

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
January 4, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

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

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 using the call-in phone number.

ROLL CALL

Remote Attendees: Mayor Mark Oaks, Mayor Pro Tem Elpidia Saavedra, and Councilmembers Juan Ceja, Naila Duval, George Garcia, and Clara Jiménez.

Absent: Councilmember Loren Belton.

Remote Staff: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Interim Chief of Police Tim Bardwell, City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas) and Cable Television Manager Judy Devall.

CC Riojas conducted roll call for each City Councilmember to respond their attendance at the meeting. Mayor Oaks, Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra, and Councilmembers Duval, Garcia, and Jiménez responded their remote attendance during roll call. Councilmember Belton was not present at the meeting.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra to excuse Councilmember Belton from the January 4, 2021 Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

At 5:05 p.m., Councilmember Ceja remotely arrived at the meeting.

**SELECT YAKIMA VALLEY CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS (YVCOG)
MEMBER AND ALTERNATE FOR 2021**

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to appoint Councilmember Jiménez as the YVCOG Member for 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra to appoint Councilmember Duval as the YVCOG Alternate for 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

REMOTE EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

At 5:11 p.m., Mayor Oaks called for the Council to go into two remote executive sessions. CC Riojas recited the purpose of the first remote executive session was pursuant to RCW 42.30.100(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation for 20 minutes with no action anticipated. CC Riojas recited the purpose of the second remote executive session was pursuant to RCW 42.30.100(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation for 10 minutes with no action anticipated.

It was noted that Council will remotely leave the open session to log into a closed session for the above noted executive sessions.

At 5:47 p.m., Mayor Oaks reconvened the Study Session back to order. CC Riojas noted that Council experienced technical difficulties during the process of logging into the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.


MARK OAKS, MAYOR


HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK