

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Union Gap, Washington
November 14, 2016 Regular Meeting
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, Olson, Butler, Matson and Schilling were present. Council Member Carney attended telephonically.

Staff Present City Attorney Brown, City Manager Fisher-Maurer, Finance & Administration Director Clifton, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Bisconer, Public Works/Community Development Director Henne, Deputy Public Works/Community Development Director Spurlock, Police Chief Cobb and Fire Chief Stewart were present.

Audience Present See attached list.

Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Wentz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Regular Council Meeting Minutes, dated October 24, 2016, as attached to the Agenda and maintained in electronic format.

Payroll Vouchers – EFT’s and Voucher Nos. 41569 through 41576, and 93448 through 93460 for November, 2016 in the amount of \$349,005.69.

Claims Vouchers – EFT’s and Voucher Nos. 93447, and 93461 through 93581 for November 14, 2016, in the amount of \$1,468,797.19.

Petty Cash Vouchers – Check Nos. 1852 through 1853 for the Month of September, in the amount of \$875.00.

Advance Travel Vouchers – Check Nos. 1253 through 1254 for the Month of September, in the amount of \$400.63.

Motion carried unanimously.

Items from the Audience None.

General Items

Public Hearing At 6:01 Mayor Wentz opened a Public Hearing to consider oral and

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written comments regarding the 2017 Preliminary Budget. No written or verbal comments were received. Mayor Wentz closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

Police Department

Resolution No. 16-59 –
Traffic Safety Interagency
Agreement

Motion by Council Member Carney, second by Council Member Lenz to approve Resolution No. 16-59 authorizing the City Manager to sign an MOU with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission for overtime reimbursement relating to high visibility enforcement patrols. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 16-60 –
Yakima County Jail Contract

Motion by Council Member Butler, second by Council Member Olson to approve Resolution No. 16-60 authorizing the City Manager to sign a 2017 jail contract with Yakima County. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department

3rd Quarter Fire Department
Report

Chief Stewart presented the 3rd Quarter Fire Department Report and mentioned that there were no structural fires in the last quarter, and that the majority of the calls were EMS calls; three new entry-level firefighters have been hired; work is scheduled to begin for the installation of the exhaust extraction system for the apparatus bay at Station 96; and gave an update on the inspection process on occupancies within Union Gap.

Public Works/Community
Development

Public Works Community Development Director Henne thanked Chief Stewart for staff assisting with the Water Comp Plan.

Resolution No. 16-61 –
Setting Public Hearing –
Franchise Agreement

Motion by Council Member Butler, second by Council Member Lenz to approve resolution No. 16-61 setting a public hearing to consider the approval of a franchise agreement with Noel Communications Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

City Hall Sewer
Improvements

Public Works/Community Development Director Henne presented three engineer's opinions of cost options for the City Hall Sanitary Sewer Relocation. Motion by Council Member Olson to except Option A., second by Council Member Matson. Those Voting on the motion; Ayes – Olson, Matson and Schilling. Nays – Butler, Lenz, Carney and Wentz. Motion failed. Motion by Council Member Lenz to accept option C., second by Council Member Butler. Motion carried unanimously.

Yakima Valley Disc Golf
Club

Public Works/Community Development Director Henne presented exhibits and stated that the Park board and the Central Washington Ag Museum are in favour of a disk golf course at Fullbright Park and

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introduced Chris Rodriguez with the Eastern Chapter for discovering open spaces along with Jesse Ingram, Club President who gave an overview of the possibilities of having a disk golf course at Fullbright Park.

Finance and Administration

Ordinance No. - 2906 – 2017 Refund Levy Motion by Council Member Olson, second by Deputy Mayor Schilling to adopt Resolution No. 2906 for a refund of levy tax dollars collected by Yakima County per RCW 84.69.180 and to be added to the City’s 2017 refund levy. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. – 2907 – 2017 Ad Valorem Property Tax Motion by Council Member Olson, second by Council Member Matson to adopt Ordinance No. 2907 without 1% Increase 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 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager

Ordinance No. – 2908 – Salary Increase for Director of Finance and Administration Motion by Council Member Lenz, second by Council Member Carney to adopt Ordinance No. 2908 increasing the salary for the Finance and Administration Director position, to more closely align with the salaries of other City of Union Gap Director positions. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. – 2909 – 2017 Wage Increase for Non-Union Employees Motion by Council Member Olson, second by Council Member Lenz to adopt resolution No. 2909 authorizing a 2.55% increase in the salaries and wages for the City Manager, Director of Public Works and Community Development, Deputy Director of Public Works and Community Development, Director of Finance and Administration, and the Police Chief. Those voting on the motion; Ayes – Lenz, Olson, Butler, Matson, Schilling and Wentz. Nays – Carney. Motion passes.

Items from the Audience None.

City Manager Report City Manager Fisher stated that there is a tentatively agreed upon MOU for employees to work on Fridays. Mayor Wentz expressed his appreciation to the employees. Fisher stated that City Hall diagrams will be presented to Council December 5th, 2016; Chief Cobb and Fisher met with ESD 105 to discuss the 2017 Summer Youth Program and have expanded the program to six weeks; Dave Spurlock and Fisher met with Larry Matson in regards to transitions, Spurlock assisted in interview process and work should begin on Comp plan again in December; Attended the Ted Robinson dinner; Tires are gone at Fullbright Park; Attended the MPO YVCOG meeting; Meeting scheduled with Yakima

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Library Director, Kim Hixson; Meeting with City of Yakima staff to discuss boundary lines; Mayor Wentz and Fisher met with La Salle High School students at the request of Senior, Cidney Rowe, as a class project to discuss current world issues;

Communications/Questions/
Comments

None.

Development of next agenda

Library discussion.

Any other Business

None.

Recess to 30 – Minutes
Executive Session

At 6:59 p.m. Mayor Wentz announced a 30 minute executive session after 5 minutes to clear the room, to discuss litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i) and real estate, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(b); Mayor Wentz, Council Members, Council Member Carney telephonically, City Manager Fisher, City Attorney Brown, Finance and Administration Director Clifton, Public Works/Community Development Director Henne and Colm Nelson of Foster Pepper PLLC attended telephonically.

Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Wentz reconvened and adjourned the November 14, 2016 Regular Council Meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Arlene Fisher-Maurer, City Manager

ATTEST:

Karen Clifton, City Clerk