

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
October 2, 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, Gabriel Piñon, Blaine Thorington and Angelica Walle.
Absent: Councilmembers Mark Oaks and Derald Ortloff.
Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt, Finance Director/City Clerk Debbie Zabell and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilmember Walle moved, seconded by Councilmember J. Jiménez to excuse Councilmember Oaks and Councilmember Ortloff from the October 2, 2017 Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS BY CITY MANAGER AND
FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK REGARDING 2018 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

City Manager Hoyt (CM Hoyt) presented the proposed 2018 Preliminary Budget and recited the budget message that included significant changes from the previous year concerning revenues and expenditures. He further noted that the City Council will be discussing the 2018 Preliminary Budget in future Council meetings.

FD Zabell summarized the sections of the budget and noted a brief overview of estimated revenues for property taxes.

**SET OCTOBER 23, 2017 AS THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
REVENUE SOURCES AND THE 2018 TAX LEVY.**

Councilmember Walle moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to set October 23, 2017 as the date for a public hearing regarding revenue sources and the 2018 Tax Levy. Motion carried unanimously.

**SET OCTOBER 23, 2017 AS THE DATE FOR THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2018 PRELIMINARY BUDGET.**

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember J. Jiménez to set October 23, 2017 as the date for the first public hearing regarding the proposed 2018 Preliminary Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

**SET NOVEMBER 27, 2017 AS THE DATE FOR THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2018 FINAL BUDGET.**

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember J. Jiménez to set November 27, 2017 as the date for the final public hearing regarding the proposed 2018 Final Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor C. Jiménez called for an executive session to be held at 5:38 p.m. The Mayor stated that the purpose of the executive session was to discuss the City Manager evaluation and compensation and that the executive session would convene for 60 minutes or less. Mayor C. Jiménez also stated that action is anticipated when the Regular Session reconvened.

Mayor C. Jiménez called the regular session back to order at 6:38 p.m. (No audience was present before or after the executive session.)

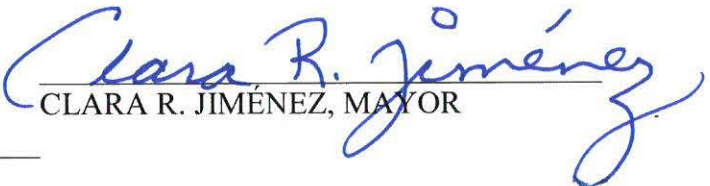
CM Hoyt summarized the upcoming 2018 budget process to include presentations from Department Directors and receive Utility Rates Update from Ted Pooler, P.E. with Huijbregtse Louman Associates, Inc. He noted that the proposed 2018 Preliminary Budget includes projected increases of 5% for water, 2% for sewer and 0% for garbage.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK



CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR