

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 24, 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), City Attorney Gary M. Cuillier, City Interpreter Jorge Villaseñor, MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) announced that an error on page two of the May 10, 2010 minutes needs to be corrected before signing by striking out the 8 and replace it with a 7 in two places that reference the executive session reconvene time and the meeting adjourn time.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to approve Consent Agenda items a through d, as corrected:

- a. Approve Minutes of the May 10, 2010 Meeting.
- b. Approve Pay Estimate #25 to Pacific Crest Construction for the WWTF Improvements Project in the total amount of \$95,641.09 and payment of retainage to escrow in the total amount of \$4,647.28.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 29653 through 29732 in the total amount of \$252,747.44 dated May 15, 2010.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Numbered 70436 through 70523 in the total amount of \$243,957.60 dated May 24, 2010 and void Check Number 70492.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by City Manager Regarding Public Safety Issues in City Parks to be Referred to the Public Safety Committee for their Recommendation of Action to be Taken.

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) reported that he has some concerns that need to be brought to the attention of the Public Safety Committee pertaining to public safety issues regarding the condition of the gazebo in Lincoln Park, the condition of the gazebo in Olney Park, and some criminal gang activity in one of the parks. CM Murphy requested that Council refer the matter to the Public Safety Committee for discussion during the June 21, 2010 meeting.

Councilmember Taylor moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to refer the public safety issues in City Parks to the Public Safety Committee for their recommendation of action to be discussed during the June 21, 2010 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Thorington reported that he and Councilmember Jiménez attended the Mayors' Meeting on May 20, 2010 in Toppenish.

Councilmember Jiménez reported that she attended the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments General Membership Meeting on May 19, 2010 in Sunnyside.

Councilmember Belton reported that he attended the public hearing on May 18, 2010 regarding the Gang Commission, and attended the Safety Symposium on May 22, 2010 at Legend's Casino.

Councilmember Kwan reported that she attended the Community Safety Network meeting on May 18, 2010.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Murphy reported the following to Council:

- Fire Chief Smith was successful in obtaining a FEMA grant for approximately \$45,000 to install an automatic fire suppression system at the fire station.
- Public Works Director Hoyt was successful in obtaining a Surface Transportation Program (STP-r) grant in the amount of \$432,000, which will be used for improvements to the portion of McDonald Road near its intersection with State Route 22 to be completed in connection with the Department of Transportation improvements project to State Route 22.
- Columbia Asphalt was recently given a Notice to Proceed for the Guyette Lane improvements project.
- Update regarding his meetings with representatives from the Yakima Valley Museum and the Yakama Nation Museum; the status of enlarging photos for display in the downtown area; and progress with the HOME Consortium and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Mayor Thorington called for two executive sessions to be held consecutively starting at 7:22 p.m. Mayor Thorington informed the public that the purpose of the first session was to discuss litigation that the City reasonably believes may be commenced by or against the City. Mayor Thorington stated that the executive session would convene for less than 5 minutes.

The purpose of the second executive session was to discuss litigation to which the City is a party, regarding a claim for assessments by the Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency and that the executive session would convene for less than 5 minutes.

Mayor Thorington announced that it was anticipated that no action would be taken when the Regular Session reconvened.

Mayor Thorington called the regular session back to order at 7:32 p.m. Mayor Thorington stated that no action would be taken at this time as a result of the two Executive Sessions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

BLAINE R. THORINGTON, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK