

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
August 5, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor-Pro Tem Taylor called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor-Pro Tem Randy Taylor and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Zachary Dorr, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, and Blaine Thorington.

Absent: Mayor Clara Jiménez.

Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy (CM Murphy), Police Chief Adam Diaz, Fire Chief Tim Smith, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to excuse Mayor Jiménez from the August 5, 2013 Study session. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION;
APPROXIMATELY 40 MINUTES OR LESS; NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN**

Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor called for an executive session to be held at 5:00 p.m. The Mayor Pro-Tem stated that the purpose of the executive session was to receive information from City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy), Police Chief Diaz (PC Diaz), City Prosecuting Attorney Wes Raber, and Attorney Kirk Ehlis about pending litigation and that the executive session would convene for 40 minutes or less. Mayor Pro Tem Taylor announced that it was anticipated no action would be taken when the Regular Session reconvened.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor called the regular session back to order at 5:26 p.m. (No audience was present before or after the executive session.) The Mayor Pro Tem stated that no action will be taken at this time as a result of the Executive Session.

**PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER, POLICE CHIEF AND FIRE CHIEF
REGARDING ISSUES WITH TRUCKS PARKING IN THE STREETS AND ALLEYS
TO DELIVER MERCHANDISE TO BUSINESSES, AND PERSONAL VEHICLES
BEING PARKED IN RESIDENTIAL ALLEYS**

PC Diaz reported that police officers routinely deal with trucks parked in the downtown area blocking streets and alleys while delivering merchandise to merchants. It was stated by PC Diaz that he will direct police officers to permit the trucks to temporarily block the streets and alleys while delivering merchandise to a merchant.

Fire Chief Smith reported that occasionally when fire fighters respond to calls there are times when the fire truck has restricted access to the location because of personal vehicles parked in residential alleys. In those situations, the fire fighter makes quick efforts to have the owner move the vehicle, or they go around if possible, or contact the police department so that the vehicle owner is issued a ticket for illegal parking.

RECEIVE UPDATE ON DOG CONTROL ISSUES

CM Murphy reported that on July 23, 2013 he and staff took immediate action to address the dog control problem and safety concerns that Postmaster Rushing discussed during the July 22, 2013 meeting. PC Diaz stated that he talked with the Yakima Humane Society regarding the concerns

with the inadequate animal control efforts and the current dog problem. PC Diaz was pleased to report that Crystal Goss is the new Animal Control Officer assigned to the City. To address the dog problem, the Yakima Humane Society had an emphasis on July 30, 2013 that resulted in the capture of nine dogs, one cat, one ticket was issued, and one animal was returned.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

RANDY TAYLOR, MAYOR PRO TEM

HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK