

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Study Session Minutes**  
**December 3, 2012**

**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, Derald Ortloff, Mark Oaks, and Blaine Thorington.

Absent: Councilmembers Zachary Dorr and Randy Taylor.

Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy (CM Murphy) and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

**MEET WITH SENATOR JIM HONEYFORD AND REPRESENTATIVE BRUCE CHANDLER TO DISCUSS THE 2013 PRELIMINARY MAJOR PRIORITIES OUTLINED IN THE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON CITIES OCTOBER 2012 REPORT**

Senator Honeyford and Representative Chandler each shared their views regarding the preliminary major priorities outlined in the October 2012 report issued by the Association of Washington Cities and the upcoming changes they anticipate for 2013 with new leadership. Senator Honeyford reported that the Senate will be reorganizing and dividing operations to aid in getting things completed. Representative Chandler reported that one new member will be joining the House in 2013.

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) explained the background of why the City is in need of a legislative fix pertaining to Clean Air Authority on the Reservation. Senator Honeyford responded that he will draft a Bill to fix the problem.

CM Murphy stated the reasons why he opposes changing the way municipalities select Judges for Municipal Court. Senator Honeyford responded that he agreed that it is not a good idea and asked who was organizing the effort. The group was not sure of the organizing party and speculated that it was the Washington State Bar Association. CM Murphy reported on the impact of the new public defender rules and requirements. Senator Honeyford stated that he is drafting a Bill that will enable municipalities to file liens against defendants on their property, if any, to help in the recovery of court fines.

CM Murphy stated that the Public Records Act needs to be changed to stop the misuse and the amount of money that people recover. Senator Honeyford stated that the legislature needs to take out the monetary value to stop the misuse of the Public Records Act.

Council expressed the need for funding to continue with the progress of the countywide efforts to implement gang prevention and intervention for juveniles. After a discussion, Council expressed their appreciation to Senator Honeyford and Representative Chandler for meeting with them to discuss their various concerns.

Mayor Jiménez and Councilmembers Belton and Thorington reported that they will attend the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments General Membership meeting on December 12, 2012.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK