

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2025

Mayor Saavedra called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendees: Mayor Elpidia Saavedra, Mayor Pro Tem Loren Belton, and Councilmembers Naila Prieto Duval, George Garcia, Josh Garza, Ezequiel Morfin, and Cristian Sanchez

Staff: City Manager Dan Ford, City Attorney Daniel B. Heid, Public Safety Director Joseph Mehline, Budget and Finance Director Adam Vaughn, Interim Public Works Director Shaun Burgess, Community Economic Development Director Andrew Hattori, 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 Saavedra, Mayor Pro Tem Belton, and Councilmembers Prieto Duval, Garcia, Garza, Morfin, and Sanchez responded their attendance during roll call. was not present at the meeting.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve the February 10, 2025, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City Council did not receive comments from the public during the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Garza to approve Consent Agenda items a through d:

- a. Approve Minutes of the January 27, 2025, Regular Meeting
- b. Approve Minutes of the February 3, 2025, Study Session
- c. Approve Payroll Check Numbers 36920 through 36927 and Electronic Transfers EFTPR3431 through EFTPR3443 in the total amount of \$211,447.59 dated February 7, 2025 and void check NR36905
- d. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 100212 through 100281 and Bank Drafts DFT14 through DFT16 in the total amount of \$224,893.93 dated February 10, 2025, and void checks R99787, R100015, and R99798.

Motion carried. Councilmember Morfin voted no.

Councilmember Morfin shared details of the reason for his absence on February 3, 2025 and did not approve item b.

Mayor Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to have a 5-minute recess, second. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Council had a 5-minute recess from 7:09 p.m. to 7:14 p.m.

Councilmember Morfin moved, seconded by Councilmember Prieto Duval to reconsider Councilmember Morfin's absence from February 3, 2025. Motion failed. Mayor Saavedra, Mayor Pro Tem Belton, and Councilmembers Garcia, Garza, and Sanchez voted no.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2025-01 Into the Records: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Amending Sections 2.30.10, 2.32.050, and 2.33.050 of the Toppenish Municipal Code to Clarify What Topics May be Presented to Advisory Committees and Commissions, Providing For Severability and Establish an Effective Date.

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to adopt Ordinance 2025-01. Motion carried. Councilmember Prieto Duval voted no.

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2025-02 Into the Records: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Amending Section 2.30.110 of the Toppenish Municipal Code to Limit the Number of Members of the Planning Commission to Five Commissioners, Providing For Severability and Establish an Effective Date.

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to adopt Ordinance 2025-02. Motion carried. Councilmembers Prieto Duval and Morfin voted no.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

With no quorum present the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK