

# **TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**

## **Study Session Minutes**

**April 3, 2023**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Saavedra called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Elpidia Saavedra and Mayor Pro Tem Clara Jiménez, and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Naila Duval, George Garcia, and Kyle Pettit

Absent: Councilmember Juan Ceja

Staff Present: City Manager Debbie Zabell (CM Zabell), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Dan Ford, Chief of Police John Clary, Administrative Services Director Heather Jobe (ASD Jobe), Fire Chief Tim Smith, Public Works Superintendent Shaun Burgess, Information Technology Services Manager Van Donley, City Clerk Heidi Riojas, Firefighter Trevor Oswalt, Firefighter Dustin Crist, Firefighter KC Frazier, Firefighter Eric Ihnen, and Human Resources Generalist Mary Goodale (HRG Goodale)

HRG Goodale conducted roll call for each City Councilmember to respond their attendance at the meeting. Mayor Saavedra, Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez, and Councilmembers Belton, Duval, Garcia, and Pettit responded their attendance during roll call. Councilmember Ceja was not present at the meeting.

### **APPROVE AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the April 3, 2023, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **RESOLUTION**

**Resolution 2023-15: A Resolution Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Toppenish and Local 2328 of the International Association of Firefighters for the Period January 1, 2023, Through December 31, 2025.**

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, second by Councilmember Pettit to approve Resolution 2023-15. Motion carried unanimously.

### **WATER METER REPLACEMENT UPDATE**

CM Zabell reported that the April utility bills will be arriving late to customers as a result of the transition to the new water meter reading system. Mueller Project Manager Seth Rhoades virtually attended the meeting to provide an update regarding the status of the new water meter reading system.

### **RESOLUTION**

**Resolution 2023-16: A Resolution Authorizing the Suspension of Utility Late Fees During the Month of April 2023.**

Councilmember Duval moved, second by Councilmember Belton to approve Resolution 2023-16. Motion carried unanimously.

### **ACTIVITIES PROGRAM COORDINATOR UPDATE**

CM Zabell provided Council with updates on the recruitment for the Activities Program

Coordinator, along with pool staffing and pool maintenance. She shared that the City's Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 8, 2023, and will include assistance from Lions Club members.

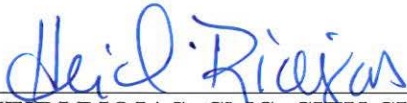
### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.



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ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR



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