

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
October 7, 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, Elpidia Saavedra and Blaine Thorington.

Absent: Councilmember Mark Oaks.

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

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Saavedra to excuse Councilmember Oaks from the October 7, 2019 Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Thorington arrived at 5:02 p.m.

PRESENTATION BY TONY MILLER, DIRECTOR OF YAKIMA COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) TO DISCUSS YAKIMA COUNTY'S CURRENT EMS DELIVERY SYSTEM

EMS Director Tony Miller along with FC Smith, presented Council with the current state of the EMS delivery system that is not meeting the demands of Yakima County residents. The Yakima County Commissioners require a letter of support from all Cities to proceed with implementing a Request for Proposals for single ambulance service providers to make changes to meet the demands of all Yakima County residents.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez for the City to send a letter of support to the Yakima County Commissioners to implement the RFP to locate single ambulance service provider to meet the demands of all Yakima County residents. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:20 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 one hour, possible action will be taken at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Mayor C. Jiménez called the regular session back to order at 6:20 p.m. at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Mayor C. Jiménez stated another Executive Session will be held November 4, 2019 to continue the discussion for labor negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK



CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR