



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL
February 20, 2019 — 6:45 p.m.**

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING — 6:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call at 6:45 p.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Mayor Ayers-Flood Councilor Land Councilor Dolan Councilor Harrison Councilor Clark Councilor Ponomareff	Councilor Berlant
Also Present:	
Sandra Spelliscy, City Manager Zac Moody, Community Development Director Chief Doney, Talent Police Department Gabriella Shahi, City Recorder Kurt Sexton, Finance Director Bret Marshall	

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Community Announcements

- Southern Oregon LGBTQ Health Summit is on May 9, 2019.
- Talent Maker City is hosting free workshops to complete a community mosaic.

4. Public Presentations

4.1 Southern Oregon Economic Development Institute (SOREDI) Presentation

Coleen Padilla
Executive Director - SOREDI

Padilla asked the Council for support for a city proclamation claiming southern Oregon the “Most Business-Friendly Region” on the West Coast. Many other cities in the region have already issued the proclamation.

Padilla also asked the Council for support for development of a regional economic strategy. SOREDI will hire a consultant for the project and he fundraising goal is \$450,000. SOREDI is asking the City to

consider a pledge of \$1,900 towards that goal, and to also support the city of Medford's request to the Legislature to provide \$300,000 toward the regional strategy cost.

5. Public Hearings

None.

6. Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items

Lunette Flemming
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Flemming spoke about the fee Pacific Power is charging for opting out of Smart Meter usage. She explained that some customers are choosing not to pay the opt out fee and are prepared to have their power shut off. Flemming is asking for Council to communicate to the Public Utilities Commission by March 7, 2019 regarding a new proposal to reduce opt out fees.

7. Consent Agenda

7.1 Approval of January 30, 2019 and February 6, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

7.2 Parks Commission Appointment: Gerlinde Smith

7.3 Budget Committee Appointment: Ken Baker

7.4 Acknowledgement of November 2018 – January 2019 Check Register

Motion: Councilor Harrison moved to approve items 7.1 and 7.4 of the consent agenda. Councilor Dolan seconded.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion: Councilor Land moved to approve items 7.2 of the consent agenda. Councilor Harrison seconded.

Discussion: Council expressed their pleasure in approving Gerlinde Smith's appointment to the Parks Commission.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion: Councilor Harrison moved to approve items 7.3 of the consent agenda. Councilor Ponomareff seconded.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

8. Regular Agenda

8.1 Council Rules Update

Staff Report from City Manager

The current version of the Council Rules of Procedure was adopted on April 18, 2012. In many instances, the current rules are outdated, poorly drafted, disorganized and repetitive. The rules also contain significant gaps in providing direction to Council on how to proceed in certain circumstances at meetings. The Council, in general, has been able to overcome the deficiencies in the rules through the use of comity, collegiality and consensus in its decision-making process. As the Council faces a heavy workload of complex and potentially contentious legislative actions, it is no longer advisable to rely on a combination of weak rules and good intentions. At this point in time, staff believes that Council needs a stronger foundation for its decision-making process.

Staff has spent considerable time reviewing and redrafting the current rules, with the goal of making them clearer and more understandable, as well as more robust. Although the changes in the redline

version appear significant, the new version actually tracks quite closely to the letter or intent of current Council rules and practices.

Spelliscy explained the main revisions to Council.

Discussion:

(Council discussed the Council Rules section by section.)

Staff Report:

- Council asked if the parliamentary rules have a source. Spelliscy stated the three sources she referenced in making the revisions.
- Council asked if Staff looked at the League of Oregon Cities Model Rules of Procedure. Spelliscy said yes, but she did not find them suitable for wholesale adoption by Talent.
- Council asked what rules they should defer to if there are items that arise that are not specifically addressed in the Council Rules document. Spelliscy said that if something is not specifically stated in the rules that Council should find consensus amongst themselves to find a proper solution. She recommends against using Roberts Rules of Order as a default.

Prior to Section 1:

- Council and Staff discussed referencing Roberts Rules of Order or another opening similar a pre-amble.

Section 1:

- A. Compliance & Quorum:
 - Council consented to strike “ORS 192.610-192.695” listed.
 - Council and Staff discussed quorum.
- B. Regular Meeting
 - Council consented to a 6:45pm start with 10:00 pm end time.
 - Council and Staff discussed the hours of notice.
- C. Special Meetings
 - No substantive comments
- D. Executive Sessions
 - Council and Staff discussed placement of executive session on agendas.
- E. Study Session
 - Council and Staff discussed necessary items on study session agendas.
- G. Attendance
 - Council asked for the section to be re-worded for clarity and to strike the ORS and replace with “Oregon Public Meetings Law”.
 - Councilor Dolan asked to adopt “they” instead of “s/he” and to explore ways for Councilors to participate if they are unable to be physically present.
 - Council and Staff discussed options for patriation of Councilors who are not physically or electronically present at Council meetings.

Section 2:

- Council and Staff discussed the suggested removal of “or the public.” Council and Staff discussed the current procedure for how the public can have items added to the agenda. Council suggested to add verbiage to explain how members of the public can request to have items added to a Council Agenda.
- Council and Staff discussed timing of agenda items to be influenced by Council. Council suggested the addition of wording “consistent with Council priorities” after “time constraints”.
- Add in ORS reference regarding addition of agenda items.

Section 3:

- A.
 - Council discussed use of term “Councilors” across the document.
 - Council and Staff discussed the retention for audio per ORS and City policy.

Motion: Councilor Clark moved to continue this item to a future meeting date determined by the City Manager. Councilor Dolan seconded.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

9. Information Items

None.

10. City Manager & Other Department Reports

Report from City Manager

- League of Oregon Cities is having a mid-year conference in Ashland and registration is open.

Report from Finance Director

- There are two part time replacements in working the front office at City Hall.
- Sexton attended the local budget law seminar.
- Department Heads have received budget worksheets.

Report from Community and Development Director

- High density zoning change will come to council on March 20.
- Energy element Citizen Advisory Committee is in final stages of discussion prior to providing its recommendation to the Planning Commission on the Energy Element of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Community Development has a new survey out to the public about building permits and process.
- Community Development ordered brochure maps with "how to" guides as a means of public education about land use and permit applications.
- Community Development's Adopt a Swale program: flyers are out to promote this program.
- Moody gave an update on the stencil replacement project for storm drains with Talent Middle School.

Report from Parks and Recreation Director

- Public Works is hiring for Maintenance 1 position.
- Installed a stand and spin play feature at park by Library.
- Water Master Plan final draft will be finished soon.
- Parks Master Plan is in process.
- RVSS will send their proposal on updating the Storm Water Master Plan.
- Public Works is looking into solar panel placement at the Public Works yard.
- Marshall gave an update on Phase 1 of reservoir project.

Report from Chief of Police

- Talent PD hosted anti-bias training.
- Fireworks survey received approximately 40 responses to date. Results will be brought back to Council.
- There have only been a handful of complaints under the new marijuana ordinance.
- There have been a series of car break-ins along Talent Ave and side streets.
- Talent PD will have a pollinator garden installed.

11. Other Business

- Discussion about Lunette Flemming's request for Council to provide official comment regarding Pacific Power.
 - Council gave City Manager discretion in how to respond to the Citizen's request.

Motion: Councilor Dolan moved to extend the meeting by ten minutes. Councilor Ponomareff seconded.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

12. Mayor and Councilor — Committee Reports and Councilor Comments

- Mayor Ayers-Flood discussed an upcoming vote on an MPO agenda item regarding measure 7 funds.
- Traffic Safety & Transportation Commission will meet again in April.
- Parks Commission:
 - Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary were elected.
 - Pickle-Ball court ideas were presented to Commission.
 - Master Plan kick off went well.
 - The Skate Park is an on-going issue.
 - Parks made official the IPM sub-committee that meets quarterly.
- Councilor Dolan and Mayor Ayers-Flood met with AARP to discuss Talent joining AARP's age-friendly communities initiative.
- Talent Public Arts Committee is hosting an Artist Meet & Greet. They are also partnering with RVSS who will help fund the stormwater drain art project.
- Talent Chamber will have their first membership drive on April 4. They are working on a partnership with Southern Oregon Magazine to do a write-up on the Chamber.
- Bradly Wilson sent an update about the pollinator garden near the roundabout (*see written communication*).

13. Discuss Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

Not discussed.

14. Adjournment at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Gabriella Shahi, City Recorder

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To the Mayor and Councilors of the City of Talent,

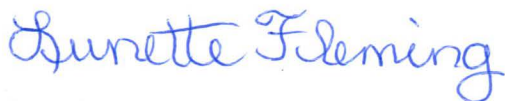
Re: March 7, 1:30 pm
PUC Special Public Meeting
Pacific Corp AMI opt out tariff

My subject today is the fee Pacific Power added to customers who chose to keep their analog meters or have chosen an AMR meter instead of an AMI (Smart) meter. Thank you for your past response to the concerns of Talent residents who have chosen to reject the Smart Meters from Pacific Power.

I come to the city council today as one of the many Talent residents who have refused a Smart Meter from Pacific Power and, since December 2018, have paid the \$36 meter reading fee. Some customers are refusing to pay this fee and they are prepared to have their electricity turned off as a result. Regardless of our different responses to this fee, we all believe it is an unjustified penalty for keeping their analog meters. We, however, have not abandoned our efforts to appeal to the Oregon PUC for a just regulating of these fees. I am asking you to consider joining our efforts again by responding to the PUC's request for public comments to Pacific Power's "Fixed Bill Pilot Proposal for Smart Meter Opt Out" to be presented at a public meeting March 7. Attached is information from Freedom 2 say no 2 Smart Meters with a summary of the proposed pilot program taken from Pacific Power's web page.

Since you have voiced your concerns to the PUC in the past, regarding how Pacific Power's Smart Meter policies will affect Talent residents, I am again asking the Mayor and City Council to evaluate whether this proposal is equitable and whether it addresses the cost of reading meters or whether it opens a door for introducing unjustified costs to electric consumers. Whether you can respond as an elected body of representatives or as individuals, all comments must be submitted to the Oregon PUC before March 7. I know this is short notice, but I was made aware of the proposal only a few days ago. So, whether we will agree on our evaluation of Pacific Power's pilot proposal or not I do value your opinion and ask you to share it with the PUC and with me.

With sincere thanks,



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Talent, Oregon
Email: bramblecreek@gmail.com

We have another opportunity for Public Pressure on the Oregon PUC. They are considering a proposal from Pacific Power that could reduce the Opt Out fee for some of their customers.

From <https://www.pacificpower.net/about/nr/nr2019/fixd-bill-pilot-proposal-smart-meter-opt-out.html> :

“The monthly payment includes an average of the customer’s most recent 12-month energy bills, a 7.5 percent adder fee to cover energy usage fluctuations, plus a \$36 meter reading fee charged three times per year across 12 months or \$9 per month. There would be no annual reconciliation against the customer’s energy consumption.”

For example, if your electric bill is \$150 you would pay an additional \$20.25 ($0.75 \times \$150 = \$11.25 + \$9 = \20.25) instead of the current \$36.

The more electricity you use, the more they would charge you to read your meter (because, you know, those higher numbers take longer to read!). “No annual reconciliation against the customer’s energy consumption” means that if, when they read your meters, they find that the 7.5% adder fee to cover energy usage fluctuations overbilled actual “energy usage fluctuations” they just keep the money anyway.

So, while this may be an improvement from the current \$36 fee for many of us, there is plenty for us to criticize in this plan, and that is what they are inviting us to do right now.

Oregon PUC Commissioner Letha Tawney wrote: “Public comment focused on those proposals will be the best use of folks time – If there are elements that work for them or don’t – specifics will help us craft something that meets more needs.”

So please write to them before March 7 at: puc.publiccomments@state.or.us. and tell them what elements of their new plan doesn’t work for you and give them specifics of what would work for you. Remember, it was your Public Pressure that got them to drop the \$137, but Public Pressure will only work if you apply it!