

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Study Session Minutes**  
**March 5, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez and Mayor Pro Tem J. Eligio Jiménez, Councilmembers Mark Oaks, Gabriel Piñon, Naila Prieto, Elpidia Saavedra and Blaine Thorington.  
Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt, Police Chief Curt Ruggles (PC Ruggles) and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

**PRESENTATION BY YAKIMA VALLEY CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LARRY MATTSON**  
**REGARDING THE GOVERNANCE AGREEMENT**

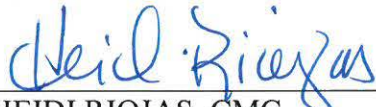
Larry Mattson, Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) Executive Director provided Council with an overview of YVCOG noting that they provide regional transportation planning organization for Yakima County. He further noted that YVCOG provides additional services including grant research and writing, trainings, strategic planning facilitation and a YVCOG annual conference through their Ala Carte Service, which is in addition to the City's current annual member assessment.

**RETROCESSION UPDATE**

Chief Ruggles (PC Ruggles) updated Council on the progress of an agreement between the State, the Tribe, the Sheriff's Office and the cities within the boundaries of the reservation, to work together on Retrocession issues. PC Ruggles noted that police officers use a matrix outlining the Department of Justice guidelines to determine which agency has jurisdiction on a criminal case. He further noted that Toppenish officers respond to all calls in the City and encouraged the Council to inform citizens to call the Police Department to report all crimes or suspicion of crimes if citizens approach them. Chief Ruggles explained the methods used to address the quality of life crimes caused by the homeless population. The City Council thanked Chief Ruggles for his report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

  
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HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK

  
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CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR