

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL

Study Session Minutes

June 5, 2023

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

ROLL CALL

Attendees: Mayor Elpidia Saavedra, Mayor Pro Tem Clara Jimenez, and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Juan Ceja, Naila Duval, George Garcia, and Kyle Pettit

Staff: City Manager Debbie Zabell (CM Zabell), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Dan Ford (ACM Ford), Administrative Services Director Heather Jobe (ASD Jobe), Public Works Superintendent Shaun Burgess, Activities Program Manager Katie Goodale (APM Goodale), Accounting Manager Maria Mayhue, City Clerk Heidi Riojas, 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 Jimenez, and Councilmembers Belton, Ceja, Duval, Garcia, and Pettit responded their attendance during roll call.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve the June 5, 2023, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION

ASD Jobe introduced Accounting Manager Maria Mayhue to the Council.

SWIMMING POOL UPDATE

APM Goodale provided an update on the status of opening the pool, staffing, swim lessons, and weekend pool rentals. The pool is anticipated to open for late afternoon swimming this week. The normal pool schedule will be from June 26 through August 11, and then return to the late afternoon swimming schedule on August 14 until the end of the season. The pool schedule is available on the City's website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION REGARDING SIX-YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PLAN

ACM Ford reported that the State requires each City and County to develop and adopt annually a Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and file a copy of the adopted TIP with the Washington State Department of Transportation by July 1 of each year. He noted that the City’s proposed plan outlines all types of multi-modal transportation projects for the next six years that includes the projected objectives, estimated costs, anticipated funding sources, as well as the anticipated starting and completion dates. Stephanie Ray, P.E. with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. provided an overview of the following 14 proposed TIP projects for the years 2024 through 2029: Jackson Street Extension Improvements; South Juniper Street and Jackson Street Improvements; Mural Attraction Sidewalk Improvements; West Second and First Avenue Reconstruction Improvements; Asotin Avenue Realignment Improvements; South Toppenish Avenue Reconstruction Improvements; East First Avenue Reconstruction Improvements; Berger Lane Local Improvement District; G Street Reconstruction Improvements; East Toppenish Avenue Rehabilitation Improvements, Phase 1 and Phase 2; Asotin Avenue Intersection Roundabout Improvements; King Lane and Rentschler Lane Local Improvement District; and Buena Way Safety Improvements.

RESOLUTION

Resolution 2023-24: Approve Suspension Of May Utility Late Fee, Shut Off Fee And Utility Turn Off Fee, And June Utility Late Fee.

ASD Jobe reported that an error in the April monthly billing is the reason for the proposed resolution to temporarily suspend the May utility late fee, shut off fee, and the June utility late fee.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Belton to approve Resolution 2023-24. Motion carried. Councilmember Pettit voted no.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK