

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 9, 2012**

Mayor Jiménez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Zachary Dorr, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, Randy Taylor, and Blaine Thorington.  
Staff Present: City Attorney Gary Cuillier (CA Cuillier), Public Works Director Lance Hoyt (PWD Hoyt), City Interpreter Jorge Villaseñor MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Diane Sampson, 512 South Alder Street, Toppenish, announced that April 28, 2012 the Community Safety Network (CSN) and the Love Thy Neighbor Committee are sponsoring a “Spring Clean Up & Graffiti Paint Out” event to provide clean up and graffiti paint-out on telephone poles in the community. Mrs. Sampson recited a CSN letter of support for the Toppenish Transportation Benefit District (TBD) imposing a vehicle license tab fee and for the ability of keeping the funds local.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to approve Consent Agenda items a through c:

- a. Approve Minutes of the March 26, 2012 Regular Meeting.
- b. Approve Payroll Checks Number 31529 through 31553 in the total amount of \$217,750.61 dated March 31, 2012.
- c. Approve Claims Checks Number 74783 through 74862 in the total amount of \$328,517.60 dated April 9, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Public Hearing Re: Amendment to Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan.**

Mayor Jiménez opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Public Works Director Hoyt (PWD Hoyt) reported that the proposed Amendment to the Six-Year Street Transportation Improvement Plan is to include the Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding for preliminary engineering phases that were not in the adopted plan. PWD Hoyt stated that in order for the City to use the funds it is necessary to amend the plan to include the STP funding for the Jackson Street Extension project and the L Street Improvements project.

There being no comment from the public, Mayor Jiménez closed the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m.

**Resolution 2012-6:**

**Resolution Amending the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the Years 2012 through 2017.**

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to adopt Resolution 2012-6 a Resolution Amending the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the Years 2012 through 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Presentation by John Cooper, President & CEO of the Yakima Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau.**

John Cooper, President & CEO of the Yakima Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau (VCB) reported on the growth detailed in the 2011 Annual Report that involves the Yakima Convention Center and the Yakima Valley Visitor Center. Mr. Cooper expressed his appreciation to Council and the community for working together with VCB in the continued promotion of the City of Toppenish.

### **Ordinance 2012-3:**

### **Ordinance Prohibiting Use of Public Property for Camping Purposes or Storage of Personal Property.**

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to adopt Ordinance 2012-3 an Ordinance Prohibiting Use of Public Property for Camping Purposes or Storage of Personal Property. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Set Agenda for the May 7, 2012 Study Session.**

City Attorney Cuillier (CA Cuillier) reported that during the March 26, 2012 meeting at the suggestion of Mayor Jiménez, it was decided to invite Yakima County Commissioner Kevin Bouchey and his staff member to the May 7, 2012 to discuss the design and needs of the proposed accountability center for Toppenish. The Council inquired on the status of inviting members from the Toppenish School District and the Community Safety Network to the meeting. CA Cuillier responded that City Manager Murphy is in the process of inviting those representatives to the meeting.

## **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT.**

CA Cuillier reported that Council received a revised copy of item 6a to authorize the Toppenish Transportation Benefit District (TBD) Board to meet the second Monday of each month when there is business to transact. CA Cuillier explained that item 6e is a document for the Toppenish City Council to adopt. The Council decided for the Toppenish TBD Board to meet on May 14, 2012 to discuss and adopt items listed as 6a-6g, with the exception of 6e.

**a.** [Proposed] Ordinance 2012-TBD-01:

An Ordinance of the Toppenish Transportation Benefit District Establishing Organizational Rules for the Conduct of Its Affairs, and Providing the Provisions of the Ordinance are Severable from One Another, and Fixing a Time When the Same Shall Become Effective.

**b.** [Proposed] Resolution 2012-TBD-01:

A Resolution of the Toppenish Transportation Benefit District Adopting Bylaws under the Authority of Its Organizational Rules for the Conduct of Its Daily Affairs.

**c.** [Proposed] Ordinance 2012-TBD-02:

An Ordinance of the Toppenish Transportation Benefit District Establishing and Imposing \$\_\_\_\_ of the Vehicle License Fee Authorized in RCW 36.73.065 and RCW 82.80.140, and Fixing a Time When the Same Shall Become Effective.

**d.** [Proposed] Resolution 2012-TBD-02:

A Resolution of the Toppenish Transportation Benefit District Approving an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Toppenish, Washington and the District which Provides for the Coordination of their Efforts in Order to Pursue their Individual, Joint and Mutual Rights and

Obligations to Maintain and Preserve Streets and Related Transportation Infrastructure Within the City of Toppenish, Washington and which Authorizes the Chair to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of the District.

**e.** [Proposed] Resolution 2012-7:

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Toppenish Approving an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Toppenish, Washington and the Toppenish Transportation Benefit District which Provides for the Coordination of their Efforts in Order to Pursue their Individual, Joint and Mutual Rights and Obligations to Maintain and Preserve Streets and Related Transportation Infrastructure within the City of Toppenish, Washington.

**f.** [Proposed] Resolution 2012-TBD-03:

A Resolution of the Toppenish Transportation Benefit District Approving a Transportation Plan.

**g.** [Proposed] Resolution 2012-TBD-04:

A Resolution of the Toppenish Transportation Benefit District Approving an Interlocal Agreement between the State of Washington Department Licensing and Toppenish Transportation Benefit District and which Authorizes the Chair to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of the District.

### **COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Jiménez reported that Harry Smiskin, Chairman of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, sent the City a letter to request its support for the Yakama Nation Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Grant. Mayor Jiménez recited the proposed letter of support for the Yakama Nation.

Councilmember Ortloff moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to authorize Mayor Jiménez to sign the letter of support for the Yakama Nation Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Belton reported that he attended the Yakima Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau Board Meeting and discussed the Annual Report.

Councilmember Ortloff reported that he attended the fundraiser for YWCA Yakima at the Yakima Convention Center.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

CA Cuillier had nothing to report on behalf of CM Murphy.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK