

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2012

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Derald Ortloff, Randy Taylor, and Blaine Thorington.
Absent: Councilmembers Zachary Dorr and Mark Oaks.
Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy (CM Murphy), Public Works Director Lance Hoyt (PWD Hoyt), City Interpreter Jorge Villaseñor, MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistance/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilmember Taylor moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to excuse Councilmember Mark Oaks from the June 25, 2012 Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to approve Consent Agenda items a through d:

- a. Approve Minutes of the June 11, 2012 Regular Meeting.
- b. Receive May 2012 Budget Report and Update memorandum submitted by Finance Director/City Clerk Linda Mead.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 31654 through 31682 in the total amount of \$234,408.29 dated June 15, 2012.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 75270 through 75381 and EFT99120626 in the total amount of \$299,682.12 dated June 25, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Re: Amendment to Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

Mayor Jiménez opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Public Works Director Hoyt (PWD Hoyt) reported that the proposed Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan consists of five projects, including L Street Improvements, Jackson Street Extension, Second Avenue Overlay, Lincoln Avenue Improvements, and Pioneer Park Walking Trail. PWD Hoyt briefly discussed each proposed project.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor Jiménez closed the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Resolution 2012-9:

Resolution Amending the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the Years 2013 through 2018.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adopt Resolution 2012-9 a Resolution Amending the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the Years 2013 through 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Set Agenda for July 2, 2012 Study Session.

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) suggested and Council agreed to discuss the do's and don'ts and the cans and cannots pertaining to franchise agreements during the July 2, 2012 Study Session. Councilmember Thorington suggested a future study session topic be a discussion on the traffic light at the intersection of South Toppenish Avenue and Washington Avenue. CM Murphy briefly discussed the background that resulted in modifying the traffic light.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Jiménez reported that she attended the AWC Annual Conference in Vancouver and a pre-conference presented by Steve DiJulio, an attorney with Foster Pepper, which discussed the role of Council to set policies and standards as the law requires.

Councilmember Belton reported that he attended the Yakima Valley Emergency Management Board Meeting with discussion regarding an upcoming training exercise for an event involving the failure of the dam at Rimrock Lake.

Councilmember Ortloff reported that he attended the Yakima Valley Gang Commission meeting which included discussion regarding underage girls forced into prostitution by gang members.

Councilmember Taylor reported that he and Councilmember Oaks attended the Public Safety Committee Meeting and received an update from Chief Diaz on the activities to combat drugs and crime in the community.

Mayor Jiménez announced for the viewers that at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4, 2012 the Toppenish Chamber of Commerce will host the Fourth of July Parade in the downtown area.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Murphy stated that Bob Allwardt the City Information Technology Consultant would set up a City email address for any Councilmember that wants to use the City's server for City email. He reported on the outcome of his meeting with Gary Pruitt the Chief Executive Officer of Yakima

Regional Clean Air Agency. CM Murphy stated that Mr. Pruitt was agreeable not to oppose City efforts for a legislative fix pertaining to clean air authority on the Reservation and to partner with the City for grant opportunities to control or restrict air particulates in the community.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK