

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**February 24, 2025**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Attendees: Mayor Elpidia Saavedra and Councilmembers Naila Prieto Duval, George Garcia, Josh Garza, Ezequiel Morfin, and Cristian Sanchez  
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Loren Belton  
Staff: City Manager Dan Ford, City Attorney Daniel B. Heid, Public Safety Director Joseph Mehline, Interim Public Works Supervisor Dan Musgraves, Community Economic Development Director Andrew Hattori, IT Services Manager Van Donley, Finance Technician Yeni Salcedo, 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, and Councilmembers Prieto Duval, Garcia, Garza, Morfin, and Sanchez responded their attendance during roll call. Mayor Pro Tem Belton was not present at the meeting.

Councilmember Garcia moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Belton from the February 24, 2025, Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Councilmember Garza moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the February 24, 2025, Agenda. Motion carried. Councilmembers Prieto Duval and Morfin voted no.

Councilmember Prieto Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Morfin to remove item 5d from the agenda. Motion failed. Mayor Saavedra and Councilmembers Garcia, Garza, and Sanchez voted no.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The City Council received comments from the public during the meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Garza moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve Consent Agenda items a through c:

- a. Approve Minutes of the February 10, 2025, Regular Meeting

- b. Approve Payroll Check Numbers 36928 through 36935 and Electronic Transfers EFTPR3444 through EFTPR3453 in the total amount of \$301,977.23 dated February 21, 2025
- c. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 100282 through 100331 and Bank Draft DFT23 in the total amount of \$385,756.11 dated February 24, 2025 and void checks NR100050, NR100082, NR100113, and NR100324

Motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Report a Pothole**

Communications Manager Davido updated Council on the new Report a Pothole program for the public to participate in reporting potholes needing to be filled.

### **Resolution 2025-07: A Resolution Approving the City Manager to Purchase a 2025 Mack Heil Durapack Body and Rail Collection Arm.**

Councilmember Garza moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve Resolution 2025-07. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution 2025-08: A Resolution Amending Contract 090329-TTI Between Tyler Technologies, Inc. and the City of Toppenish, Washington, for Financial and Other City Software.**

Councilmember Garza moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution 2025-08. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution 2025-09: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Censuring Councilmembers Morfin and Prieto Duval for Action Related to the Toppenish City Council Meeting of January 27, 2025.**

Mayor Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution 2025-09. Motion failed. Councilmembers Prieto Duval, Morfin, and Garza voted no.

### **Resolution 2025-10: A Resolution Approving CKJT Architects PLLC Contract Amendments – 220 West 1st Avenue, Police Facility Design and Remodel Project for the City of Toppenish, Washington.**

Councilmember Prieto Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Morfin to approve Resolution 2025-10. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution 2025-11: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Declaring a State of Emergency to Make Immediate Repairs for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.**

Councilmember Garza moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve Resolution 2025-11. Motion carried unanimously.

## **COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:46 p.m., Mayor Saavedra called for the room to clear for Council to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The Executive Session started at 8:47 p.m. The approximate time for the Executive Session is 5 minutes with no action anticipated.

At 8:52 p.m., Mayor Saavedra reconvened the regular session back to order.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR

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