

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
January 6, 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, and Josh Garza
Absent: Councilmembers Ezequiel Morfin and Cristian Sanchez
Staff: City Manager Dan Ford (CM Ford), City Attorney Daniel Heid, Public Safety Director Joseph Mehline, Budget and Finance Director Adam Vaughn, Interim Public Works Director Shaun Burgess, Community and Economic Development Director Andrew Hattori, 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, and Garza, responded their attendance during roll call. Councilmembers Morfin and Sanchez were not present at the meeting.

Councilmember Prieto Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to excuse Councilmembers Morfin and Sanchez from the January 6, 2025, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the January 6, 2025, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS UPDATE

CM Ford updated Council on the public comments received in December 2024, regarding support of the Regional Fire Authority and a development services item.

RECEIVE UPDATES FROM COMMITTEE CHAIR

Councilmember Prieto Duval provided an overview of the December 16, 2024 Public Safety Committee meeting by summarizing the Police and Fire reports and highlighting the successful use of the Flock cameras and K-9 Grom.

DISCUSSION

Receive Comments from CQC Scholarship Applicant, Frances Tilley.

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the nomination of Frances Tilley for the AWC Center for Quality Community Scholarship. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025-01: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington Approving Purchase of Software and Services From N-Able to Provide Disaster Recovery, Monitoring and Security Services for the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Prieto Duval to approve Resolution 2025-01. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025-02: A Resolution of the City Council of the City Of Toppenish, Washington, Amending the Lobby Hours at the Toppenish Police Department Business Office And Fixing a Time When the Same Shall be Effective.

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Garza to approve Resolution 2025-02. Motion carried. Councilmember Prieto Duval voted no.

Select Yakima Valley Conference of Governments Member and Alternate for 2025 (Current Member: Prieto Duval, Alternate: Garcia).

Councilmember Prieto Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Garza to reappoint Councilmember Prieto Duval as member and Councilmember Garcia as alternate to serve as the City's 2025 representatives with Yakima Valley Conference of Governments. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:38 p.m., Mayor Saavedra called for the Council to go into Executive Session to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The approximate time for the Executive Session is 30 minutes with anticipated action.

At 5:40 p.m., Council started its Executive Session after all the members of the public left the chambers.

At 6:10 p.m., Mayor Saavedra reconvened the regular session back to order.

Councilmember Prieto Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to for the City to extend City Manager Ford's contract for one year with a 3% increase, and an adjustment to the vehicle allowance. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK