

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Study Session Minutes**  
**July 6, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Mark Oaks, and Councilmembers Loren Belton, and Clara Jiménez.  
Remote Attendees: Councilmembers Juan Ceja, and George Garcia.  
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Elpidia Saavedra, and Councilmember Naila Duval.  
Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), and City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas).  
Remote Staff: Administrative Services Director Debbie Zabell (ASD Zabell), and Permit Coordinator Victor Shaul (PC Shaul).

**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 either registering at GoToWebinar, or by using the call-in phone number.

## ROLL CALL

CC Riojas conducted roll call for each City Councilmember to respond their attendance at the meeting. Mayor Oaks, Councilmembers Belton, and Jiménez were present in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers Ceja, and Garcia remotely attended the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra, and Councilmembers Duval did not attend the July 6, 2020 Study Session in person or remotely.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Belton to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra, and Councilmember Duval from the July 6, 2020 Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

## REMOTE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Oaks called for an executive session to be held at 5:03 p.m. Mayor Oaks stated the purpose of the executive session was to discuss litigation with legal counsel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(I). The approximate time for the Executive Session is 45 minutes, and then to allow extra time for the City Council to log in and out of two different meetings. Mayor Oaks also stated that no action is anticipated when the Regular Session reconvened. The two remote City Councilmembers logged out of the GoToWebinar meeting and logged into another meeting for the executive session.

Mayor Oaks reconvened the Study Session back to order at 5:49 p.m.

## DISCUSSION FOR PROPOSED UPDATES FOR TOPPENISH MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 6 - ANIMALS


ASD Zabell PC Shaul proposed updates for Council to consider for TMC Title 6 – Animals to regarding policy decisions. PC Shaul noted that the Title 6 of the TMC was originally adopted in 1973, and since that time updates are needed to be consistent with new laws, provide enforcement capabilities and penalties for animal nuisances, prohibit animal fighting, setting an limit for number dogs per residence, and propose new kennel regulations.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.



MARK OAKS, MAYOR



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK