

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
December 2, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jiménez called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Zachary Dorr, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, and Blaine Thorington.
Absent: Councilmember Randy Taylor.
Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy (CM Murphy) and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to excuse Councilmember Taylor from the December 2, 2013 Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION REGARDING REVISING MISCELLANEOUS FEES

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) reported that Council received a copy of the update on the progress of consolidating the miscellaneous fees. During the November 12, 2013 meeting, Council adopted an ordinance that updated the dog license fees. CM Murphy stated that Wapato, Zillah, Granger, Sunnyside, Grandview and Prosser were surveyed when the dog license fees were updated.

It was the consensus of Council for the City Manager and his staff to review the miscellaneous fees and make the fee updates as needed to recover the City's cost.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO MISS
A SCHEDULED MEETING, WHETHER EXCUSED OR NOT EXCUSED**

It was the consensus of Council to make no changes to the compensation for Council members when scheduled meetings are missed, whether excused or not excused.

BRIEF DISCUSSION REGARDING CEMETERY ISSUES

It was the consensus of Council to discuss the matter during a Study Session regarding the City's policy for permitting a grave of an interred member to be double decked.

RESCHEDULE THE DECEMBER 16, 2013 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

CM Murphy reported that Police Chief Diaz advised him that the Police Department Training Center will not be ready to enable the set up of the Military Integrated Laser Operations (MILO) Simulator on December 16, 2013 for the Public Safety Committee meeting. It was the consensus of Council to post-pone the Public Safety Committee meeting to March 17, 2014 to receive a demonstration of the MILO Simulator at the Police Department Training Center.

SELECT MAYOR FOR 2014 AND 2015

Mayor Jiménez called for nominations for the position of Mayor. Councilmember Thorington nominated Councilmember Belton. Mayor Jiménez closed nominations for the position of Mayor.

The vote was unanimous to elect Councilmember Belton as Mayor from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015.

SELECT MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE FOR 2014 AND 2015

Mayor Jiménez called for nominations for the position of Mayor Pro-Tempore. Councilmember Belton nominated Councilmember Thorington. Mayor Jiménez closed nominations for the position of Mayor Pro-Tempore.

The vote was unanimous to elect Councilmember Thorington as Mayor Pro-Tempore from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015.

SELECT MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES FOR 2014 AND 2015

A. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SELECTION COMMITTEE (3 MEMBERS)

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to appoint Councilmembers Taylor, Thorington, and Jiménez to continue serving on the Boards and Commissions Selection Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (3 MEMBERS, 1 ALTERNATE)

Councilmember Ortloff moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to appoint Councilmembers Taylor, Ortloff, and Oaks as the members and Councilmember Dorr as the alternate to continue serving on the Public Safety Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

C. CABLE REGULATION BOARD (1 MEMBER, 1 ALTERNATE)

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Belton to appoint Councilmember Ortloff as the member and Councilmember Dorr as the alternate to serve on the Cable Regulation Board. Motion carried unanimously.

D. YAKIMA COUNTY GANG COMMISSION (1 MEMBER, 1 ALTERNATE)

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorr to appoint Councilmember Ortloff as the member and Councilmember Dorr as the alternate to serve on the Yakima County Gang Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

E. YAKIMA COUNTY-WIDE PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE (1 MEMBER)

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorr to appoint Councilmember Belton to continue serving as the member on the Yakima County-Wide Planning Policy Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

**SELECT YAKIMA VALLEY CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS MEMBER AND
ALTERNATE FOR 2014**

Councilmember Ortloff moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to appoint Mayor Jiménez as the member and Councilmember Ortloff as the alternate to continue serving on the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK