

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**June 15, 2020**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Mark Oaks, and Councilmembers Loren Belton and Clara Jiménez.

Remote Attendees: Mayor Pro Tem Elpidia Saavedra, Councilmembers Naila Duval, and George Garcia.

Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas), and Mid Valley Television Manager Judy Devall.

Remote Staff: Chief of Police Curt Ruggles.

## **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.

## **CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE INTERVIEW, POSITION 2**

Mayor Oaks announced that City Council will be interviewing City Council candidate Juan Ceja; and explained the interview process. The Council queried the candidate s regarding several issues before going into a Remote Executive Session.

## **REMOTE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Oaks called for an executive session to be held at 6:15 p.m. Mayor Oaks stated the purpose of the executive session was to evaluate the qualifications of the candidate for appointment to fill the City Council vacancy pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (h). The approximate time for the Executive Session is 15 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 action would be taken when the Regular Session reconvened. The three remote City Councilmembers logged out of the GoToWebinar meeting and logged into another meeting for the executive session.

Mayor Oaks reconvened the special council meeting back to order at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Oaks opened nominations.

Councilmember Duval nominated Candidate Ceja. Councilmember Garcia seconded the nomination.

Mayor Oaks closed nominations.

### Roll Call Vote:

CC Riojas conducted a roll call vote for the nomination for Candidate Ceja:

- Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra – Yes
- Councilmember Duval – Yes
- Councilmember Garcia – Yes
- Councilmember Belton – Yes
- Councilmember Jiménez – Yes
- Mayor Oaks – Yes

Candidate Ceja was selected to fill vacant City Council Position 2 with six yes votes.

**SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED OFFICIAL**

CC Riojas noted that the administration of the Oath of Office to fill Position 2 on the Toppenish City Council for the remainder of the term until a qualified person is elected at the next election, would take place at City Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

  
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MARK OAKS, MAYOR

  
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HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK