

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Study Session Minutes**  
**March 3, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Attendees: Mayor Elpidia Saavedra, Mayor Pro Tem Loren Belton, and Councilmembers Naila Prieto Duval, George Garcia, Ezequiel Morfin, and Cristian Sanchez  
Absent: Councilmember Josh Garza  
Staff: City Manager Dan Ford (CM Ford), City Attorney Daniel Heid, Budget and Finance Director Adam Vaughn, Public Safety Director Joseph Mehline, Community and Economic Development Director Andrew Hattori, Deputy Police Chief Jonathan Schwarzer, Information Technology Services Manager Van Donley, and City Clerk Heidi Riojas

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, Morfin and Sanchez responded their attendance during roll call. Councilmember Garza was not present at the meeting.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Councilmember Sanchez moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the March 3, 2025, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS UPDATE**

CM Ford noted there were no public comments for staff in February 2025.

**DISCUSSION**

**Resolution 2025-12: A Resolution Relating to the Toppenish City Council, Replacing The Governance Manual - Rules Of Procedures for the Toppenish City Council, and Repealing Resolution No. 2019-29**

Councilmember Prieto Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Morfin to continue this discussion to the April 7, 2025, Study Session. Motion failed. Mayor Saavedra, Mayor Pro Tem Belton, and Councilmembers Garcia and Sanchez voted no.

Mayor Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve Resolution 2025-12. Motion carried. Councilmembers Prieto Duval and Morfin voted no.

**Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2025-03 Into the Records: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Amending Section 2.05.050 of the Toppenish Municipal Code Relating to Procedural Rules.**

Mayor Saavedra moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Belton to adopt Ordinance 2025-03. Motion carried. Councilmembers Prieto Duval and Morfin voted no.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK