

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**February 27, 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 Manager William Murphy (CM Murphy), 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**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Ortloff moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve Consent Agenda items a through e:

- a. Approve Minutes of the February 13, 2012 Regular Meeting.
- b. Receive December 2011 Budget Report and Update memorandum submitted by Finance Director/City Clerk Linda Mead.
- c. Receive January 2012 Budget Report and Update memorandum submitted by Finance Director/City Clerk Linda Mead.
- d. Approve Payroll Checks Number 31458 through 31480 in the total amount of \$224,719.68 dated February 15, 2012.
- e. Approve Claims Checks Number 74541 through 74624, and EFT99120227 in the total amount of \$152,924.88 dated February 27, 2012 and void Check Number 74525 and Check Numbers 74544 through 74547.

Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Presentation by Public Works Director Lance Hoyt to Provide Information about Street Conditions.**

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) reported that he has requested Public Works Director Hoyt (PWD Hoyt) to provide Council with details of the current street conditions to assist them in making their decision whether to create a Transportation Benefit District (TBD). CM Murphy stated that the TBD will be the topic of the March 5, 2012 Study Session and that a Public Hearing will be held on March 12, 2012 regarding the establishment of a TBD to generate restricted funds for use to reduce traffic congestion, street maintenance and improvements. PWD Hoyt discussed the street projects listed on the six-year transportation street program that include Franklin Avenue, L Street, Jackson Street, Second Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, and Dayton Avenue. PWD Hoyt reported that there is a need for the City to increase the funds available for the City to provide regular street maintenance in order to preserve the road infrastructure.

**Resolution 2012-5:  
Resolution Establishing Deferred Compensation Program.**

CM Murphy reported that for the past 29 years the City has offered City employees a deferred compensation program. CM Murphy stated that the proposed Resolution is an opportunity for City employees to have a second option for a deferred compensation program.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to adopt Resolution 2012-5 Resolution Establishing Deferred Compensation Program. Motion carried unanimously.

**Decide On Topic for the March 19, 2012 Public Safety Committee Quarterly Meeting.**

It was the consensus of Council to discuss the Yakima County Gang Commission proposed gang intervention program during the March 19, 2012 Public Safety Committee Quarterly Meeting as suggested by CM Murphy.

**COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Jiménez reported that she attended the Mayors Meeting on February 16, 2012 and agreed to be a representative on the Yakima County Disability Board and the Vice Chair for the Mayors Meeting.

Councilmember Ortloff reported that prior to the meeting he asked about the siren for curfew, that CSN members requested that he remind Council to speak into the microphones during the meeting and he asked CM Murphy if the City had a social host ordinance. CM Murphy responded that the City has not adopted a “Social Host” Ordinance, and questioned whether it is necessary since an adult contributing to minors is already a criminal act.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

CM Murphy presented a framed picture that will be displayed at City Hall that symbolizes the success of the partnership with Habitat for Humanity to remove blight in the community and construct four new residences in the City.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK