

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Saavedra called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Elpidia Saavedra, and Councilmembers Loren Belton, George Garcia, and Kyle Pettit
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Clara Jiménez, and Councilmembers Juan Ceja and Naila Duval
Staff Present: City Manager Debbie Zabell (CM Zabell), City Attorney Gary Cuillier (CA Cuillier), Chief of Police, Public Works Superintendent Shaun Burgess, City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas)

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

Councilmember Pettit moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez and Councilmember Duval from the July 7, 2022, Special Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PURPOSE

Mayor Saavedra recited the purpose of the Special Meeting to be the following:

1. Call To Order/Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Library HVAC
5. Discussion on Establishing Graffiti and Code Enforcement Programs
6. Executive Session: [RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)]
Purpose: Personnel
Time: 10 minutes
Action: No action
7. Executive Session: [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)]
Purpose: Litigation
Time: 20 minutes
Action: Potential action
8. Adjournment

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Pettit moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the July 7, 2022 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

LIBRARY HVAC

IPWS Burgess noted staff efforts to receive bids from three HVAC companies on the Small Works Roster to replace the HVAC system in the library. The City was notified by the library on June 27, 2022, that for their staff safety and concerns with high temperatures the library will close while there is no air conditioning.

Councilmember Pettit moved, seconded by Councilmember Belton to authorize the City Manager to sign the HVAC Proposal with Bruce Inc. HVAC for the installation of heat pumps at the library in the amount of \$23,830.00. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON ESTABLISHING GRAFFITI AND CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

CM Zabell noted staff efforts regarding graffiti abatement and enhanced code enforcement in the community. CEO Shaul has reviewed the Toppenish Municipal Code relating to graffiti and general code enforcement and compared it with other communities. The proposed graffiti abatement program would be funded 25% from the Special Project Fund. Staff proposes to establish a graffiti abatement program and to establish a code enforcement program similar to City of Sunnyside. The proposed program would give CEO Shaul a limited (police) commission to write enforcement tickets that would be processed through the City’s municipal court.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:25 p.m. Mayor Saavedra called for Council to go into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for 10 minutes with no action.

At 6:35 p.m. Mayor Saavedra reconvened the special session back to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

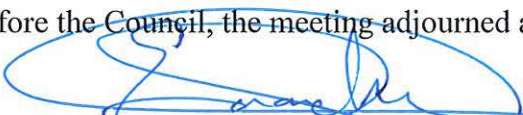
At 6:35 p.m. Mayor Saavedra called for Council to go into Executive Session for the purpose of litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 20 minutes with potential action.

At 6:55 p.m. Mayor Saavedra reconvened the special session back to order.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.


HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK


ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR