

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL

Study Session Minutes

November 7, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Elpidia Saavedra, Mayor Pro Tem Clara Jiménez, and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Naila Duval, George Garcia, and Kyle Pettit

Absent: Councilmember Juan Ceja

Staff Present: City Manager Debbie Zabell (CM Zabell), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Assistant City Manager Dan Ford (ACM Ford), Chief of Police John Clary (CP Clary), Fire

Chief Tim Smith, Administrative Services Director Heather Jobe (ASD Jobe), Internet Services Manager Van Donley, Assistant to Chief of Police Linda Finley, Accounting Manager Elvia Cisneros, Finance Technician Maria Cruz Mendoza, Public Works Office Manager Beth Simmons, Public Works Grounds Maintenance Gregoria Vasquez, Public Works Maintenance Technician David Gonzalez, Public Works Maintenance Technician Brandon Tobia, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Clara Jiménez, and Councilmembers Belton, Duval, Garcia, and Pettit responded their attendance during roll call. Councilmember Ceja was not present at the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Pettit to excuse Councilmember Ceja from the November 7, 2022, Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION

ACM Ford noted that he had two Public Works (PW) employees, Andrew Doney and Alex Mancera, that will be introduced at a later date. He introduced PW Grounds Maintenance Technician Gregoria Vasquez, PW Maintenance Technician David Gonzalez, PW Maintenance Technician Brandon Tobia, PW Office Manager Beth Simmons, and Internet Services Manager Van Donley to Council.

ASD Jobe introduced Accounting Manager Elvia Cisneros and Finance Technician Maria Cruz Mendoza to Council.

CM Zabell introduced Community Television Manager Sean Davido and Human Resources Generalist Mary Goodale to Council.

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Pettit moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the November 7, 2022, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

RECEIVE 2023 PRELIMINARY GENERAL FUND BUDGET, AND BUDGET MESSAGE

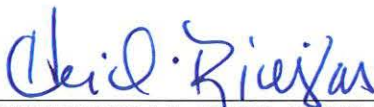
CM Zabell recited her 2023 Budget Message for the proposed 2023 General Fund Budget totaling \$8,853,200.86. Her message summarized the proposed budget that puts significant emphasis on improving and professionalizing City programs, services, and updating facilities, which will further Council's vision for a safe, healthy, and vibrant community. She further noted that the City Council will be discussing the proposed 2023 Preliminary Budget in future Council meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.



ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK