

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2021

Mayor Oaks called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 that prohibit all in-person public comments. 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 Loren Belton, Juan Ceja, Naila Duval, George Garcia, and Clara Jiménez.
Remote Staff: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Administrative Services Director Debbie Zabell, and City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas).

CC Riojas conducted roll call for each City Councilmember to respond their attendance at the meeting. Mayor Oaks, Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra, and Councilmembers Belton, Ceja, Duval, Garcia, and Jiménez responded their remote attendance during roll call.

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Jiménez to approve the March 22, 2021 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

ADVANCE PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED BY 4:00 P.M. ON MARCH 22, 2021

CC Riojas noted the City received no public comments by the 4:00 p.m. deadline prior to the meeting.

UPDATE: WSDOT US 97 CORRIDOR INTERSECTION & SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Washington State Department of Transportation Engineer, Bob Hooker provided Council with an update on the progress with the proposed US 97 Corridor safety improvements to construct a roundabout at the McDonald Road/Becker Road intersection. In addition, he shared a video to educate the public how to safely travel in a roundabout.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve Consent Agenda items a through c:

- a. Approve Minutes of the March 8, 2021 Regular Council Meeting
- b. Approve Payroll Checks Number 35228 through 35237 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$222,889.41 dated March 18, 2021
- c. Approve Claims Checks Number 93409 through 93495 and EFTAP257 in the total amount of \$484,886.65 dated March 22, 2021

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Set Agenda for the April 5, 2021 Study Session.

It was the consensus of Council to receive the proposed updates to the Design and Construction Standards and Specifications for Public Works Improvements during the April 5, 2021 Study Session.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Belton had nothing to report.

Councilmember Garcia had nothing to report.

Councilmember Ceja had nothing to report.

Councilmember Jiménez reported that she, Councilmember Duval, City Manager Hoyt, and Planning Commissioner Hubert attended the virtual Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) General Membership meeting on March 17, 2021. Also, she shared that YVCOG will be hosting training opportunities in May offered by Ann Macfarlane with Jurassic Parliament.

Councilmember Duval reported her attendance at the YVCOG General Membership meeting on March 17, 2021.

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra had nothing to report.

Mayor Oaks had nothing to report.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

- Public Works projects
- Extreme Weather Shelter
- Attended YVCOG Virtual Open House on March 11, 2021 for the Shoreline Master Plan Update
- YVCOG Training Opportunities in May with Ann Macfarlane
- Attended virtual YVCOG General Membership meeting March 17, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



MARK OAKS, MAYOR



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK