

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
February 6, 2023

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 Clara Jiménez, and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Juan Ceja, Naila Duval, George Garcia, and Kyle Pettit
Staff Present: City Manager Debbie Zabell (CM Zabell), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Dan Ford, Chief of Police John Clary, Administrative Services Director Heather Jobe (ASD Jobe), Information Technology Services Manager Van Donley, Finance Technician II Nandy Madrigal, Finance Technician II Maria Morales, 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 Jiménez, and Councilmembers Belton, Ceja, Duval, Garcia, Pettit responded their attendance during roll call. responded their attendance during roll call.

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION

ASD Jobe announced that the Administrative Services Department is fully staff and introduced Finance Technician II Nandy Madrigal, Finance Technician II Maria Morales to Council.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Pettit to approve the February 6, 2023, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Saavedra recited that the purpose of the Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining with Legal Counsel pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(A). At 5:03 p.m., Mayor Saavedra called for Council to go into Executive Session. The approximate time for the Executive Session is 30 minutes with action anticipated.

At 5:33 p.m., Mayor Saavedra reconvened the meeting back to order.

RESOLUTION

Resolution 2023-07: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Agreement Between the City of Toppenish and Toppenish Police Officers Association and Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 10 (Representing the Police Department) for the Period from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025.

Councilmember Ceja moved, second by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution 2023-07. Motion carried unanimously.

RECEIVE UPDATE ON RECREATION AND AQUATICS

CM Zabell noted staff is working on the recruitment for the Activities Coordinator. That person will be responsible for creating job descriptions for aquatics staff, policies and operating procedures for the pool. She reported that staff is implementing a Volunteer Program that will come back to Council for consideration and adoption. In addition, Public Works is in the process of obtaining quotes for repairing cracks and applying epoxy pool paint, plus safety upgrades to the recreation building to install a counter with a glass panel to be similar to the setup at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.


ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR


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