

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Study Session Minutes**  
**April 5, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Blaine Thorington and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Clara Jiménez, Christina Kwan, Derald Ortloff, and Randy Taylor.  
Absent: Councilmember Mark Oaks.  
Staff City Manager William C. Murphy and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk  
Present: Heidi Riojas.

**MEETING WITH BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TOPPENISH CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE AND JOHN COOPER, DIRECTOR OF YAKIMA VALLEY VISITORS  
AND CONVENTION BUREAU**

John Cooper, Director of Yakima Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau (VCB) reported to Council and the Board of Directors of the Toppenish Chamber of Commerce the function and benefit of VCB for the community. Mr. Cooper stated the VCB partners with the Chamber and the City to market tourism for the community and the Yakima Valley, which creates an additional 1,800 jobs for Yakima County to support various industries, which include construction, education, finance, food processing, insurance, real estate, and wholesale trade. A few of the new Chamber Board of Directors described the new event ideas that are in the talking stage to attract more tourists to the community.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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BLAINE R. THORINGTON, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK