

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
October 3, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Blaine Thorington and Councilmembers J. Eligio Jiménez, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, Gabriel Piñon and Angelica Walle.

Absent: Mayor Clara Jiménez.

Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), Finance Director/City Clerk Debbie Zabell (FD Zabell), Court Administrator Rebecca Pina, Court Clerk Vicki Alvarado, Finance Accounting Manager Jamison Horner and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember Walle to excuse Mayor C. Jiménez from the October 3, 2016 Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COURT CLERK VICKI ALVARADO

Court Administrator Pina introduced Vicki Alvarado as successful applicant hired as the new Court Clerk. Ms. Alvarado has 15 years of work experience with District Court along with valuable expertise working with other areas of the judicial system.

**PRESENTATIONS BY CITY MANAGER AND
FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK REGARDING 2017 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

City Manager Hoyt (CM Hoyt) presented the proposed 2017 Preliminary Budget and recited the budget message that included significant changes from the previous year concerning revenues and expenditures. He further noted that the City Council will be discussing the 2017 Preliminary Budget in future Council meetings.

FD Zabell summarized the sections of the budget and noted changes to previous budgets that included creating a separate fund for the City's Corrections program, the change in the cost allocation required by the auditor and the distribution of the property tax.

Council and staff discussed the item. FD Zabell welcomed and encouraged the City Council members to visit with either herself or City Manager Hoyt regarding their questions about the budget.

**SET OCTOBER 24, 2016 AS THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING REVENUE SOURCES AND THE 2017 TAX LEVY**

Councilmember Walle moved, seconded by Councilmember J. Jiménez to set October 24, 2016 as the date for a public hearing regarding the 2017 Tax Levy. Motion carried unanimously.

**SET OCTOBER 24, 2016 AS THE DATE FOR THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2017 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember Piñon to set October 24, 2016 as the date for the first public hearing regarding the proposed 2017 Preliminary Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

**SET NOVEMBER 14, 2016 AS THE DATE FOR THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2017 FINAL BUDGET**

Councilmember Walle moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to set November 14, 2016 as the date for the final public hearing regarding the proposed 2017 Final Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



BLAINE THORINGTON, MAYOR PRO TEM



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK