

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
August 5, 2019**

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. Jiménez and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Naila Duval, Mark Oaks, Elpidia Saavedra and Blaine Thorington.
Absent: Mayor Clara Jiménez.
Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), Finance Director Debbie Zabell, Chief of Police Curt Ruggles and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilmember Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to excuse Mayor C. Jiménez from the August 5, 2019 Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

FINAL DISCUSSION ON THE CITY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE MANUAL

CM Hoyt noted that Council received the final version of the Governance Manual with their agenda materials. Councilmember Duval proposed a change to simplify the wording on page 8 regarding the procedure for all public comments.

It was the consensus of Council to have the Governance Manual on the Consent Agenda for the August 12, 2019 Regular Meeting.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

After discussion between CM Hoyt, FD Zabell, PC Ruggles and Council it was determined that the Public Safety Committee was not the correct setting to discuss the police department recruitment issues. Council directed CM Hoyt to bring back recommendations for Council to consider addressing the police department recruitment issues.

**DISCUSS SCHEDULING CITY MANAGER EVALUATION
WITH DAVE MERCIER**

CM Hoyt shared dates in September that Dave Mercier is available to meet with Council. After going over the dates, it was decided by Council to schedule interviews September 18, 2019 and September 19, 2019 and conclude with an Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. on September 23, 2019.

In closing CM Hoyt, provided updates on the BNSF railroad crossing, the West First Avenue Sidewalk Project, that WSDOT presentation on roundabouts and the Public Works building.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK



J. ELIGIO JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR PRO TEM