

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
April 2, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem J. Eligio Jiménez and Councilmembers Mark Oaks, Gabriel Piñon, Naila Prieto, Elpidia Saavedra and Blaine Thorington.

Absent: Mayor Clara Jiménez.

Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), Finance Director/City Clerk Debbie Zabell, Public Works Superintendent Rocky Wallace and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember Prieto to excuse Mayor C. Jiménez from the April 2, 2018 Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember Prieto to excuse Mayor C. Jiménez and Councilmember Piñon from the April 9, 2018 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY'S STREET PROGRAMS

CM Hoyt updated Council on the City's 2015 Complete Streets Program, that provides safe access and accommodations for all users including bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists and public transportation, that allows the City to be more competitive when applying for Federal or other funding sources.

CM Hoyt updated Council on the current West Second Avenue Reconstruction – Phase 2 Project, noting that as part of the project, the City will be replacing and upgrading water lines throughout the project, before the paving begins as a future cost savings to the City. He noted that the funding of the waterline portion of the project, which is approximately \$470,000, will be funded through water revenue fund balance and will be included in the City's 2018 Budget Amendment.

Huibregtse Louman Associates Project Engineer, Stephanie Ray, presented the City's Complete Streets Program that identifies the Complete Streets Infrastructure that includes bulb-outs and narrow vehicle lanes, which currently are not part of the City's street project design. She noted that the Transportation Improvement Board, a funding source for the City's street projects, is questioning why the City's design standards do not include bulb-outs and narrow vehicle lanes for the City's street projects. She further noted the need to update the City's 10-foot sidewalk width requirements for certain streets, (Ordinance No. 357, March 22, 1919). Ms. Ray also provided Council with five goals to consider with regards to amending the City's policies for (1) the Complete Streets Program, (2) the 10-foot sidewalk width requirements for certain streets, (3) the geographic boundaries for the Downtown Business District, the Complete Streets Program and the 10-foot

sidewalk width requirements, (4) consider establishing the necessary planning for a Toppenish Downtown Revitalization Plan, and (5) a Downtown Parking Plan.

CM Hoyt updated Council on the progress with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation's railroad project to correct its last repair to railroad crossing on State Route 22 between the intersections of Asotin Avenue and Washington Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK



J. ELIGIO JIMENEZ, MAYOR PRO TEM