

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**January 9, 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), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, City Interpreter Jorge Villaseñor, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Thorington requested that item b be held for discussion.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve Consent Agenda items a, and c through h:

- a. Approve Minutes of the December 12, 2011 Regular Meeting.
- c. Receive November 2011 Budget Report and Update memorandum submitted by Finance Director/City Clerk Linda Mead.
- d. Approve Payroll Checks Number 31361 through 31383 in the total amount of \$223,654.09 dated December 15, 2011.
- e. Approve Payroll Checks Number 31384 through 31408 in the total amount of \$207,654.03 dated December 31, 2011.
- f. Approve Claims Checks Number 74179 through 74260 and EFT99111226 in the total amount of \$73,837.28 dated December 27, 2011 and void Check Number 74051.
- g. Approve Claims Checks Number 74261 through 74315, and 74327 through 74331 in the total amount of \$117,191.58 dated December 31, 2011.
- h. Approve Claims Checks Number 74316 through 74326 in the total amount of \$193,402.73 dated January 9, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Thorington requested an explanation of the revised item b. City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) responded that the updated version included the appointment of Christina Kwan to serve on the Planning Commission, which was omitted from the draft document in the agenda packet.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve Consent Agenda item b as presented:

- b. Approve Minutes of the January 3, 2012 Study Session.

Motion carried unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Proclamation to Declare the Week of January 15 through January 21, 2012 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Week.**

Mayor Jiménez recited the Proclamation for the record to proclaim the week of January 15, 2012 through January 21, 2012 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Week.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to approve the Proclamation to Declare the Week of January 15, 2012 through January 21, 2012 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Week. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Ordinance 2012-1:**

### **Ordinance Adopting RCW 9A.56.096 by Reference for the Purpose of Making the Theft of Rental, Leased, Lease-Purchased or Loaned Property a Crime Under the Toppenish Municipal Code.**

CM Murphy reported that the proposed Ordinance is to fill the gap and to incorporate the enacted new statute into the Toppenish Municipal Code.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to adopt Ordinance 2012-1 Ordinance Adopting RCW 9A.56.096 by Reference for the Purpose of Making the Theft of Rental, Leased, Lease-Purchased or Loaned Property a Crime Under the Toppenish Municipal Code (TMC). Motion carried unanimously.

### **Set Agenda for February 6, 2012 Study Session.**

It was the consensus of Council to approve CM Murphy's suggestion to have a discussion regarding the proposed consolidation of various fees in the TMC to one area and updating the fees to be competitive and comparable with surrounding communities, and a discussion regarding the City Council traveling to Olympia to network with legislators.

## **COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Jiménez reported that she attended the December 14, 2011 Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) meeting and announced that at the meeting Councilmember Loren Belton received the 2011 Outstanding Service Award.

Councilmember Thorington reported that he attended the December 14, 2011 YVCOG meeting and stated that the next YVCOG meeting will be hosted at the Toppenish Eagles on January 18, 2012. Mayor Jiménez and Councilmember Thorington stated that they will attend the January 18, 2012 meeting.

Councilmember Ortloff reported that during the recent Community Safety Network meeting it was suggested that the Park Survey be provided in Spanish. CM Murphy responded that he would follow up with Parks and Recreation Director James Cole regarding the matter. Councilmember Ortloff stated that he has received phone calls concerning matters regarding living conditions for rental units and the collection of utility deposits. CM Murphy responded that he would look into the matter and report back.

Mayor Jiménez announced that AmeriCorps will be sponsoring a Peace March on January 16, 2012 and queried the Council on possible volunteers for the event. Mayor Jiménez and Councilmembers Thorington, Belton, Ortloff, and Dorr offered to volunteer for the event.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

CM Murphy had nothing to report.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Jiménez called for an executive session to be held at 7:26 p.m. The Mayor informed the public that the purpose of the executive session was to discuss litigation to which the City is a party, regarding a claim for assessments by the Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency and that the executive session would convene for 20 minutes or less. Mayor Jiménez announced that it was anticipated no action would be taken when the Regular Session reconvened.

Mayor Jiménez called the regular session back to order at 7:46 p.m. The Mayor stated that no action would be taken at this time as a result of the Executive Session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK