UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Union Gap, Washington August 25, 2025, Regular Meeting MINUTES

Call to Order

Mayor Hodkinson called the Regular Meeting of the Union Gap City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council Members Present

Council Members Dailey, Galloway, Wentz, Fredrickson, Schilling, and Sewell were present.

Staff Present

City Manager Cobb, City Attorney Rio, Interim Police Chief Santucci, Public Works & Community Development Director Cavanaugh, Finance & Administration Director Bisconer, and Civil Engineer Dominguez were present.

Audience Present

See attached list.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Fredrickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Regular Council Meeting Minutes, dated August 11, 2025, as attached to the agenda and maintained in electronic format

Claims Vouchers – EFT's, and Check No's 110846 through 110912 for August 25, 2025, in the amount of \$580,525.75

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works & Community Development

Resolution No. 25-64 — Central Washington Sounders: Letter of Intent Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to approve Resolution – 25-64 – Authorizing the City Manager to sign a letter of Intent to the Central Washington Sounders (CWS) regarding potential development of an outdoor soccer complex within Fullbright Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Council Member Dailey asked for any available information

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regarding the Greenway Park fire on August 21st, which involved the children's playground catching on fire. City Manager Cobb responded that he didn't have any information on this incident.

Council Member Schilling provided an overview of the recent Safety Committee meeting, noting that more than 50 participants attended virtually from across the state. The committee is currently preparing for its October meeting, which includes planning related to the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

City Manager

City Manager Cobb reported that staff is beginning the first phase of park improvements, including exploring public-private partnerships to support future facilities such as the soccer complex; Planning for Old Town Days 2026 is underway, with goals to restore participation to pre-COVID levels and add features such as live music and fireworks. Tourism promoter Eric Patrick will coordinate the event, and a \$30,000 LTAC funding request has been submitted; Council Members were asked to assist with planning and volunteer recruitment. Alternative entertainment options, including laser light shows and drone displays, were discussed; A conditional offer of employment for Police Chief was extended to Dustin Soptich, pending a background investigation, with an anticipated start date in late October or early November.

Items from the Audience

None.

Communications/Questions/Comments

Council Member Dailey reminded the Council that there will be no meeting on Monday, September 1st, due to the holiday and asked for a reminder to be emailed.

Development of Next Agenda

None.

Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Hodkinson adjourned the regular meeting at 6:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

Gregory Cobb, City Manager

Lynette Bisconer, City Clerk

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