

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
January 2, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez and Councilmembers, J. Eligio Jiménez, Mark Oaks, Gabriel Piñon, Blaine Thorington, Elpidia Saavedra and Angelica Walle.
Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), Finance Director Debbie Zabell, Community Development Director William Rathbone and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Deputy City Clerk Riojas administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilmembers Elpidia Saavedra for Position #1, Blaine Thorington for Position #2, Clara Jiménez for Position #3, for the term of office from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2021.

SELECT MAYOR FOR 2018 AND 2019

Mayor C. Jiménez called for nominations for the position of Mayor. Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember J. Jiménez to nominate Councilmember C. Jiménez as the Mayor for 2018 and 2019. There being no further nominations, Mayor C. Jiménez closed nominations for the position of Mayor. The vote was unanimous to elect Councilmember C. Jiménez as Mayor from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019.

SELECT MAYOR PRO TEM FOR 2018 AND 2019

Mayor C. Jiménez called for nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Piñon moved, seconded by Councilmember Walle to nominate Councilmember J. Jiménez as the Mayor Pro Tem for 2018 and 2019. Mayor C. Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Saavedra to nominate Councilmember Thorington as Mayor Pro Tem for 2018 and 2019. There being no further nominations, Mayor C. Jiménez closed nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tem. The first vote for Councilmember J. Jiménez were Councilmembers Walle and Piñon. The second vote for Councilmember J. Jiménez were Councilmembers Walle, Piñon and J. Jiménez. The vote for Councilmember Thorington were Mayor C. Jiménez, Councilmembers Thorington and Saavedra. The vote from Councilmember Oaks will decide the election of Mayor Pro Tem for 2018 and 2019.

Councilmember Mark Oaks arrived at 5:15 p.m.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIAL

Deputy City Clerk Riojas administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilmember Mark Oaks for Position #4, for the term of office from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2021.

Councilmember Oaks voted for Councilmember J. Jiménez. The vote was four in favor to elect Councilmember J. Jiménez as Mayor Pro Tem from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019.

SEATING OF COUNCIL

The Councilmembers, according to seniority, chose their seating arrangement.

SELECT MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES FOR 2018 AND 2019

A. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SELECTION COMMITTEE (3 MEMBERS)

Mayor C. Jiménez, Councilmember Thorington and Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez agreed to serve on the Boards and Commissions Selection Committee.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (3 MEMBERS, 1 ALTERNATE)

Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez, Councilmember Oaks and Councilmember Thorington agreed to be the members and Councilmember Saavedra as the alternate to serve on the Public Safety Committee.

C. CABLE REGULATION BOARD (1 MEMBER, 1 ALTERNATE)

Councilmember Piñon agreed to be the member and Councilmember Oaks as the alternate to serve on the Cable Regulation Board.

D. LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1 MEMBER)

Mayor C. Jiménez agreed to serve on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

E. YAKIMA COUNTY GANG COMMISSION (1 MEMBER, 1 ALTERNATE)

Councilmember Piñon agreed to be the member and Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez as the alternate to serve on the Yakima County Gang Commission.

F. YAKIMA COUNTY-WIDE PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE (1 MEMBER)

Councilmember Piñon agreed to serve on the Yakima County-Wide Planning Policy Committee.

G. YAKIMA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE RECOVERY BOARD, IF ASKED.

Mayor C. Jiménez agreed to be the member and Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez as the alternate to serve on the Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board, if asked.

SELECT YAKIMA VALLEY CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS MEMBER AND ALTERNATE FOR 2018

Mayor C. Jiménez agreed to be the member and Councilmember Saavedra as the alternate to represent the City for 2018 with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments.

SET JANUARY 22, 2018 AS THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE SIX-YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENTS PLAN


Councilmember Walle moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez to set January 22, 2018 as the date for a public hearing to amend the Six-Year Street Improvements Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK



CLARA R. JIMENEZ, MAYOR