

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2016

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez and Councilmembers J. Eligio Jiménez, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, Blaine Thorington and Angelica Walle.

Absent: Councilmember Gabriel Piñon.

Staff Present: City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Finance Director/City Clerk Debbie Zabell (FD Zabell), Community Development Director William Rathbone (CDD Rathbone), Finance Accounting Manager Jamison Horner, City Interpreter Jorge Villaseñor, MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas (DCC Riojas).

Councilmember Walle moved, seconded by Councilmember J. Jiménez to excuse Councilmember Piñon from the September 12, 2016 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW FINANCE ACCOUNTING MANAGER

FD Zabell introduced Jamison Horner, as the successful in-house applicant promoted to Finance Accounting Manager. Ms. Horner has been with the City since 2013 in the Finance Department as a Finance/Payroll Technician. From the audience, Ms. Horner expressed her enthusiasm of being selected for the position.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Mejia, 402 Bolin Drive, Toppenish, expressed his concerns with the City renewing the marijuana moratorium and missing an opportunity for a revenue source.

Elpidia Saavedra, 608 Bolin Drive, Toppenish, expressed her support of the City banning marijuana in the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember Walle to approve Consent Agenda items a through d:

- a. Approve Minutes of the August 22, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the September 6, 2016 Study Session.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 33503 through 33518 and EFTPR744-750 in the total amount of \$163,608.20 dated September 2, 2016.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 84505 through 84616 and EFTAP153 in the total amount of \$769,206.69 dated September 12, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Re: Renewal of Interim Ordinance No. 2016-02 for an Additional Six-Months on the Moratorium Prohibiting the Establishment of Business Related to the Production, Processing and Sale of medical and Recreational Marijuana. Presentation by Community Development Director William Rathbone.

Mayor C. Jiménez opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

CDD Rathbone stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment regarding renewal of the marijuana moratorium. CDD Rathbone reported that the purpose of the marijuana moratorium is to maintain the status quo and allow time for the consideration and adoption of permanent regulations. The moratorium expires within six months, unless specifically extended. CDD Rathbone stated that the Notice of Public Hearing was advertised twice in the *Review-Independent*.

Alex Mejia, 402 Bolin Drive, Toppenish, stated he did not support the renewal of the marijuana moratorium.

Elpidia Saavedra, 608 Bolin Drive, stated her support of the renewal of the marijuana moratorium.

There being no further comments from the public, Mayor C. Jiménez closed the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor C. Jiménez read Ordinance 2016-12 into the record:

An Ordinance of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Renewing a Moratorium Prohibiting the Location of Marijuana-Related Businesses in the City Together with Marijuana Collective Gardens, and Marijuana Cooperatives, Providing that the Moratorium, Unless Renewed Shall Sunset Within Six Months of the Effective Date of Adoption, Providing for Notice to the State of Washington Department of Commerce, Directing the City Manager to Develop Permanent Regulations Regulating Marijuana, Providing Severability and Establishing an Effective Date.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to adopt Ordinance 2016-12. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Agreement Between the City of Toppenish and Toppenish Police Officers Association and Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 10 (Representing the Police Department) for the Period from January 1, 2015 Through December 31, 2017.

FD Zabell updated Council that proposed Resolution 2016-17 is to approve the contract with Toppenish Police Officers Association and Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 10, from January 1, 2015 Through December 31, 2017. Councilmember Ortloff expressed his concerns with the salaries itemized on Appendix A of the contract. Councilmember Walle inquired how the salaries compare with other Cities of the same size.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember J. Jiménez to adopt Resolution 2016-17. Motion carried. Four: Yes Two: No

Set Agenda for October 3, 2016 Study Session.

It was the consensus of Council to discuss the 2017 Preliminary Budget during the October 3, 2016 Study Session.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Oaks reported that he, Mayor C. Jiménez, and Councilmember Thorington attended the Train to Nowhere on September 10, 2016.

Councilmember J. Jiménez reported he attended the Driving Rural Yakima Valley Economy transportation conference, the Community Safety Network meeting, and the Yakima Valley Community College grand opening.

Mayor C. Jiménez reported that she attended Driving Rural Yakima Valley Economy transportation conference and the Toppenish Rotary Golf Tournament.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

DCC Riojas queried Council on who will be attending the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments General Membership Meeting on September 21, 2016 in Sunnyside. Mayor C. Jiménez and Councilmember Walle responded that they will be attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.


HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK


CLARA R. JIMENEZ, MAYOR