

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2023

Mayor Saavedra called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendees: Mayor Elpidia Saavedra, Mayor Pro Tem Loren Belton, and Councilmembers Naila Duval, George Garcia, Josh Garza, and Cristian Sanchez
Absent: Councilmember Kyle Pettit
Staff: City Manager Debbie Zabell (CM Zabell), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Dan Ford (ACM/PWD Ford), Chief of Police John Clary, Fire Chief Tim Smith, Public Works Superintendent Shaun Burgess, 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 Belton, and Councilmembers Duval, Garcia, Garza, and Sanchez responded their attendance during roll call. Councilmember Pettit was not present at the meeting.

PURPOSE

Mayor Saavedra recited the purpose of the Special Meeting to be the following:

1. Call To Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comment
3. Executive Session
Purpose: To review the performance of a public employee
Time: 15 minutes
Action: Action anticipated
4. AB 23-069: [Proposed] Resolution 2023-42, Approve Equipment Rental with BCR Solid Solutions for Wastewater Treatment Plant
5. 15-Minute Recess
6. Budget Presentation – Receive and Discuss Proposed 2024 Preliminary Budget.
7. Adjournment.

Mayor Saavedra noted that the Council will not be taking a 15-minute recess during the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:31 p.m., Mayor Saavedra called for the Council to go into Executive Session to review the performance of a public employee. The approximate time for the Executive Session is 15 minutes with action anticipated.

At 5:46 p.m., Mayor Saavedra reconvened the meeting back to order.

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval that the City Manager contract be amended for a 5% wage increase retro to June 16, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

Resolution 2023-42: A Resolution Approving BCR Solid Solutions to Rent Equipment to the City of Toppenish Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Belton to authorize the City Manager to enter into a rental agreement with BCR Solid Solutions for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET

CM Zabell presented the proposed 2024 Preliminary Budget and recited the budget message. She further noted that the City Council will be discussing the 2024 Preliminary Budget during upcoming Council meetings on November 27, 2023, on December 4, 2023, and on December 11, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned to 6:21 p.m.



ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR



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