

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2019

Mayor C. Jiménez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez, ~~Mayor Pro Tem J. Eligio Jiménez~~ *Councilmember Naila Prieto* and Councilmembers Mark Oaks and Blaine Thorington.

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem J. Eligio Jiménez and Councilmember Elpidia Saavedra.

Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Finance Director Debbie Zabell, MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

CA Cuillier confirmed that Council was permitted to open the meeting with four Councilmembers to proceed with interviewing City Council Candidates. All four of the Councilmembers will be required to agree in order to fill the City Council vacancy.

Mayor C. Jiménez advised the audience that Council Positions 5, 6 and 7 are up for election this year, and noted that the 2019 Candidate Filing Week will be from May 13, 2019 through May 17, 2019 at the Yakima County Courthouse.

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS, POSITION 7

Mayor C. Jiménez announced that City Council will be interviewing City Council Candidates Atwice Kamiakun, Loren Belton, Randy Taylor, and George Garcia; and explained the interview process. The Council queried the candidates on their thoughts regarding several issues before going into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor C. Jiménez called for an executive session to be held at 6:52 p.m. The Mayor stated that the purpose of the executive session was to evaluate the qualifications of the candidates for appointment to fill the City Council vacancy pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (h). The approximate time for the Executive Session is 15 minutes. Mayor C. Jiménez also stated that action would be taken when the Regular Session reconvened.

Mayor C. Jiménez reconvened the special council meeting back to order at 7:07 p.m.

Mayor C. Jimenez opened nominations.

Councilmember Oaks nominated Candidate Belton. Councilmember Thorington seconded the nomination.

Councilmember Prieto nominated Candidate Atwice. The nomination died with no second.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to close nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Deputy City Clerk Riojas administered a roll call vote for the nomination for Candidate Belton:

Councilmember Oaks – Yes
Councilmember Thorington – Yes
Councilmember Prieto – Yes
Mayor C. Jiménez – Yes

Candidate Belton was selected to fill vacant City Council Position 7 with four yes votes.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

Deputy City Clerk Riojas administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Loren Belton to fill Position 7 on the Toppenish City Council for the remainder of the term until a qualified person is elected at the next election.

Mayor C. Jiménez reminded the audience of the upcoming 2019 Candidate Filing Week from May 13, 2019 through May 17, 2019 at the Yakima County Courthouse. The Council Positions 5, 6 and 7 are up for election this year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK



CLARA R. JIMENEZ, MAYOR