

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL

Study Session Minutes

September 7, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

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

MASK GUIDELINES

DCC Renfrew recited the City of Toppenish Mask Guidelines to advise that masks are required for all individuals, in accordance with Governor Inslee's Orders.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Mark Oaks, Mayor Pro Tem Elpidia Saavedra, and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Juan Ceja, Naila Duval, George Garcia and Clara Jiménez.
Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), Administrative Services Director Debbie Zabell (ASD Zabell), Building Official/Zoning Administrator Mitch Nickolds (BO Nickolds), Fire Chief Tim Smith, City Clerk Heidi Riojas, and Deputy City Clerk Sabrina Renfrew (DCC Renfrew).

DCC Renfrew conducted roll call for each City Councilmember to respond their attendance at the meeting. Mayor Oaks, Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra, and Councilmembers Belton, Ceja, Duval, Garcia, and Jiménez responded their attendance during roll call.

RECEIVE MEMO: RESOLUTION 2021-33: APPROVE WAIVING APPLICATION DATE FOR THE UTILITY CUSTOMER RELIEF PROGRAM

ASD Zabell provided an update on the Utility Customer Relief Grant Program, in order to provide Council with information needed to consider approval of Resolution 2021-33. Staff recommended approval of Resolution 2021-33 which waves the application date for the Utility Customer Relief Grant Program.

Councilmember Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution 2021-33 A Resolution Establishing a Utility Customer Relief Grant Program for Individuals Experiencing Economic Hardship Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Motion carried unanimously.

RECEIVE PRESENTATION BY BUILDING OFFICIAL/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MITCH NICKOLDS REGARDING ENHANCING COMMUNITY IMAGE

BO Nickolds provided a presentation on the Development Services Department's efforts to reach land use goals and policies as adopted by the Council in 2018. He provided information on his proposal for an Implementation Strategy to attract economic development for the business and residential needs of the community by educating residents of the current laws. BO Nickold's slide presentation showed examples of non-compliance with activities in residential zones with parking and storage of utility, recreation, and motor vehicles.

RECEIVE 2022 BUDGET CALENDAR

ASD Zabell presented the 2022 Budget Calendar and provided the MRSC 2022 Budget Suggestions resource. She noted that the 2022 Budget Calendar proposes adopting the 2022 Final Budget during the December 6, 2021 Study Session.

DISCUSS RESCHEDULING CITYMANAGER EVALUATION

CM Hoyt discussed two issues pertaining to the rescheduling of the City Manager Evaluation: 1) the possibility of returning to remote meetings; and 2) concerns with Mr. Mercier's ability to attend the meeting. It was the consensus of Council to conduct the evaluation at the September 13, 2021 Regular Meeting during an Executive Session. Mr. Mercier will join the meeting remotely.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.


MARK OAKS, MAYOR


SABRINA RENFREW, DEPUTY CITY CLERK