

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
January 7, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez, Mayor Pro Tem J. Eligio Jiménez and Councilmembers Mark Oaks, Gabriel Piñon, Naila Prieto, Elpidia Saavedra and Blaine Thorington.
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.

CDD Rathbone provided Council with the history of transactions regarding the structure at 1011 East First Avenue, Toppenish. He noted that he has been working with the current owner, who is unhappy with the building code requirements.

**CONTINUE DISCUSSION FROM DECEMBER 10, 2018 REGULAR MEETING
REGARDING AMENDMENT NO. 2 FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH GENE WEINMANN**

CM Hoyt noted that during the December 10, 2018 meeting Council decided to discuss the Amendment for the Professional Services Contract with Gene Weinmann at this meeting. He updated Council that Mr. Weinmann has extensive work experience working with housing loans and currently he manages the City's 150 housing loans.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez to adopt Resolution 2018-46 for Amendment No. 2. Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ON THE AWC 2019 CITY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND
ATTENDANCE AT AWC CITY ACTION DAYS IN OLYMPIA**

CM Hoyt noted that AWC has determined the 2019 Legislative Priorities to focus on six areas that include the following:

- Support economic development totals to encourage job creation and economic growth
- Keep the Public Works Trust Fund in working order
- Invest in affordable housing
- Fund a systems approach to correct fish-blocking culverts
- Provide responsive funding for the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC)
- Address a failing behavioral health system

The AWC City Action Days will be February 13, 2019 and February 14, 2019 in Olympia. Council will notify EA Riojas at the January 14, 2019 meeting whether they will be available to attend the two-day conference.

**SELECT YAKIMA VALLEY CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS MEMBER AND
ALTERNATE FOR 2019**

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Saavedra to select Mayor C. Jiménez as the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments 2019 member. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to select Councilmember Thorington as the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments 2019 alternate member. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor C. Jiménez, Councilmembers Thorington and Prieto, and CM Hoyt noted they will be attending the January 16, 2019 Yakima Valley Conference of Governments General Membership meeting at the Mt. Adams Country Club.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK



CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR