

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Study Session Minutes**  
**September 8, 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, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, William Rogers, Randy Taylor, and Blaine Thorington.

Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy (CM Murphy), Finance Director/City Clerk Linda Mead, Special Projects Assistant Tom Kehm, Building Official/Code Enforcement Officer Fletcher Scaife, Finance Technician/Utility Billing Clerk Annette Tweedy, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

**DECIDE ON PROPOSAL FOR 4-10 WORK WEEK**

City Manager Murphy reported that the City received 913 responses to the 4-10 survey that was sent out with the August utility billing statements. The final tally is 607 (66%) in favor, 126 (14%) against, and 180 (20%) neutral. CM Murphy explained that if the neutral votes of 180 were equally divided and then added to those in favor and against, the totals would be 697 (76%) in favor and 216 (24%) against.

Councilman Hubert moved, seconded by Councilman Oaks to change to a 4-10 work week for City Hall, starting October 1, 2009 and open to the public from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Motion carried. Councilmen Thorington and Taylor voted no.

**DISCUSS PROPOSED SIGN ORDINANCE CHANGES WITH PLANNING COMMISSION**

CM Murphy reported that all the Planning Commissioners had schedule conflicts, except Commissioner Lisle who was in the audience. It was the consensus of the Council to contact the business community for input on the proposed sign ordinance changes before the Council takes any action.

Councilman Taylor moved, seconded by Councilman Thorington to impose a 60-day sign moratorium for the purpose of getting input from existing business owners. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Belton called for an Executive Session to be held at 5:38 p.m. with the purpose of the Session to discuss interest in acquiring land and building, with the Session to last 20 minutes or less, and no action is expected to be taken upon returning to the Regular Session.

Mayor Belton called the meeting back to Regular Session at 5:58 p.m.

CM Murphy asked the Council about who will be attending the Yakima valley Conference of Governments General Meeting on September 16, 2009 in Zillah. Mayor Belton, Councilmen Hubert and Thorington responded that they will be attending the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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LOREN O. BELTON, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK