

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
March 6, 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), Information Technology Services Manager Van Donley, Human Resources Generalist Mary Goodale, and City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas)

CC Riojas 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, Pettit responded their attendance during roll call. Councilmember Ceja was not present at the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to excuse Councilmember Ceja from the March 6, 2023, Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION

Councilmember Pettit moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to move New Employee Introduction for Albert Montelongo, Jr. to be at the March 13, 2023, Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Pettit moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the March 6, 2023, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE TOPPENISH HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Council received an update from Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) staff Byron Gumz and Albert Miller on the results of the Toppenish Housing Needs Assessment. The Housing Needs Assessment includes: 1) Community Profile; 2) Workforce Profile; 3) Housing Inventory; 4) Gap Analysis; and 5) Land Capacity Analysis. Mr. Gumz and Mr. Miller noted that the Housing Needs Assessment will inform and guide the selection of actions to include in the Housing Action Plan. The Housing Action Plan will identify goals, policies and opportunities to increase the housing supply and preferred type of housing based on the community characteristics and anticipated needs.

RESOLUTION

Resolution 2023-11: A Resolution Approving Change Order for Scope of Services With Copper Hemp Electric, LLC for the Temporary Police Department Portable.

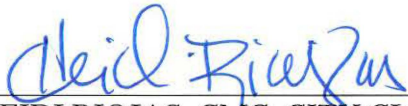
Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, second by Councilmember Belton to approve Resolution 2023-11. Motion carried. Councilmembers Garcia and Pettit voted no.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK