

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
August 3, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Elpidia Saavedra, and Councilmembers Loren Belton, and Clara Jiménez.
Remote Attendees: Councilmembers Juan Ceja, Naila Duval, and George Garcia.
Absent: Mayor Mark Oaks.
Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), and City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas).

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 at GoToWebinar, or by using the call-in phone number.

ROLL CALL

CC Riojas conducted roll call for each City Councilmember to respond their attendance at the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra, and Councilmembers Belton, and Jiménez were present in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers Ceja, Duval, and Garcia remotely attended the meeting. Mayor Oaks did not attend the August 3, 2020 Study Session in person or remotely.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Ceja to excuse Mayor Oaks from the August 3, 2020 Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS SCHEDULING CITY MANAGER EVALUATION WITH DAVIE MERCIER

CM Hoyt shared dates in September that Dave Mercier is available to remotely meet with Council. After going over the dates, it was decided by Council to have the survey available from August 26, 2020 until September 9, 2020, to schedule remote interviews September 18, 2020 and September 19, 2020, and conclude with an Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. on September 28, 2020.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to accept the 2020 City Manager Evaluation Schedule proposed by Dave Mercier. Motion carried unanimously.

In closing, CM Hoyt provided updates on recent communications with BNSF on its denial to agree to the proposed easements for the new Public Works Building since the City has other options for ingress/egress to the property at 8 Buena Way. CM Hoyt reported that he is continuing to work with BNSF to explain the importance of the proposed change for pedestrian and traffic safety in the area.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK



ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR PRO TEM