

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
November 6, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez and Councilmembers J. Eligio Jiménez, Mark Oaks,
Blaine Thorington and Angelica Walle.
Absent: Councilmember Gabriel Piñon and Derald Ortloff.

Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt, Finance Director/City Clerk Debbie Zabell, Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas, Accounting Manager Jamison Horner, Finance Technician Liliana Torres, Finance Technician Angela Dean and Customer Service Clerk Faviola Gil.

Councilmember J. Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Walle to excuse Councilmember Piñon and Councilmember Ortloff from the November 6, 2017 Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Accounting Manager Horner introduced new employees Liliana Torres, Angela Dean and Faviola Gil to Council. She indicated that these new employees work in the Finance Department and are tremendous assets for the department.

RECEIVE 2018 PRELIMINARY BUDGET UPDATE

FD Zabell distributed 2018 Preliminary Budget updates for Council for the recreation and MVTV budgets. She explained that the increase for recreation program costs were do to the redistributing of the line items within the recreation budget for supplies and costs. In addition, FD Zabell noted that the underestimation of the 2017 Budget by roughly \$4,000 for the fall soccer program. FD Zabell updated Council that Director Cole has an increase for the new mentoring program that he is working on establishing for next year. She further noted that the update for the MVTV budget is the listing of the capital outlay costs.

RECEIVE PUBLIC WORKS FIRE UPDATE

CM Hoyt noted that Russell Crane removed the fire damaged Public Works Shop building and Tri Valley removed the 1930's underground tanks from the site. He updated Council that the City is awaiting the results of the soil testing before the project completion.

CM Hoyt provided updates on the West 2nd Avenue – Phase 1 Project and the ribbon cutting for the Toppenish/Zillah bridge at 10:00 a.m. on November 29, 2017.

CM Hoyt updated Council on the park winterization and vandalism at Flag Pole Plaza and the visitor center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK



CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR