

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL

Study Session Minutes

November 4, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez, Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Naila Duval, Mark Oaks, Elpidia Saavedra and Blaine Thorington.

Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Finance Director Debbie Zabell, Chief of Police Curt Ruggles and City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

RECEIVE PHASE 2 UPDATE FROM MARTIN CHAW, PROJECT MANAGER FCS GROUP ON THE COST OF SERVICE RATE STUDY AND PROJECTED UTILITY RATES FOR NEXT THREE YEARS

Project Manager Martin Chaw and Project Consultant Melanie Hobert with FCS Group presented Council with the results and recommendations from the completed Cost of Service Rate Study for water, sewer and solid waste utility rates. Based on the findings, FCS Group recommends Council make adjustments to the rate structures for each utility to collect the target revenue level for each class of service based on use in order to meet the goals and objectives for the utilities. The FCS

Group recommendation is to apply a 4% increase to the rates for water, sewer and solid waste for 2020-2022. It was the consensus of Council to increase the solid waste fees for overfill and callback charges starting at \$15 for 90 -gallons, \$20 for 300 gallons, \$25 for 350 gallons and \$30 for 420 gallons, along with the 4% rate increases for 2020-2022.

RECEIVE 2020 PRELIMINARY BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

FD Zabell noted the budget adjustments for the 2020 Preliminary Budget reflected in the Criminal Justice Fund and the General Fund for IT Services. It was the consensus of Council to receive updated budget pages at the November 12, 2019 Regular Meeting.

At 6:38 p.m., Mayor C. Jiménez adjourned the open meeting for Council and staff to have a 6-minute break.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:44 p.m., Mayor C. Jiménez called for an Executive Session for the purpose of meeting with legal counsel for labor negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a). The approximate time for the Executive Session is 45 minutes, with no action anticipated at the conclusion of the Executive Session.


Mayor C. Jiménez called the regular session back to order at 7:29 p.m. at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK



CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR