

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2016

Mayor C. Jiménez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez and Councilmembers J. Eligio Jiménez, Mark Oaks, Blaine Thorington, and Angelica Walle.
Absent: Councilmembers Derald Ortloff and Gabriel Piñon.
Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Deputy Finance Director/City Clerk Debbie Zabell, MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to excuse Councilmember Ortloff from the January 11, 2016 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Councilmember Piñon was unexcused for missing the January 11, 2016 Regular Meeting.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor C. Jiménez recited the Proclamation to proclaim the week of January 17, 2016 through January 23, 2016 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Begin introduced himself as the new Editor for the *Review-Independent*. Mr. Begin noted he was looking forward to working with the City to keep the citizens informed and educated on current issues.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember J. Jiménez to approve Consent Agenda items a through h:

- a. Approve Minutes of the December 14, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the January 4, 2016 Study Session.
- c. Approve Pay Estimate #2 to Columbia Asphalt & Gravel, Inc. in the amount of \$79,539.17 with a Retainage Bond Held by the City, for the West First Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Project.
- d. Approve Payroll Checks Number 33252 through 33265 and EFTPR616-623 in the total amount of \$252,858.35 dated December 17, 2015.
- e. Approve Payroll Checks Number 33266 through 33281 and EFTPR624-630 in the total amount of \$166,330.77 dated January 5, 2016.
- f. Approve Claims Checks Number 82981 through 83046, EFTAP140 and EFTAP141 in the total amount of \$122,878.07 dated December 28, 2015 and void Check Number 83038.
- g. Approve Claims Checks Number 83047 through 83113 and EFTAP142 in the total amount of \$143,994.21 dated December 31, 2015 (Open Period).
- h. Approve Claims Checks Number 83114 through 83143 in the total amount of \$323,012.53 dated January 11, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Select One Member to Serve on the Yakima County-Wide Planning Policy Committee for 2016 and 2017.

CM Hoyt updated Council on the County-Wide Planning Policies required by RCW 36.70A.130 as an element of the Growth Management Act. He noted the Planning Policy Committee consists of elected officials from Yakima County as well as the cities and towns within the County. Councilmember Walle agreed to represent the City on the Yakima County-Wide Planning Policy Committee for 2016 and 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2016-01: A Resolution Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Disposition Thereof.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt Resolution 2016-01, a Resolution Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Disposition Thereof. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2016-02: A Resolution to Approve Amendment to Article VIII of the Articles of Association of the Yakima Valley Conference of Government to Remove the Designated Fiscal Agent.

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember J. Jiménez to adopt Resolution 2016-02, a Resolution to Approve Amendment to Article VIII of the Articles of Association of the Yakima Valley Conference of Government to Remove the Designated Fiscal Agent. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2016-03: A Resolution Approving Fuel Tax Grant Distribution Agreement between the State of Washington Transportation Improvement Board and the City of Toppenish in the amount of \$148,476 for the Sidewalk Project for a portion of Washington Avenue.

Councilmember J. Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to adopt Resolution 2016-03, a Resolution Approving Fuel Tax Grant Distribution Agreement between the State of Washington Transportation Improvement Board and the City of Toppenish in the amount of \$148,476 for the Sidewalk Project for a portion of Washington Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2016-04: A Resolution Approving Fuel Tax Grant Distribution Agreement between the State of Washington Transportation Improvement Board and the City of Toppenish in the amount of \$1,043,700 for the Street Project for a portion of Second Avenue.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt Resolution 2016-04, a Resolution Approving Fuel Tax Grant Distribution Agreement between the State of

Washington Transportation Improvement Board and the City of Toppenish in the amount of \$1,043,700 for the Street Project for a portion of Second Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for the February 1, 2016 Study Session.

CM Hoyt updated Council on the February 1, 2016 Study Session Agenda noting that the Council will receive Open Government Training, through the Washington State Attorney General's Office. He further noted the training complies with the Open Government Trainings Act (ESB 5964) required for all elected officials and public records officers. CM Hoyt further noted that staff was working on the Council Retreat that is planned for a Saturday in March, as well as the scheduling of a new elected leadership training provided by the Washington Cities Insurance Authority scheduled for a Saturday in mid May.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember J. Jiménez reported that he attended the Senior Citizen Potluck Brunch at the Safe Haven noting the program connects senior citizen with young people.

Mayor C. Jiménez reported that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace March will be Monday, January 18, 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Dollar Tree parking lot. The March will conclude at the Middle School with a motivational program with speakers including Toppenish High School graduate and former Seattle Seahawks and Pittsburg Steelers player, Fred Anderson.

Mayor C. Jiménez inquired who from the Council would be attending the Yakima Valley Conference of Government General Membership Meeting on January 20, 2016. It was noted that Mayor C. Jiménez, Councilmembers Thorington and J. Jiménez, as well as CM Hoyt would attend the meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Hoyt reported the State audited 2014 Annual Report had been distributed to Council noting the City received a positive review from the State for 2014. He further, updated Council that he had been appointed to the New Vision Board of Directors and that he would be attending the orientation and Board of Directors meeting on January 14, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK