

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2024

Mayor Saavedra called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendees: Mayor Elpidia Saavedra, Mayor Pro Tem Loren Belton, and Councilmembers Naila Duval, George Garcia, Josh Garza, Ezequiel Morfin, and Cristian Sanchez
Staff: Interim City Manager Dan Ford (ICM Ford), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Budget and Finance Director Adam Vaughn, Chief of Police Joseph Mehline, Fire Chief Tim Smith, Interim Public Works Director Shaun Burgess, Information Services Technology Manager Van Donley (IST Donley), City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas), and Community Television Manager Sean Davido

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, Morfin, and Sanchez responded their attendance during roll call.

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Morfin to approve the May 28, 2024, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve Consent Agenda items a through e:

- a. Approve Minutes of the May 13, 2024, Regular Meeting
- b. Accept Minutes of the May 20, 2024, Public Safety Committee Meeting
- c. Accept Minutes of the May 21, 2024, Budget and Finance Committee Meeting

- d. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 36667 through 36679, and Electronic Transfers EFTPR3255 through EFTPR3263 in the total amount of \$300,154.33 dated May 23, 2024
- e. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 98927 through 99000, and Electronic Transfers EFTAP396 through EFTAP398 in the total amount of \$302,674.04 dated May 28, 2024, and void Checks Numbers NR98769 and NR98999

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2024-11 Into The Record: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Amending Chapter 3.05 of the Toppenish Municipal Code for Investment of City Funds, Providing for Severability, Corrections, and Establishing an Effective Date.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Morfin to adopt Ordinance 2024-11. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2024-12 Into The Record: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City Of Toppenish, Washington, Amending Chapter 2.33 of the Toppenish Municipal Code for Budget and Finance Committee, Providing for Severability, Corrections, and Establishing an Effective Date.

Councilmember Morfin moved, seconded by Mayor Saavedra to amend Ordinance 2024-12 to state the committee will meet the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried. Councilmembers Duval and Garcia voted no.

Councilmember Morfin moved, seconded by Mayor Saavedra to adopt Ordinance 2024-12 as amended. Motion carried. Councilmembers Duval and Garcia voted no.

Resolution 2024-25: A Resolution Approving an Interagency Agreement Between the Washington State Department of Commerce and the City of Toppenish for Growth Management Services for a 2023-2025 Climate Planning Grant.

Councilmember Morfin moved, seconded by Councilmember Garza to approve Resolution 2024-25. Motion carried unanimously.

Receive Recommendations from Selection Committee for the Appointments of Commissioners to Serve on the Planning Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to appoint Jesus M. Aguirre, Gabriela Guel, Benita Polina, Janet Mayer, and Christy Doonan to serve on the Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss Purchase of New Tablets for Council.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve the purchase of iPad Air tablets as noted on the Apple Store Quote for use by City Council. Motion carried. Mayor Pro Tem Belton voted no.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Garcia attended the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments online and attended the Budget and Finance Committee meeting.

Councilmember Sanchez had nothing to report.

Councilmember Garza had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Belton had nothing to report.

Councilmember Morfin reported his participation with the Junior Achievement event to assist with the students and his attendance at the YVCOG General Membership meeting.

Councilmember Duval reported her attendance at the Public Safety Committee meeting, the Budget and Finance Committee meeting, and the YVCOG General Membership meeting. The Budget and Finance Committee meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on June 5, 2024. The next Public Safety Committee meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2024.

Mayor Saavedra reported her attendance and welcome to the group at the YVCOG General Membership meeting that consisted of a presentation with the Yakima County Superior Court Judges regarding the challenges with shortage of attorneys in Yakima County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:47 p.m., Mayor Saavedra called for the Council to go into Executive Session to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The approximate time for the Executive Session is 15 minutes with potential action. At 8:02 p.m., Mayor Saavedra extended the executive session another 15 minutes. At 8:17 p.m., Mayor Saavedra extended the executive session another 5 minutes. At 8:22 p.m., Mayor Saavedra reconvened the regular session back to order.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to have GMP Consultants prepare a compensation plan for ICM Ford and prepare a draft contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Saavedra advised ICM Ford that Council will be moving forward to transition him from ICM to CM in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.


HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK


ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR