

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
January 3, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Blaine Thorington and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Zachary Dorr, Clara Jiménez, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, and Randy Taylor.
Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy (CM Murphy) and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Deputy City Clerk Riojas administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilmembers Mark Oaks for Position #4, Randy Taylor for Position #5, Loren Belton for Position #6, and Zachary Dorr for Position #7, for the term of office from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015.

SELECT MAYOR FOR 2012 AND 2013

Mayor Thorington called for nominations for the position of Mayor. Councilmember Oaks nominated Councilmember Belton. Councilmember Taylor nominated Councilmember Jiménez. Mayor Thorington closed nominations for the position of Mayor.

Votes for the position of Mayor were as follows:

Councilmember Belton: Councilmember Oaks.

Councilmember Jiménez: Mayor Thorington and Councilmembers Belton, Dorr, Jiménez, Ortloff and Taylor.

Councilmember Jiménez was elected as Mayor and began presiding over the meeting.

SELECT MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE FOR 2012 AND 2013

Mayor Jiménez called for nominations for the position of Mayor Pro-Tempore. Councilmember Ortloff nominated Councilmember Belton. Councilmember Thorington nominated Councilmember Taylor. Mayor Jiménez closed nominations for the position of Mayor Pro-Tempore.

Votes for the position of Mayor Pro-Tempore were as follows:

Councilmember Belton: Councilmembers Belton, Oaks, and Ortloff.

Councilmember Taylor: Mayor Jiménez and Councilmember Dorr, Taylor, and Thorington.

Councilmember Taylor was elected Mayor Pro-Tempore.

SEATING OF THE COUNCIL

The Councilmembers, according to seniority, chose their seating arrangement.

SELECT MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES FOR 2012 AND 2013

A. Boards and Commissions Selection Committee:

Mayor Jiménez and Councilmembers Taylor and Thorington.

B. Public Safety Committee:

Councilmembers Ortloff, Taylor and Oaks.

C. Cable Regulation Board:

Representative: Councilmember Ortloff. Alternate: Councilmember Thorington

D. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee:

Mayor Jiménez

E. Yakima County Gang Commission:

Representative: Councilmember Ortloff. Alternate: Councilmember Taylor

Councilmember Taylor moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to appoint Christina Kwan to serve on the Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

SELECT YAKIMA VALLEY CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS MEMBER AND ALTERNATE FOR 2012

Councilmember Thorington volunteered to be the 2012 Yakima Valley Conference of Governments Member and Mayor Jiménez volunteered to be the 2012 Yakima Valley Conference of Governments Alternate.

SCHEDULE THE CITY MANAGER EVALUATION FOR JANUARY 23, 2012

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to schedule the City Manager evaluation on January 23, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK