

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
January 7, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Zachary Dorr, Derald Ortloff, Mark Oaks, Randy Taylor. and Blaine Thorington.

Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy (CM Murphy) and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

**SET JANUARY 28, 2013 AS THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION**

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to set January 28, 2013 as the date for a public hearing regarding a Community Development Block Grant Application. Motion carried unanimously.

Prior to going into Executive Session, City Manager Murphy queried the Council on who will be attending the next Yakima Valley Conference of Governments meeting on January 16, 2013 at the Toppenish Eagles. Mayor Jiménez, Councilmembers Belton, Ortloff, and Thorington indicated that they will attend the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Jiménez called for an executive session to be held at 5:04 p.m. The Mayor stated that the purpose of the executive session was to discuss the City Manager evaluation and that the executive session would convene for 45 minutes or less. Mayor Jiménez also stated that it was anticipated no action would be taken when the Regular Session reconvened.

Mayor Jiménez called the regular session back to order at 5:18 p.m. (No audience was present before or after the executive session.)

The Council expressed their appreciation to City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy), along with his management team, for always focusing on the best interest of the community. There was an open discussion by Council regarding methods to compensate CM Murphy and his management team, in lieu of salary increases, for their dedicated service.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to increase the vacation accrual for City Manager Murphy from 240 hours to 280 hours, effective January 1, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to increase the vacation accruals for the City Manager's Management Team, consisting of the Finance Director, the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, the Community Development Director, the Parks and Recreation Director, the Public Works Director, and the Cable Television Director, from 240 hours to 260 hours, effective January 1, 2013. Motion carried. Councilmember Thorington voted no.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK