

# TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL

## Study Session Minutes

May 6, 2024

### 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 Loren Belton, and Councilmembers Naila Duval, George Garcia, Joshua Garza, Ezequiel Morfin, and Cristian Sanchez

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Dan Ford (ICM Ford), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Chief of Police Joseph Mehline, Fire Chief Tim Smith, Budget and Finance Director Adam Vaughn (FD Vaughn), Interim Public Works Director Shaun Burgess, City Clerk Heidi Riojas, and Human Resources Generalist Mary Beltran (HRG Beltran)

HRG Beltran 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 Morfin moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve the May 6, 2024, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### OLD BUSINESS

**Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2024-04 into the Record: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12.18 of the Toppenish Municipal Code, by Imposing a \$40 Vehicle Fee Authorized by RCW 82.80.140, Providing for Severability, Corrections, and Establishing an Effective Date.**

Councilmember Morfin moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to adopt Ordinance 2024-04. Motion carried. Councilmembers Garcia, Garza, and Sanchez voted no.

**Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2024-07 into the Record: An Ordinance Adjusting Solid Waste Rates by Amending Section 8.10.170 of the Toppenish Municipal Code, Providing for Severability, Corrections, and Establishing an Effective Date.**

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Morfin to adopt Ordinance 2024-07. Motion carried unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2024-09 into the Record: An Ordinance of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Amending Chapter 2.32 of the Toppenish Municipal Code for the Public Safety Committee, to Provide for Severability, Corrections, and an Effective Date.**

Councilmember Sanchez moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to adopt Ordinance 2024-09. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2024-24: A Resolution Approving Professional Services Agreement for Hearing Examiner Services.**

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Morfin to approve Resolution 2024-24. Motion carried unanimously.

#### DISCUSSION OF PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

ICM Ford noted that during the April 22, 2024, the Council adopted Ordinance 2024-08, to reduce the membership of the Planning Commission from seven to five members. The next step is for the Selection Committee, which consists of Mayor Pro Tem Belton, and Councilmembers Duval and Garcia, to review the applicants to then make recommendations for appointments to serve on the Planning Commission.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.



ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR



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