



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN HALL  
July 3, 2018 — 6:45 p.m.**

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**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING — 6:45 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call at 7:12 p.m.**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>
Mayor Ayers-Flood Councilor Berlant Councilor Dolan Councilor Harrison Councilor Pederson Councilor Baker Councilor Land	
<b>Also Present:</b>	
Sandra Spelliscy, Interim City Manager Zac Moody, Interim Urban Renewal Director/Community Development Director Chief Doney, Talent Police Department Kurt Sexton, Finance Director Savannah Edson, City Recorder	

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Community Announcements (0:49)**

- Fri., July 6, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Councilor Berlant mentioned that the Talent Zero Waste Team is hosting a movie night to watch “A Plastic Ocean,” a documentary film about how non-reusable materials pollute our waters.
- Tues., July 10, 9 a.m. Councilor Berlant said the Weed Team and the Talent Garden Club will be having a planting party along John Street near the skate park.
- Sun., July 8, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Councilor Land made a plug for the ongoing Bee a Part of Art project, which will involve participating community members to create a pollinator garden themed mosaic.
- Councilor Dolan mentioned Bee City USA Talent and the Talent Garden Club had a dedication ceremony of the official City Hall pollinator garden on June 23.
- Mayor Ayers-Flood added that the art project outside the Dollar General store was also dedicated on June 23.

#### 4. Public Presentations

None.

#### 5. Public Hearings

None.

#### 6. Citizens Heard on Non-Agenda Items (4:00)

Josephine Warden  
255 Colver Rd. #88  
Talent, OR 97540

- Warden spoke on behalf of Together For Talent, asking to be on the agenda of the next Council meeting to give a presentation to make suggestions on electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure development.
- The Council agreed to add it to a future agenda.

Erendida Padilla  
571 Talent Ave. #31  
Talent, OR 97540

- Padilla said she would like the Council to address parking issues on the Rogue River Parkway.

Enidalia Dominguez  
571 Talent Ave. #15  
Talent, OR 97540

- Dominguez asked the City to open parking on Rogue River Parkway. She has a second vehicle and has nowhere to park her car.

David Nava S.  
571 Talent Ave. #7  
Talent, OR 97540

- Nava asked for a better option to be created for parking on Rogue River Parkway. He said there are sometimes quarrels amongst tenants over parking.

Celia Silva Gomez  
571 Talent Ave. #34  
Talent, OR 97540

- Gomez said she worries because she sometimes has to park very far away from her apartment due to lack of parking on the Rogue River Parkway.

Gustavo Luna  
571 Talent Ave. #17  
Talent, OR 97540

- Luna said he gets home late because of his work, and he always has to park very far away when he arrives home. He said it is dangerous walking so far on Talent Avenue at night.

Angelica Madrigal  
571 Talent Ave. #24  
Talent, OR 97540

- Madrigal would like to see the Rogue River Parkway open again for parking. She has two cars and she has now received four tickets because she has nowhere to park. She does not have a lot of money and she wonders if there is something the City can do to relieve this economic stress for the residents.

Lilia Ayala  
571 Talent Ave. #29  
Talent, OR 97540

- Ayala said she is here because she would like the City to open parking on the Rogue River Parkway again.

Elizabeth Pineda  
571 Talent Ave. #7  
Talent, OR 97540

- Pineda said that everyone in her apartment complex fights over parking places. She asked that the City find a way to provide more parking.

Jose Luis Aguila  
571 Talent Ave. #24  
Talent, OR 97540

- Aguila said he is here for the same reason as the others before. He has trouble finding places to park and asked the City for a solution.

Jose Robert Piñon  
571 Talent Ave. #15  
Talent, OR 97540

- Piñon voiced similar concerns regarding parking on the Rogue River Parkway.

Miguel A. Garcia. C.  
571 Talent Ave. #21  
Talent, OR 97540

- Garcia asked the City to allow tenants to have a second parking space. He said it is difficult to find parking around their complex.

Ramon Espana B  
571 Talent Ave. #16  
Talent, OR 97540

- Espana has two vehicles and has nowhere to park them. He said he is confident that the Council will help with the issue, as they are the local authority.

Araceli Martinez  
571 Talent Ave. #18  
Talent, OR 97540

- Martinez asked that the City help find a solution to the lack of parking near her apartment complex.

Felipe Pineda H.  
571 Talent Ave. #18  
Talent, OR 97540

- Pineda said he has two vehicles, one for work and one for his family. Like many others, he works in the fields and carries pesticides in his work car. He doesn't want to expose his

children to the pesticides, as they can develop allergic reactions, so their family has more than one car and needs more than one parking space.

Lourdes Anguiano  
571 Talent Ave. #25  
Talent, OR 97540

- Anguiano asked for a second parking spot at her apartment complex. Her two children work and go to school and sometimes must park as far as Arnos Rd. when they return home late at night.

Robin Parker  
430 Rogue River Pkwy.  
Talent, OR 97540

- Said she has lived on Rogue River Parkway for several years now. She doesn't mind having her neighbors park on her street.

**Discussion:**

- Mayor Ayers-Flood asked for a motion to waive the rule that disallows discussion immediately following speaker requests.

**Motion:** Councilor Dolan moved to waive the rule that disallows discussion immediately following speaker requests. Councilor Berlant seconded.

**Vote:** All ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

- Councilor Harrison said that he invited these people to come before Council when they showed up at the last Traffic Safety and Transportation Commission (TSTC) meeting. He said he believes parking code needs to be addressed or this type of issue will crop up throughout residential areas in Talent.

**Staff Recommendation from Zac Moody**

- Moody gave some background on the issue. He said that the "No Parking" signs were placed there because some neighbors brought forward an issue about people storing their cars on that street overnight and blocking things such as driveways and fire hydrants.
- Staff recommendation is to work with the tenants, the Police Department, and the Housing Authority to come up with a solution, to be brought before Council at a future meeting.
  - The Council agreed to move forward with that plan.

**7. Consent Agenda (40:08)**

**7.1 Approval of June 20, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Councilor Berlant moved to approve the June 20, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes. Councilor Dolan seconded.

**Vote:** All ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. Regular Agenda**

**8.1 Amendment to the Committee and Commission Appointment Policy**

**Staff Report from Interim City Manager Sandra Spelliscy**

- Spelliscy spoke about the clarifying amendments she made to the Committee and Commission Appointment Policy. She said it is now clear that the applicants interview with

the Mayor and the applicable Commission or Committee. The Commission or Committee makes a recommendation to the Mayor, who then comes to Council with a recommendation of appointment.

- In the case of appointments made to a new body, the applicant will now be interviewed by the Mayor and the Council Liaison.

**Motion:** Councilor Pederson moved to adopt the new Commission and Committee Appointment Policy as set forth in the Agenda Report attachment, and to publish the new policy on the City website. Councilor Harrison seconded.

**Vote:** All ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

## 8.2 Resolution 2018-979-R: Supplemental Budget to Fund a Community Development Assistant Position

### Staff Report from Community Development Director Zac Moody and Finance Director Kurt Sexton

- Moody explained that staff was directed to bring to Council some revised funding options for creating a community development assistant position without using funding via the Talent Urban Renewal Agency (TURA).
- Sexton clarified that the funds transferred out of the TURA fund will go into general City funds, which are dispersed any variety of ways. He said that most City employees have salaries supplied through multiple funds.

#### Discussion:

- Councilor Baker asked how the City decided on allocations from these funding sources.
  - Moody explained that the percentages listed for each source may not perfectly align with how much time the assistant would be spending on each project, but that the Community Development Department works on projects related to all these funds. The assistant will also be helping to update a Storm Water Master Plan and continue the work on the Parks Master Plan.

**Motion:** Councilor Pederson moved to approve Resolution 18-979, a resolution authorizing a contingency transfer in the General Fund, Parks Fund, Street Fund, Water Fund and an increase in the General Fund for the purpose of funding a limited duration Community Development Assistant position.

Ayes:	Nays:	Absent:
Councilor Berlant Councilor Dolan Councilor Harrison Councilor Pederson Councilor Baker Councilor Land		

## 8.3 Architectural Review Commission Status

### Staff Report from Interim City Manager Sandra Spelliscy

- Spelliscy gave context on the issue. She explained that at the time that ARC was dissolved in 2014, the Community Development Director and the Planning Commission were only directed to make architectural reviews for the following six months, yet they have been doing so ever since.

- Staff recommendation would be to extend this policy (with minor revisions) and to have Council make every effort to garner the interest needed to reinstate the Committee in the near future.

**Discussion:**

- Councilor Dolan gave a report that during the June 28 Planning Commission meeting, the Commission expressed a strong interest in reviving this committee. She also said that prospective new members expressed a desire to receive some relevant training before beginning to review plans.

**Motion:** Councilor Harrison moved to appoint the Community Development Director and the Planning Commission to serve as the Architectural Review Committee in accordance with the staff recommendation, and that this action will expire at the time there are sufficient new members on the Committee to constitute a quorum, but in no event later than December 31, 2018. Councilor Berlant seconded.

**Vote:** All ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

**8.4 Resolution 2018-980-R: Smart Meters (54?)**

**Staff report from Interim City Manager Sandra Spelliscy**

- Staff was directed to draft a resolution for consideration by the Council regarding the Pacific Power smart meter program and specifically the opt-out and recurring monthly fees for keeping an analog meter.
- The Council directed staff to send letter to Pacific Power and the Public Utility Commission (PUC), and those letters have now been sent out.
- On July 5, the Mayor will have a conference call with the Governor's Energy and Climate Advisor regarding the smart meter issue.
- When the PUC approved the filing by Pacific Power regarding its smart meter program and how its fees were structured, staff at the PUC did have some concerns regarding the cost of meter readings. As a condition of approval, they required that Pacific Power come back in their annual smart meter report and give them a detailed list of what their costs were and how many people signed up for the analog reading. In all, there is a list of ten conditions. That all is to say that there is already some oversight regarding the opt-out fees and manual reading process.
  - Mayor Ayers-Flood asked if there was any indication in Spelliscy's research when the next annual report would happen. Spelliscy said her guess is it may be around the end of the calendar year.

## Public Comment

Scott Ploss  
302 W. Nevada St.  
Ashland, Oregon 97520

- Ploss said he has done readings himself and the smart meters are transmitting signals much more frequently than Pacific Power said they would.
- He asked what would happen if Pacific Power does not agree to the moratorium.

Bridget Krause  
100 N. Pacific Hwy #44  
Talent, Oregon 97540

- Krause said she is grateful to see the resolution on smart meters.
- She can no longer sleep in her apartment because of the smart meter that has been installed in her apartment. She is moving away from Talent.
- She urged the Council to make an amendment to the franchise agreement with Pacific Power.

Jim Thompson  
255 Colver Rd.  
Talent, Oregon 97540

- Thompson expressed concerns about the installation of smart meters in Talent.

## Discussion:

- Councilor Berlant thanked citizens for continuing to show up to meetings and speak before the Council. She noted that the resolution does not address the science behind smart meters but rather the cost burden that the opt-out fees impose on those who are already economically vulnerable.
- Councilor Dolan said she doesn't really like taking action on items that she doesn't expect to have meaningful impact, but she believes that the Council should pass the resolution as a gesture to their citizens.
- Councilor Baker said he is in full support of the request to lower the fees but is not in support of the language regarding a moratorium because it is not within the City's power to do so. He would support the resolution if this final paragraph were to be struck.
  - Councilor Dolan said that it was her understanding that the City is not proposing to instate a moratorium themselves; rather, the resolution would have them urging Pacific Power to voluntarily stop the installation of smart meters until an agreement with the City can be worked out.
- Councilor Pederson said he would be in support of the motion because of the high monthly charge imposed on those opting for analog meter readings.
- Councilor Land said she would recommend keeping the last paragraph of the resolution because it is a key part of the request the Pacific Power. The Council is asking them to stop the smart meter roll out until a solution can be achieved.
- Councilor Berlant said that although the resolution doesn't currently wield any serious power, it sends a message to people higher up at the state that this is a serious issue for Talent and its residents.

- Mayor Ayers-Flood said she would vote for the resolution if given the chance. She said that if passed, this resolution could be brought to the future discussions with the PUC.

**Motion:** Councilor Berlant moved to approve Resolution 2018-980-R: Regarding Pacific Power's Smart Meter Program in Support of a Reduction in or Waiver of Opt-Out Fees and a Moratorium on Meter Installation, as amended to correct typographical errors and with other edits to accommodate City formatting policies. Councilor Dolan seconded.

**Vote:** 5 ayes, 1 nay (Councilor Baker). Motion passed 5-1.

## 9. Information Items

None.

## 10. City Manager & Other Department Reports (2:29:30)

### Staff Report from Interim City Manager Sandra Spelliscy

- The Rapp Rd. pedestrian bridge is now in place.
- Spelliscy said she was invited to a watershed tour around the projects by Wagner Creek, including the one that the City participated in.
- The City received a \$10k grant from the Ford Family Foundation to get another RARE participant to work on the Strategic Energy Management Program. The potential new participants will be interviewed sometime this month.
- The City was invited to participate in the next step of a Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) grant program that would provide the City with code update assistance to potentially remove zoning barriers to affordable housing. The City is not yet guaranteed money, but they are now part of a much smaller pool.
- Spelliscy met with staff from Recology, and unfortunately, the recycling surcharge will go up to \$2.40 per month. Recology said that the situation is slowly improving and they do not expect that the surcharge will go above the \$3.50 cap set by Council last December.
- Councilor Dolan asked when the Council will discuss Human Resources services for the City. Spelliscy said that the discussion is slated for the next Council meeting or perhaps the first meeting in August.
- Councilor Baker asked for an update on the maintenance issues at the Little League fields that a citizen recently brought to Council. Spelliscy explained that the large hole at the site has since been filled. Moody has also been in discussions with the Little League Board about the situation.
- Councilor Baker asked for a follow-up on complaints around the ordinance allowing home grows on marijuana. Spelliscy agreed to provide a follow-up.
- Mayor Ayers-Flood asked for an update from Public Works on the landscape maintenance plan.
  - Spelliscy said she will be meeting with Councilor Dolan this week to get more background information on the topic. She expects the issue to come before Council within the next four to six weeks, after the Parks Commission has an opportunity to meet and provide recommendations.
  - Councilor Dolan said she is getting a lot of questions and interest from people who took part in the integrated pest management (IPM) study session and she does not want to lose momentum on the issue.



## 11. Other Business

- Councilor Berlant mentioned that the Harvest Festival is just a few months away and asked who would be spearheading that effort.
  - Spelliscy explained she is working on a contract for the previous City Recorder, Erin Zelinka, to finish up some projects she was working on before she went on parental leave, including the Harvest Festival.
- Mayor Ayers-Flood asked for a future update or timeline for how the City plans to address some of the strategies from the Housing Needs Analysis (HNA) that were scheduled to be completed by now.
- Mayor Ayers-Flood asked about the expiration of the Interim Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Policy on July 1. Spelliscy confirmed it has now expired. Mayor Ayers-Flood entertained a motion to extend the policy until the Planning Commission can draft a recommendation for a permanent policy.

**Motion:** Councilor Dolan moved to extend the Interim CAC Policy for 90 days. Councilor Pederson seconded.

**Vote:** All ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

- Mayor Ayers-Flood said that there are now six applicants on the short list for the City Manager position. They will be interviewed by the hiring subcommittee on July 12, and then the list will be narrowed once more and brought to the Council.
  - Councilor Dolan clarified that the initial interviews will be conducted by phone.
  - Councilor Pederson said he likes the direction that they are taking with it. Believes that bringing three applicants to the Council for discussion seems appropriate.
    - Councilor Baker asked that it be two to four applicants, to be determined by the quality of interviews.

## 12. Mayor and Councilor — Committee Reports and Councilor Comments (1:42:35)

- Councilor Baker said that the Parks Commission did not have a quorum at the last meeting, but they interviewed a candidate who has since been appointed to the Commission.
- Councilor Pederson said that the Talent Chamber of Commerce is active, progressing, and full of energy. They will even be holding meetings in the Chamber office.
- Councilor Pederson said the Economic Development Commission (EDC) will be having their next meeting soon.
  - Mayor Ayers-Flood asked if the focus will be on the downtown core. Councilor Pederson explained that it will be a mixture of that as well as marketing for Talent and its small businesses.
- Councilor Land said that there has been no progress with the Talent Public Art Commission (TPAC) because she is going through a large change at work, but meetings will start up soon.
- Councilor Berlant made a few announcements on behalf of Together For Talent (TFT):
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- TFT plans to come before Council within the next two months with a proposal to ban single-use plastic.
- Councilor Dolan said that the Planning Commission met on June 28 and the only major decision had to do with the Architectural Review Committee (ARC), which was discussed earlier. They also cancelled their meeting on July 10.
- Councilor Pederson asked about the timing of the next joint study session with the Planning Commission, and whether it will be on July 10. Spelliscy explained some other projects that are currently taking higher priority.

### 13. Discuss Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

None other than discussed above.

### 14. Adjournment at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Savannah Edson, City Recorder

Attest:

  
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Darby Ayers-Flood, Mayor

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