

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL

Study Session Minutes

May 4, 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: Mayor Pro Tem Elpidia Saavedra and Councilmembers Naila Duval, and George Garcia.
Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), Fire Chief Tim Smith, and City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas).
Remote Staff: Public Works Superintendent Rocky Wallace.

Resolution 2020-23: A Resolution Selecting the Site Location, the Design of the Buildings and Utilities and the Paving of the New Parking Lot for the New Public Works Buildings.

CM Hoyt noted that Council received a copy of the proposed site location detailing the design for the new buildings, the utilities, and the new parking lot. He explained that the alternate parking area will be an option if bids come in favorable. CM Hoyt advised that the City's insurance company is requiring this document in order to proceed with the insurance settlement process.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Belton to approve Resolution 2020-23. Motion carried unanimously.

Receive Resignation Letter from Blaine Thorington After Serving on the Toppenish City Council Since August 25, 1997.

CM Hoyt recited the resignation letter he received from Blaine Thorington with an effective date of April 28, 2020. It was noted that Mr. Thorington served on the Toppenish City Council since August 25, 1997.

Review Recruitment Process to Fill the City Council Vacancy.

CC Riojas noted that Council received a draft of the announcement to be used for the recruitment. It was the consensus of Council to advertise for three weeks with a deadline of 5:00 p.m. on June 10, 2020. The applicants will be interviewed remotely, if Governor Inslee extends the Emergency Proclamation due to COVID-19, during a Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on June 15, 2020.

Select Mayor Pro-Tempore for 2020 and 2021.

Mayor Oaks called for nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Belton nominated Councilmember Saavedra as the Mayor Pro Tem for 2020 and 2021. There being no further nominations, Mayor Oaks closed nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tem. The roll call vote was unanimous to elect Councilmember Saavedra as Mayor Pro Tem from May 4, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

Select Members to Fill Vacancies for 2020 and 2021 for the following:

- a. **Boards and Commissions Selection Committee**
- b. **Cable Regulation Board Alternate**
- c. **Public Safety Committee**

It was the consensus of Council to post-pone filling the vacancies until the new Councilmember is appointed.

CM Hoyt updated Council on the outcome of the phone conference with BNSF to discuss train track repairs.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.



MARK OAKS, MAYOR



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