



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN HALL  
September 16, 2020 — 5:00 p.m.**

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**1. Call to Order/Roll Call at 5:03 p.m.**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>
Chair Ayers-Flood Member Dolan Member Harrison Member Ponomareff Member Clark Member Land Member Berlant at 5:48pm	
<b>Also Present:</b>	
Jon Legarza, Executive Director	

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

None.

**3. Consent Agenda**

**3.1 Approval of September 02, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Legarza stated that there was a typo on the meeting minutes for the date and that the draft has now been corrected.

**Motion:** Member Clark moves to approve the Meeting Minutes from September 2, 2020 as amended.

**Discussion:** None.

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

**2 (returned to agenda item). Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items**

Dana Denny | Ashland, Oregon

Denny suggested for the Board to consider incorporating tiny homes into the future rebuild solutions. Denny offered her help to the Board. Chair Ayers-Flood stated that she appreciated the input. Denny stated that she could provide more information. Chair Ayers-Flood encouraged Denny to remain in the meeting.

**4. Regular Agenda**

**4.1 102 Home Street, Public Hearing, Resolution 20-8, Authorizing the Transfer of Surplus Property**

The Board entered Executive Session at 5:12pm and rejoined the regular meeting at 5:48pm.

Board Member Berlant joined the meeting.

**Motion:** Member Dolan moves to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement, as presented, and authorize the Executive Director to sign on the District's behalf. Harrison seconded.

**Discussion:** Chair Ayers-Flood stated for the record that an addendum to the business plan would be appreciated. Vice-Chair Dolan stated that the motion does not have a condition of a new addendum. Member Land stated that she will be in support of the motion, to support a local establishment in the community.

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

#### 4.2 Launch Talent Recovers Website

Staff Report – Executive Director

Legarza walked the Board through the website and its functionality. Legarza recommended the Board approve the launch of the website.

Discussion:

- Member Ponomareff stated that she appreciated the website. Member Ponomareff inquired about data collection, and if staff can work with the City data on residents.
  - Legarza stated that he would work with other cities and counties to develop a holistic picture of the residents effected.
- Member Harrison stated that he agrees with the objective and effort on the website.
- Member Clark thanked Legarza for the incentive. Member Clark stated that he is unclear when the evacuation orders will be lifted and it being attached to the website launch.
  - Legarza stated that he can follow up with the EOC before launching the web form functionality of the website.
- Member Land inquired about how this website would help a local resident.
  - Legarza stated that the website can connect residents to volunteers. Legarza also stated that the website can be used to establish future grant programs for residents.
- Member Dolan thanked Legarza for his quick action on the website. Member Dolan also stated that she felt that the website did not need to be tied to the evacuation orders. Member Dolan also inquired about how much Legarza has coordinated with his counterparts in Phoenix and Jackson County.
  - Legarza stated that he has met with a member of the EOC team and will be talking to Phoenix later this week.
- Chair Ayers-Flood thanked Legarza for his effort. Ayers-Flood also mentioned that Member Clark has a contact with Steve Lambert with Jackson County.

**Motion:** Member Land moves to approve staff launch the Talent Recovers website for Talent.

**Discussion:** Member Land wanted to thank Legarza again for his efforts.

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

#### 4.3 Gateway Site Temporary Shelter Concept

Staff Report – Executive Director

Legarza displayed and discussed the Gateway temporary shelter conceptual plan for the Board to approve.

Discussion:

- Vice-Chair Dolan inquired if there was room for a business pavilion on the site. Vice-Chair Dolan also inquired about the municipal code requirements for the site.
  - Legarza stated that he could investigate a business pavilion site on the site. Legarza stated that he shared the concept with the City Manager and Community Development Director. Legarza stated that this is a pilot-project that could pave the road to future projects to bring residents back to the City.
- Member Ponomareff stated that an expeditious process is important. Ponomareff inquired about the timeline of the project.

- Legarza stated that it is still too early to give a precise timeline. Legarza stated that approval tonight would also allow him to work on pricing on the improvements and the procedural process of the project.
- Member Berlant inquired about the state of the site and the remediation requirements for the site.
  - Legarza stated that environmental concerns will be addressed before construction takes place on the site.
- Vice-Chair Dolan inquired about the feasibility of fast-tracking the affordability component of the Gateway Site.
  - Legarza stated that the process to go down the original Gateway concept will be much longer than the proposed transitional, temporary shelter housing.
- Member Land inquired about looking into other locations for temporary shelter sites. Member Land also emphasized future coordination with the City of Talent.
- Chair Ayers-Flood discussed a potential regional overlay that would facilitate collaboration between the City of Talent and Phoenix and identify land available for temporary shelter for the communities.

**Public Comment**

- Susan Bradley stated that she was interested in volunteering to assist in the efforts and requested that staff investigate additional community spaces and beautification strategies within the concept plan.
- Julie Greene requested additional information on the term temporary in the project. Greene inquired if there was a term that was attached to the temporary housing site.
  - Chair Ayers-Flood responded that this discussion could involve additional phases that provides housing to residents in the community. Chair Ayers-Flood also mentioned other funding opportunity to retain affordable housing solutions for the community. Chair Ayers-Flood stated that there are two discussions on the horizon, one long-term and one short-term to protect the housing stock in the community.
- Mark Knox stated the Rogue Valley Shelter initiative would take any assistance if available. Knox stated that they looked at the Gateway Site for housing,
- Derek Volkart stated that the Board should investigate school property for shelter needs.
- Laz Ayala discussed potential sites for shelter in the community.

**Motion:** Member Dolan moves to approve the temporary shelter concept plan to include a business pavilion for the Gateway Site, and direct staff to complete further due-diligence on developing a temporary shelter site on the Gateway Site. Harrison seconded

**Discussion:** None.

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

**5. Items from Executive Director**

Not discussed.

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

Not discussed.

**7. Adjournment at 6:46 PM**

Respectfully submitted by:




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Jon Legarza, Executive Director

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