

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL

Study Session Minutes

January 3, 2017

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, Derald Ortloff, Gabriel Piñon and Angelica Walle.
- Excused Absence:** Councilmember Blaine Thorington.
- Staff Present:** City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), Police Chief Curt Ruggles, Community Development Director William Rathbone and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember J. Jiménez to excuse Councilmember Thornton from the January 3, 2017 Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION WITH CHIEF RUGGLES REGARDING DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

Police Chief Ruggles (PC Ruggles) provided Council with copies of Toppenish Municipal Code Chapter 9.09 titled Drugs and Drug Paraphernalia, the statutes for RCW 69.50.102 titled Drug Paraphernalia – Definitions, RCW 69.50.412 titled Prohibited acts: E-Penalties (as amended by 2012 c 117) and RCW 69.50.412 titled Prohibited acts: E-Penalties (as amended by 2013 c 3). PC Ruggles updated Council that possessing drug paraphernalia is not a crime until it is used to introduce illegal drugs into the human body.

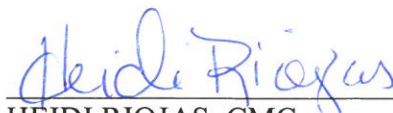
DISCUSSION ON THE AWC 2017 CITY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

CM Hoyt noted that AWC has determined the 2017 Legislatives Priorities to focus on five areas that include the following:

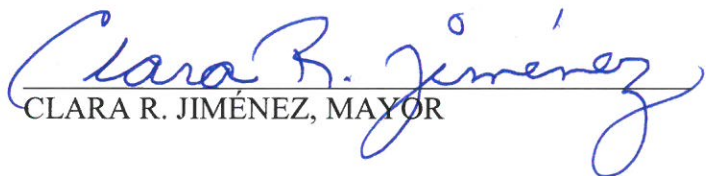
- Modernizing the Public Records Act so that Cities can continue to provide open and transparent government services to its residents.
- Enhance efforts to increase affordable housing, decrease homelessness and improve a strained behavioral health system.
- Revitalize key infrastructure assistance programs that support job creation, community health and safety, and quality of life.
- Respect city local authority to respond to local needs.
- Maintain the city-state budget partnership with shared revenues with cities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK



CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR