

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Union Gap, Washington
January 13, 2013
MINUTES

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

Council Members Present Council Members Lenz, Carney, Olson, Matson, and Murr were present.

Excuse Council Member Motion by Council Member Lenz second by Council Member Carney to excuse Council Member Butler. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Present Public Works & Community Development Director Henne, Finance & Administration Director Clifton, Acting Public Safety Director Cobb, AP/PR Technician Bisconer, Acting Deputy Director for Public Works and Community Development Spurlock, City Manager Otterness, City Attorney Noe were present.

Audience Present See list.

Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Wentz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oath of Office City Manager Otterness administered the oath of office to Council Members Carney, Lenz, Olson, and Wentz.

Election of Mayor Council Member Lenz nominated Council Member Wentz to serve as Mayor. Council Member Carney nominated Council Member Olson to serve as Mayor. Roll Call was taken with Council Members Murr, Matson, Lenz and Wentz voting for Roger Wentz and Council Members Olson and Carney voting for Dan Olson. Council Member Dave Butler was absent. Council Member Wentz was elected as Mayor.

Election of Mayor Pro-Tem Council Member Carney nominated Council Member Olson to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem. Council Member Murr nominated Council Member Matson to serve as Mayor-Pro-Tem. Roll call was taken with Council Members Murr, Matson, Lenz and Wentz voting for Council Member Matson. Council Members Olson and Carney voted for Council Member Dan Olson. Council Member Butler was absent. Council Member Matson was elected as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Consent Agenda Motion by Council Member Murr second by Council Member Lenz to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated October 28, 2013.

Approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated December 2, 2013.

Approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated December 9, 2013

Approve EFT's and Claim Voucher Nos. 86791 through 86882 in the amount of \$375,478.09 dated December 23, 2013.

Approve EFT's and Payroll Vouchers Check Nos. 41065 through 41082 and 86883 through 86896 in the amount of \$436,423.46 issued and paid in the month of December, 2013.

Approve EFT's and Claim Voucher Nos. 86897 through 87019 in the amount of \$378,051.28 dated January 13, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

General Items

City Manager

Convention Bureau –
Request for Council
Appointment to Board.

John Cooper, President and CEO of the Yakima Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau presented a recommendation requesting that Mayor Wentz continue to serve as the Union Gap ex-officio member of the Bureau Board. Motion by Council Member Matson second by Council Member Murr to appoint Mayor Wentz as Union Gap ex-officio member of the board. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Works/Community
Development**

Resolution No. 14-01 –
Technical Assistance
Contract with Yakima
Valley Conference of
Governments (YVCOG)

Public Works and Community Development Director Henne recommended approval of the technical assistance contract. Motion by Council Member Olson second by Council Member Carney to adopt Resolution No. 14-01 approving technical assistance contract with Yakima Valley Conference of Governments. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 14-02 –
Stormwater Grant Program
Proviso Funding Agreement

Public Works/Community Development Director Henne recommended that the Council authorize execution of contract with the State Department of Ecology for receipt of a \$495,000.00 stormwater grant from the Department of Ecology for the Main Street Stormwater Improvement Project. Motion by Council Member Lenz second by Council Member Carney to adopt Resolution No. 14-02 authorizing the City Manager to sign an Agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology for FY 2014 a Stormwater Grant for the Main Street Stormwater Improvements project. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 14-03 —
Valley Mall Blvd.
Interchange

Motion by Council Member Carney second by Council Member Murr to adopt Resolution No. 14-03 authorizing execution of amendment to Turnback Agreement TB5-0060 with the Washington State Department of Transportation regarding the SR82 and Valley Mall Boulevard Interchange

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Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 14-04 –
Arterial Preservation Project
3-E-181(002)-1;

Motion by Council Member Lenz second by Council Member Carney to adopt Resolution No. 14-04 authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement between the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board and the City of Union Gap relating to Fuel Tax Grant funds for the FY 2015 Arterial Preservation Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 14-05 –
Main Street; Second St to
Franklin St; P-E-181(P01)-1

Motion by Council Member Olson second by Council Member Murr to adopt Resolution No. 14-05 authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement between the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board and the City of Union Gap relating to Fuel Tax Grant funds for the Main Street - Second Street to Franklin Street project. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 14-06 -
YVCOG General
Membership Primary and
Alternate Designation

Motion by Council Member Carney second by Council Member Murr to appoint Mayor Wentz as the primary representative of YVCOG. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Council Member Lenz second by Council Member Olson to elect Council Member Carney as the first alternate representative of YVCOG. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Council Member Olson second by Mayor Wentz to elect Sandy Dailey to serve as second alternate representative of YVCOG. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 14-07 -
Appoint TRANS-Action
Voting Delegate &
Alternates

Motion by Council Member Olson second by Council Member Lenz to appoint Public Works and Community Development Director Henne as primary voting delegate on TRANZ-Action. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Council Member Lenz second by Council Member Carney to appoint Council Member Olson as first alternate voting delegate on TRANZ-Action. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Council Member Olson second by Lenz to appoint Mayor Wentz as second alternate voting delegate on TRANZ-Action. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 14-08 -
Hearing Examiner Gary
Cullier Professional
Services Contract

Motion by Council Member Olson second by Council Member Lenz to adopt Resolution No. 14-06 authorizing the City Manager to sign a Professional Services Contract for Hearing Examiner with Gary Cuillier. Motion carried unanimously.

Main Street Revitalization
Project – Update

Public Works and Community Development Director Henne gave an update on the Main Street Revitalization project explaining the “Walk & Talk” meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2014 at the City of Union Gap Council Chambers at 1:00p.m.

Council

Council Committees –
Discussion

Mayor Wentz opened a discussion regarding Council Committees. Council Member Olson expressed his concern that minutes be taken during the

committee meetings. Mayor Wentz stated that he would like to hold committee meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m. and that all council members would be on each committee so that everybody heard the same things at the same time. He asked for further discussion at the next meeting.

Resolution No. 14-09 -
Proclaiming Martin Luther
King, Jr. Week January 19th
through January 25th, 2014

Motion by Council Member Murr second by Council Member Carney to adopt Resolution No. 14-07 proclaiming the week of January 19 through January 25, 2014 as Martin Luther King Jr. Week. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2842 – City
Hall Position Descriptions

City Manager Otterness gave an explanation as to the recent department reorganizations. Council Member Olson expressed concerns about the legality of the restructure. City Attorney Noe stated his opinion that the restructure was legal. Motion by Council Member Olson second by Council Member Murr to adopt Ordinance No. 2842 establishing position descriptions. Roll call was taken with Council Members Murr, Matson, Lenz, and Mayor Wentz voting yea and Council Members Olson and Carney voting nay. Motion passed.

Items from the Audience

John Hodkinson read from correspondence that he submitted to the Council criticizing the City’s Department reorganization.

City Manager Report

City Manager Otterness thanked Mike Brown & Julie Schilling for their organization of the Union Gap Christmas Parade and thanked Council Member Murr for his work with the year-end wellness dinner.

**Communications
Questions/Comments**

Traho Report

Mayor Wentz explained that the representatives from Traho Architects were unable to attend this meeting and hope they will be able to attend the first meeting in February 2014.

**Boards, Commission &
Standing Committee
Reports**

None reported.

**Development of the Next
Agenda**

The Council asked for salary recommendations for positions approved with Ordinance No. 2842.

**Recess to Executive
Session**

**Litigation Pursuant to RCW
42.30.110 (i); and
Contract and Labor
Negotiations Pursuant to**

At 7:14 Mayor Wentz recessed to an Executive Session for 20 minutes to discuss Contract and Labor Negotiations Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g) Mayor Wentz, Council Members, City Manager Otterness, Acting Public Safety Director Cobb and City Attorney Noe attended.

RCW 42.30.110(g)

Re-convened 7:34

Motion by Council Member Lenz second by Council Member Olson to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Association of Fire Fighters to authorize a 2% wage increase effective January 1, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Olson, second by Council Member Carney authorizing the City Manager to sign the proposed collective bargaining agreement with the Police Department Non-Uniformed Employees. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Otterness stated that as the result of contracting of municipal court services with Yakima County, Judge Northcott's services are no longer required although his contract runs through the end of the year. He requested that the Council authorize him to approve a payment to him equal to ten months of compensation rather than 12 months to settle the city's contract obligation to him. He noted that Judge Northcott has been cooperative and helpful throughout the transition period. Motion by Council Member Olson second by Council Member Lenz to approve 10 months compensation to resolve contract obligation. Motion approved with Council Member Carney voting no.

Adjournment of Meeting

At 7:35 p.m. Mayor Wentz adjourned the January 13, 2014, Regular Council Meeting.

Rodney Otterness, City Manager

ATTEST

Karen Clifton, City Clerk