

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
September 3, 2013

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, Derald Ortloff, Randy Taylor, and Blaine Thorington.

Absent: Councilmembers Zachary Dorr and Mark Oaks.

Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy (CM Murphy), Parks and Recreation Director James Cole (PRD Cole), and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to excuse Councilmembers Dorr and Oaks from the September 3, 2013 Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PARK PLAN
PRESENTATION BY JAMES COLE, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) reported that the materials that Council received included a copy of the draft of the Comprehensive Park Plan. The plan is a requirement for the City to have in place to enable the City to be eligible to apply for funding from the Recreation Conservation Office (RCO).

Parks and Recreation Director James Cole (PRD Cole) stated that the draft plan needs to be approved by the RCO by March 1, 2014 to qualify the City to apply for funding from RCO. PRD Cole distributed an updated Parks and Recreation Six-Year Capital Improvement Program sheet. The Council discussed the wish list projects on the capital improvements program that include constructing walking paths, installing new bathrooms, replacing existing bathrooms, adding or replacing barbeque areas, resurfacing basketball courts and skate park, constructing new pool building and constructing community center. PRD Cole explained the positive shift in the activity at Pioneer Park after the construction of the walking path with a reduction in graffiti and trash left in the park. The Council thanked PRD Cole for his efforts in the progress of updating the Comprehensive Park Plan to enable the City to be eligible to apply for RCO funding.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK