

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**April 19, 2021**

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

**REMOTE MEETING INSTRUCTIONS**

CC Riojas recited the remote meeting instructions for the record pursuant to Governor Inslee's Emergency Proclamation with the temporary suspension of certain provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act during the COVID-19 Outbreak, the Toppenish City Council Chambers will not be open for the public to attend the meeting in person. In addition, she recited the instructions to attend the meeting in "listen only" mode by either registering online or by using the call-in phone number.

**ROLL CALL**

Remote Attendees: Mayor Mark Oaks, Mayor Pro Tem Elpidia Saavedra, and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Juan Ceja, Naila Duval, George Garcia, and Clara Jiménez.

Remote Staff: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Administrative Services Director Debbie Zabell, City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas), and Cable Television Manager Judy Devall.

CC Riojas 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 remotely attended the meeting.

**POLICE CHIEF COMMUNITY PANEL SELECTION**

Mayor Oaks stated the purpose of the Special Meeting is to select two Councilmembers to serve on the Police Chief Community Panel on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers. CM Hoyt noted that Councilmembers Belton, Ceja, and Garcia expressed an interest to serve on the panel.

Mayor Oaks queried each Councilmember for their respective votes. For the first round of votes, Councilmembers Duval, Garcia, and Ceja voted for Councilmembers Ceja and Garcia. Mayor Oaks, Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra, and Councilmember Belton voted for Councilmembers Ceja and Belton. Councilmember Jiménez voted for Councilmembers Belton and Garcia. The first round ended with six votes for Councilmember Ceja, four votes for Councilmember Belton, and four votes for Councilmember Garcia. For the second round of votes, prior to the conclusion of the second round of votes Councilmember Belton withdrew from the selection process.

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Belton to appoint Councilmembers Ceja and Garcia to serve on the Police Chief Community Panel on Monday, April 26, 2021 on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers. Motion carried unanimously.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.



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MARK OAKS, MAYOR



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