

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
December 5, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Elpidia Saavedra and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Juan Ceja, Naila Duval, George Garcia, and Kyle Pettit
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Clara Jiménez
Staff Present: City Manager Debbie Zabell (CM Zabell), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Assistant City Manager Dan Ford, Chief of Police John Clary, Administrative Services Director Heather Jobe (ASD Jobe), Human Resources Generalist Mary Goodale, Community Television Manager Sean Davido, 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 and Councilmembers Belton, Ceja, Duval, Garcia, and Pettit responded their attendance during roll call. Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez was not present at the meeting.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Ceja to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez from the December 5, 2022, Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION

None.

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Pettit to approve the December 5, 2022, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

**2023 GENERAL FUND REVENUE REDUCTION AND 2023 BUDGET
ENHANCEMENTS REQUESTS**

CM Zabell summarized the updates with the 2023 General Fund Budget from the actions on November 28, 2022, with the two percent reduction in utility tax to 29% and to not increase the water, sewer, and solid waste rates in January 2023. She noted that Budget Enhancement Request 1 for the police vehicle funded with 2% casino award and the Criminal Justice Fund, and Budget Enhancement Request 2 for the drug dog vehicle funded with ARPA funds are not impacted by the reductions in the General Fund and recommend approval of both items. Budget Enhancement

Request 3 for the evidence technician is funded from the General Fund and needs to be removed from consideration by Council at this time. CM Zabell stated that Council will evaluate the services funded from the General Fund and evaluate additional revenue options during the Study Session on February 6, 2023.

Councilmember Pettit moved, seconded by Councilmember Ceja to approve Budget Enhancement Request 1 to Purchase a Police Vehicle and Budget Enhancement Request 2 to Purchase a K-9 Vehicle. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Regarding the 2023 Final Budget. Receive Staff Presentation and Public Comments on Proposed 2023 Final Budget.

Mayor Saavedra opened the public hearing at 5:06 p.m.

ASD Jobe reported that this is the final public hearing required by State Statute for the City to conduct for the 2023 Final Budget. For the benefit of the public, she noted that the Budget sets forth the complete financial program, showing expenditures proposed for each department and the sources of revenues to finance those expenditures. She further noted that Council received a balanced Budget without reducing essential public services and without personnel layoffs or furloughs.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor Saavedra closed the public hearing at 5:11 p.m.

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2022-22 in the Record: An Ordinance Adopting the 2023 Budget for the City of Toppenish, Washington.

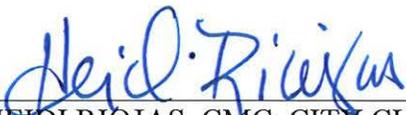
Councilmember Pettit moved, seconded by Councilmember Ceja to adopt Ordinance 2022-22. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.



ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR



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