 the City will begin the design for bike and pedestrian improvements to Wagner Street. The City has received a \$229,716 grant from the State to fund a large portion of these improvements. In addition to sidewalk and bike lanes on this heavily traveled road from the downtown to the Talent Elementary School, the City will be upgrading the water line and installing a storm water system. These improvements will provide a safe way for school children to walk or ride their bikes to and from school. Anyone interested in participating for the planning of these improvements is encouraged to contact the City Manager.

Volunteer Opportunities

Urban Renewal Agency—Assist in implementing the Urban Renewal Plan, infrastructure improvements, economic development within district boundaries. (1 vacancy)

Parks & Recreation Commission—Current projects include; planning programming for youth and adults by summer 2005. (2 vacancies)

Enhancement Committee—Current events include; planning spring clean-up and Harvest Festival. (Many vacancies)

Budget Committee—Take citizens comments to Council resulting in a revised budget. 3-year term (3 vacancies)

OPEN HOUSE - The Talent Library Design Group invites you to an Open House. We would like to hear your ideas about what the NEW TALENT LIBRARY might look like. Drop in anytime between 4 and 7 pm on Thursday, March 3rd. at the Community Center to talk to members of the Design Group, including the architect.



Transportation Depot

The Transportation Depot was built with State grants and was intended to serve as both a park and ride location and a bus stop for Talent residents. Due to some budget issues at the RVTD the bus has yet to be re-routed to be able to use the Depot as a bus stop. Residents are however encouraged to use the area as a park and ride. If carpooling can be arranged vehicles may be parked there during the day thereby reducing the number of vehicles going either north or south on Highway 99 and I-5. While the City awaits the re-routing of the bus, the building has been rented out to private companies who through their rent payments cover the operating costs of the building. Since these offices are rented to private businesses the City will pay taxes on the building and the rent has been designed to cover those costs as well.

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| | | 1 | 2 City Council 6:30 pm Comm. Hall | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 Arch. Review 7:00 pm | 9 Parks 6:00 pm Comm. Hall | 10 Planning (if needed) | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 Municipal Court 3:00 pm Comm. Hall | 15 Urban Renewal 6:00 pm | 16 Safety 1:30 pm Comm. Hall City Council 6:30 pm | 17 | 18 | 19 Arch. Review Walk TBD |
| 20 | 21 Presidents Day (Offices Closed) | 22 Municipal Court 6:00 pm Comm. Hall | 23 | 24 Planning 6:30 pm Comm. Hall | 25 | 26 |
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