

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 23, 2025**

Mayor Pro Tem Belton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Attendees: Mayor Pro Tem Loren Belton and Councilmembers Naila Prieto Duval, George Garcia, Josh Garza Ron Hull, and Cristian Sanchez.  
Absent: Mayor Elpidia Saavedra.  
Staff: City Manager Dan Ford, City Attorney Daniel B. Heid, Public Safety Director Joseph Mehline, Budget and Finance Director Adam Vaughn, Public Works Supervisor Daniel Musgrave, IT Services Manager Van Donley, City Clerk Heidi Riojas, and Communications Manager Sean Davido.

City Clerk Riojas conducted roll call for each City Councilmember to respond their attendance at the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Belton, and Councilmembers Prieto Duval, Garcia, Garza, Hull, and Sanchez responded their attendance during roll call. Mayor Saavedra was not present at the meeting.

Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to excuse Mayor Saavedra from the June 23, 2025, Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CC Riojas clarified the attendance record for the June 2, 2025, Study Session. She noted that Councilmember Garza had emailed prior to the meeting to notify of his absence; however, during the meeting she incorrectly stated that he had not contacted staff.

Councilmember Garcia moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to excuse Councilmember Garza from the June 2, 2025, Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Councilmember Garza to approve the June 23, 2025, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION**

**End of Legislative Session Report Presentation - Gordon Thomas Honeywell.**

Emily Shay with Gordon Thomas Honeywell provided an overview of the 2025 Legislative Session. She shared the amounts the City was allocated in the Capital Budget with \$2.05 million for the sludge dryer installation project at the WWTP, and \$515,000 for the renovation of the new public safety building.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The City Council received no comments from the public during the meeting.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Garza moved, seconded by Councilmember Hull to approve Consent Agenda items a through d:

- a. Approve Minutes of the June 9, 2025, Regular Meeting.
- b. AB 25-053: [Proposed] Resolution 2025-42, Approve Transfer of Ownership of Event Tables.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 37300 through 37306 and Electronic Transfers DFT119 through DFT126 in the total amount of \$286,357.81 dated June 23, 2025.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 37176 through 37299, 37307, 37308, and Bank Draft DFT118 in the total amount of \$845,425.93 dated June 23, 2025, and void Check NR37139.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**Public Hearing Regarding Amending and Adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the Years 2025 through 2030, and 2026 through 20231: Presentation by Public Works Supervisor Daniel Musgrave.**

Mayor Pro Tem Belton opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

PWS Musgrave noted the public hearing was required for the amendment and adoption of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the years of 2025 through 2030, and and 2026 through 20231. He noted that Mick Monken, PE, consultant with GMP, was available to answer any questions. PWS Musgrave first spoke to the amendment to add the street sweeper. He discussed the 17 proposed projects that include: Jackson Street Extension Improvements; Street Sweeper Equipment Procurement, West First Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvements, Washington Avenue Safety Improvements, South Toppenish Avenue Improvements, Asotin Avenue Roundabout, East Toppenish Avenue Improvements – Phase 1, East Toppenish Avenue – Phase 2, Buena Way Safety Improvements, Asotin Avenue and SR 22 Intersection Improvements, Second and First Avenue Improvements, First Avenue Improvements, Asotin Avenue Improvements, G Street Improvements, Fraley Road Improvements, King and Rentschler Local Improvement District, and Berger Lane Local Improvement District.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor Pro Tem Belton closed the hearing at 7:30 p.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2025-43: A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for the City of Toppenish for the Street Sweeper Equipment Procurement Project and Establish an Effective Date.**

Councilmember Garza moved, seconded by Councilmember Hull to approve Resolution 2025-43. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2025-44: A Resolution Approving the Adoption of the 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program, and Establish an Effective Date.**

Councilmember Garza moved, seconded by Councilmember Hull to approve Resolution 2025-44. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2025-45: A Resolution Approving the Adoption of the City of Toppenish Commute Trip Reduction Four Year Plan Update: 2025-2029 in Accordance with Chapter 70A.15 RCW, and Recognizing Approval by the Washington State Department of Transportation and Establish an Effective Date.**

Councilmember Prieto Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve Resolution 2025-45. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item pulled at the request of the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic – City Manager Ford will provide comment.**

CM Ford mentioned that, at the last minute, the City received an email from Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic (YVFWC) requesting the removal of the item. As a result, YVFWC will no longer pursue the 2025 lease for operating and using the Toppenish swimming pool facilities.

**Mayor Pro Tem Belton Read Ordinance 2025-05 Into the Records: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Creating A New Chapter 2.82 of the Toppenish Municipal Code Relating to Notice of Civil Trespass for Public Property, Providing for a Severability Clause and Establishing an Effective Date.**

Councilmember Garza moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to adopt Ordinance 2025-05. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The City Councilmembers provided reports of their activities since the last meeting and community announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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LOREN BELTON, MAYOR PRO TEM

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