

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Study Session Minutes**  
**November 5, 2012**

**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, Randy Taylor, and Blaine Thorington.

Absent: Councilmember Mark Oaks.

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

**Discussion Regarding Proposed Miscellaneous Fee Increases.**

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) reported that he provided Council with a preliminary list consisting of thirteen pages that is a portion of various fees listed in the Toppenish Municipal Code (TMC). The proposed plan is to consolidate the fees to one specific area to create a useful tool to help customers and staff to locate various fees in the TMC. CM Murphy explained that he proposes Council adopt an Ordinance that enables the various fees to be adopted by Resolution rather than the current method of adoption by Ordinance. An Ordinance is effective five days after publication of a legal summary and a Resolution is effective immediately. As State law changes, Council will be authorized to amend the fee listing as needed by adopting a subsequent Resolution. CM Murphy reported that another factor is to facilitate comparisons with other communities with similar population. The City Council supported the proposed project presented by CM Murphy to consolidate fees in the TMC, compare fees with other communities, and to post the final fee list on the City's website.

Councilmember Belton announced that the Office of Emergency Management will be conducting a tabletop exercise dealing with a simulated catastrophic failure of the Tieton and Rimrock Lake dams on November 15, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Union Gap.

Councilmembers Belton and Dorr stated that they will attend the Auditor's Exit Interview on November 7, 2012.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

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CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK