

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Union Gap, Washington
October 13, 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 Foltz, Interim Police Chief Santucci, Fire Chief Markham, 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 Dailey 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 September 22, 2025, as attached to the agenda and maintained in electronic format

Claims Vouchers – EFT's, and Check No's 111058 through 111153 for October 13, 2025, in the amount of \$1,729,983.92

Petty Cash Vouchers – Voucher No. 1941 in the amount of \$120.00

Advance Travel Voucher – Check No. 1362 through 1371 in the amount of \$1,642.13

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance & Administration

Public Hearing - 2026 Ad Valorem Property Tax Levy

At 6:02 p.m., Mayor Hodkinson opened a Public Hearing to consider oral and written comments, to adopt a 2026 Ad Valorem Property Tax

Finance & Administration Director Bisconer gave a detailed

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overview of the 2026 Ad Valorem Property Tax. With no written or public testimony, Mayor Hodkinson closed the Public Hearing at 6:08 p.m.

Ordinance No. 3129 – 2026
Ad Valorem Property Tax
Levy

Motion by Council Member Dailey, second by Council Member Sewell to adopt Ordinance No. – 3129 – fixing the estimated amount of ad valorem taxes to be levied to meet the financial requirements of the City of Union Gap, Washington for the year 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works & Community
Development

Resolution No. 25-69 – Set
Public Hearing, South 10th
Avenue condemnation

Public Works & Community Development Director Cavanaugh gave a brief summary of proposed Resolution. Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to approve Resolution No. – 25-69 – setting a public hearing for November 24, 2025, to consider oral and written comments, for the South 10th Avenue condemnation. Motion carried unanimously.

Recess To 15-Minute
Executive Session

At 6:10 p.m., Mayor Hodkinson adjourned to a 15-minute Executive Session allowing to evaluate the qualification of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. The Council will be taking action after the executive session. Council Members, City Manager Cobb, and City Attorney Foltz attended. At 6:25 p.m. City Attorney Foltz extended the meeting by 5 minutes, and at 6:30 p.m., she extended it by an additional 5 minutes.

Reconvened Meeting

Mayor Hodkinson reconvened the regular meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Consider Approval of
Agreement

Resolution No. 25-70 – Fire

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member

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Protection Services

Sewell, to amend a Resolution to state that authorizes the City Manager to sign an interlocal agreement with Yakima County Fire District #4 for three years beginning January 1, 2026, ending December 31, 2028.

Voting on the motion – Ayes – Hodkinson, Sewell, Wentz, Galloway, Fredrickson, and Dailey. Nays – Schilling. Motion passes.

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Galloway, to approve Resolution No. - 25-70 – authorizing the City Manager to sign an Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County Fire District #4 for three years beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2028. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Council member Schilling reported that she attended the Emergency Management Forum in Wenatchee, and was impressed with cities dealing with fire situations, and suggested that Council Members read the report which she would be happy to share; Mayor Hodkinson stated that he attended the Mayor Meeting in Wenatchee and the Mayor from Moses Lake discussed AI moving into the area; Council Member Wentz reported that he attended a meeting with Yakima Valley Tourism, and they will be establishing an ambassador program that will help promote the community.

Items from the Audience:

None

City Manager Report

City Manager Cobb reported that the city received a \$36,000 grant from the Office of Public Defence; The Beltway sewer lift station contract was cancelled, as the contractor was not able to fulfil their obligation. A new bid process will take place to finish the project; Chief Soptich's first day will be Monday, October 20th; The AV system parts have been ordered to repair the Council Chambers audio and video system. Council Member Schilling inquired if it would be repaired prior to the Association of Cities of Washington holding training in December on campus. Cobb replied that AWC has been notified about the AV system, and a backup location can be used, but without an AV system; MultiCare will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 30th, and if four or more council members plan to attend advertisement must be done; Cobb stated that the audit entrance meeting will be held on Tuesday, October

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14th. Council Members Fredrickson and Galloway, and Mayor Hodkinson stated that they will be attending.

Communications/Questions/
Comments None.

Development of Next Agenda None.

Adjournment of Meeting Mayor Hodkinson adjourned the regular meeting at 6:46 p.m.



Gregory Cobb, City Manager

ATTEST:



Lynette Bisconer, City Clerk

6:00 P.M. – October 13, 2025

(Date)

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