

## TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL

### Study Session Minutes

January 7, 2008

#### I. CALL TO ORDER.

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

Present: Mayor William L. Rogers and Councilors Loren Belton, Fred Díaz, Ed Pacheco, Randy Taylor, Blaine Thorington, and Elaine Willman.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy, Public Works Director Lance Hoyt, Finance Director/City Clerk Linda B. Mead, Deputy Finance Director/City Clerk Debbie Zabell, MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

#### II. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

- A. Administer Oath of Office to Loren Belton, Ed Pacheco, and Randy Taylor for January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2011 term of office.

Finance Director/City Clerk Linda B. Mead administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Councilors Loren Belton, Ed Pacheco, and Randy Taylor for the January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2011 term of office.

#### III. ACTIVE AGENDA.

- A. Selection of Mayor.

Mayor Rogers called for nominations for the position of Mayor. Councilor Díaz nominated Councilor Belton.

**Councilor Thorington moved that the nominations for Mayor be closed; seconded by Councilor Willman; motion carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**Votes for the position of Mayor were as follows:**

**Councilor Belton: Councilors Belton, Díaz, Pacheco, Rogers, Taylor, Thorington, and Willman.**

Councilor Belton was elected as Mayor and began presiding over the meeting.

- B. Selection of Mayor Pro-Tempore.

Mayor Belton called for nominations for the position of Mayor Pro-Tempore. Councilor Willman nominated Councilor Rogers. Councilor Taylor nominated Councilor Thorington.

**Councilor Rogers moved that the nominations for Mayor Pro-Tempore be closed; seconded by Councilor Díaz; motion carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**Votes for the position of Mayor Pro-Tempore were as follows:**

**Councilor Rogers: Councilors Pacheco, Rogers, and Willman.**

**Councilor Thorington: Councilors Belton, Díaz, Taylor, and Thorington.**

Council Thorington was elected Mayor Pro-Tempore.

- C. Seating of the Council.

The Councilors, according to seniority, chose their seating arrangement.

City Manager Murphy announced that the Yakima Valley Credit Union would be having a groundbreaking ceremony at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at the Washington Avenue property.

#### **IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

A. City Manager evaluation and compensation. (Estimated time: approximately 45 minutes).

At 5:10 p.m., Mayor Belton announced that the Council would be going into executive session for approximately 45 minutes to discuss the City Manager evaluation and compensation. He stated that the Council might be returning to take action.

At 5:55 p.m., Mayor Belton announced that the Council would need to have an additional 10 minutes in executive session.

At 6:15 p.m., Mayor Belton announced that the Council would need to have an additional 10 minutes in executive session.

At 6:25 p.m., Mayor Belton announced that the Council would need to have an additional 10 minutes in executive session.

At 6:41 p.m., Mayor Belton reconvened the meeting in regular session.

**Councilor Taylor moved to increase the City Manager's salary by 25%, which would be \$6,562.50 per month, along with a contract extension to March 27, 2010, and a vacation increase to 13.33 hours per month, effective as of January 1, 2008; seconded by Councilor Willman; 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

Mayor Belton, Councilor Thorington, and City Manager Murphy informed Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Riojas that they would be attending the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments general membership meeting on Wednesday, January 16, 2008.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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LOREN O. BELTON, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK