

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
May 2, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez and Councilmembers J. Eligio Jiménez, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, Blaine Thorington and Angelica Walle.

Absent: Councilmember Gabriel Piñon.

Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), Police Chief Adam Diaz (PC Diaz), Finance Director/City Clerk Linda Mead, Deputy Finance Director/City Clerk Debbie Zabell, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

RETROCESSION UPDATE

CM Hoyt updated Council that retrocession became effective at 12:01 a.m. on April 19, 2016 and the transitional process is anticipated to take many years. CM Hoyt informed Council that he was advised that the last retrocession involved a closed reservation in the Dakotas and it took roughly 4 1/2 years to complete the process.

Chief Diaz updated Council on the successful outcomes of the numerous retrocession meetings that he has attended with various Law Enforcement (LE) Agencies to determine the procedures to follow when incidents involve enrolled tribal members. PC Diaz reported that in most cases when a non-tribal LE agency discovers during the course of an investigation that the suspect is an enrolled tribal member, the LE agency will contact Tribal PD and turn over the investigation to Tribal PD. PC Diaz provided a copy of a post-retrocession criminal jurisdiction follow chart and a post-retrocession traffic stop flow chart that the LE agencies are utilizing to address questions concerning the changes with retrocession.

TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT

CM Hoyt updated Council that the 2015 Legislature passed Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5987, Sections 301-307 that amends the laws governing TBDs and authorizes Cities and Counties to assume all rights, powers, immunities, functions and obligations of a TBD. The proposed assumption would be a savings of time and expenses with the elimination to have a separate bank account and meetings for the TBD. CM Hoyt reported that a Resolution will be on the agenda for the May 9, 2016 meeting to set a public hearing on the proposed assumption of the TBD.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK