

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Study Session Minutes**  
**June 1, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Loren Belton and Councilmen Al Hubert, Derald Ortloff, William Rogers, and Blaine Thorington.

Absent: Randy Taylor.

Staff City Manager William C. Murphy (CM Murphy), Public Works Director Lance

Present: Hoyt (PWD Hoyt), Special Projects Assistant Tom Kehm, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilman Hubert moved, seconded by Councilman Thorington to excuse Councilman Randy Taylor from the June 1, 2009 Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

**RECEIVE BRIEF UPDATE FROM WELLNESS COORDINATORS ANGIE  
HENDRICKS AND HEIDI RIOJAS ON THE WELLNESS PROGRAM. T.O.P.  
CHALLENGERS TAKE GROUP PICTURE**

Wellness Co-Coordinator Heidi Riojas reported the results from the T.O.P. Challenge, the Health Screening, and the Walk a Mile a Day in May. Ms. Riojas informed Council of the upcoming wellness activities through July 31, 2009.

Councilman Hubert moved, seconded by Councilman Ortloff to recess the meeting to complete the T.O.P. Challengers group picture. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Belton called the meeting back to order at 5:12p.m.

**PRESENTATION BY JULIE HEILMAN-SUAREZ FROM THE WASHINGTON  
STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING THE STRIPING  
FOR THE SR 22 PROJECT**

Public Works Director Lance Hoyt (PWD Hoyt) and Julie Heilman-Suarez with the Washington State Department of Transportation presented the proposed striping for the SR 22 project. PWD Hoyt reported that the major traffic striping and parking changes are from East McDonald Road to Washington Avenue. Ms. Heilman-Suarez explained in detail the ten proposed variations of the striping and parking options for the intersections of Fraley Road and Jefferson Avenue. The Council requested 8 feet for parking on the west side of the street and a 4 feet shy area on the east side of the street, along with 3 traffic lanes of 12 feet each to provide a turn lane. Ms. Heilman-Suarez stated that the turn radius will be improved at the intersection of Fraley Road. The Council discussed the parking restrictions between Goldendale Avenue and Franklin Avenue per the request of the Toppenish School District. Ms. Heilman-Suarez reported that the project is anticipated to go to bid in October 2009 and the project, depending upon the weather, will start in February 2010 and complete in 2011.

**RECEIVE UPDATE FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LANCE HOYT  
REGARDING THE DOWNTOWN STRIPING PROJECT**

PWD Hoyt reported on the progress of the downtown striping project to grind and resurface the areas of Toppenish and Washington Avenues in the downtown corridor and the alley behind Kraff's, and to remove and replace the sidewalk on the east side of South Toppenish Avenue in front of the old Pix Theater and replace a section of sidewalk on Washington Avenue. PWD Hoyt explained the process for splitting up the Federal and Local projects to include the repair of the alley behind Kraff's. The required completion date for both projects is October 1, 2009.

Mayor Belton reported that the Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency (YRCAA) is proposing to quadruple the annual assessment for 2010. Councilman Ortloff stated that the YRCAA has to define its position since it has no regulatory authority on the Yakama Reservation. City Manager Murphy agreed to send a letter to Selah Mayor Bob Jones to notify him that the City objects to the YRCAA proposed 2010 budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

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LOREN O. BELTON, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK