

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2010

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Blaine Thorington and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Clara Jiménez, Christina Kwan, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, and Randy Taylor.
Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy (CM Murphy), Public Works Director Lance Hoyt, Building Official/City Planner William Rathbone, Court Administrator Wendy Gano, City Interpreter Jorge Villaseñor, MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

WELCOME NEW CITY EMPLOYEES

Introduction of Wendy Gano, New Court Administrator and William Rathbone, New Building Official/City Planner.

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) introduced Court Administrator Wendy Gano and Building Official/City Planner William Rathbone as the newest employees with the City. The Council welcomed Court Administrator Gano and Building Official/City Planner Rathbone to the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to approve Consent Agenda items a through c:

- a. Approve Minutes of the January 25, 2010 Regular Meeting.
- b. Approve Payroll Vouchers Number 28983 through 29071 in the total amount of \$183,604.77 dated January 31, 2010, and void check numbers 28895 through 28982
- c. Approve Claims Vouchers Number 69778 through 69872 in the total amount of \$138,516.82 dated February 8, 2010.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by Public Works Director Lance Hoyt regarding Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

Public Works Director Hoyt reported that the proposed amendment to the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) will provide the addition of the Franklin Avenue Improvement Project. In order to make the project eligible to receive ARRA funding it must be included in the City's Six Year TIP. CM Murphy explained that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) is stimulus funding provided by the Federal Government,

which was the source of funds used for street improvements to Washington Avenue and Toppenish Avenue.

Set February 22, 2010 for the Public Hearing to Amend the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

CM Murphy reported that a public hearing is required to make an amendment to the Six Year TIP, which will be held on February 22, 2010. The required notice will be published in the newspaper.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to set a Public Hearing to be held on February 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to receive comments from the public regarding a proposed amendment to the City of Toppenish Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for March 1, 2010 Study Session to be a Tour of the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

CM Murphy reported that Council will tour the Wastewater Treatment Facility, weather permitting, during the March 1, 2010 Study Session. Council decided to schedule a Special Meeting for 4:30 p.m. on March 1, 2010.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Belton and Councilmember Kwan reported that they attended the workshop co-sponsored by the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) and Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC) for Elected Officials on February 5, 2010 through February 6, 2010 in Yakima.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Murphy reported that AWC is sponsoring a Small City Round Up on March 24, 2010 in Granger. The entire Council indicated they would be attending the Small City Round Up.

CM Murphy stated that City Council approved the appointment of Bert Balderos to the Planning Commission and noted a minor correction to make his name Ish Balderas.

CM Murphy recited the decisions made by a consensus of opinion of the Sign Committee Members during their January 21, 2010 meeting, as follows: 1) to not change the Western Theme because it is not compatible with the murals; 2) to extend the boundaries of the Design Review District to include the entire City; 3) to prohibit strobe lights and rotating lights; 4) to permit all other interior or exterior sign lighting devices; 5) to not require wood and wood resembling products; 6) to have a sign ordinance to set minimal standards for fonts and colors, and quality of signs so they are maintained in good order; and 7) to permit and regulate folding signs on the sidewalks. CM Murphy reported the future topics for discussion, which concern zoning rules for districts, regulating temporary signs, effective date for changes to sign ordinance, and regulating control for exterior color of buildings in the downtown core area. CM Murphy stated that staff and the Councilmembers on the Sign Committee would review and discuss the proposed sign ordinance prior to it being presented to the Sign Committee Members for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

BLAINE R. THORINGTON, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK