

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Union Gap, Washington
December 8, 2014
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, Butler, Matson and Murr were present.

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

Audience Present See list.

Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Wentz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated November 24, 2014 as attached to the agenda and maintained in electronic format.

Approve EFT's and Payroll Voucher Nos. 841306 through 41318 and 89106 through 89118 in the amount of \$384,086.93 dated November 26, 2014.

Approve EFT's and Claim Voucher Nos. 89119 through 89201 in the amount of \$234,449.21 dated December 8, 2014.

Approve Resolution No. 14-66 Authorizing employee participation in the DRS Deferred Compensation Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

Items from the Audience There were none.

General Items

Public Hearing - 2015 Preliminary Budget Mayor Wentz opened the public hearing on the 2015 Preliminary Budget. Finance and Administration Director Clifton summarized the proposed budget. No written or oral comments from the public were received. Mayor Wentz closed the public hearing.

Finance & Administration

Ordinance No. 14-63 – Adopt the 2015 Budget Motion by Council Member Lenz, second by Council Member Butler to adopt Resolution No. 14-63 Adopting the 2015 Budget. Voting on the

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motion: Ayes – Lenz, Butler, Matson, Murr and Wentz; Nays – Carney and Olson. Motion carried.

National League of Cities
Conference

Mayor Wentz and Council Members Olson and Carney confirmed their interest in attending the 2015 National League of Cities Conference

Public Works/Community
Development

Resolution No. 14-67 – 2015
YVCOG Technical Assistance
Contract

Motion by Council Member Olson, second by Council Member Carney to adopt Resolution No. 14-67 authorizing the City Manager to sign the 2015 Professional Services Agreement with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments approving technical assistance in the amount of \$5000. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 14-68 –
Appoint YVCOG General
Membership, Members and
Alternates

Motion by Council Member Butler, second by Council Member Lenz to adopt Resolution No. 14-68 appointing Mayor Wentz to serve on YVCOG as the City of Union Gap's elected official and Council Member Carney to serve as the alternate elected or appointed official. Motion by Council Member Olson, second by Council Member Carney to appoint Mike Moore to serve as Planning Commission Member and Sandy Dailey to serve as alternate. Motions carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 14-69 – HLA
Supplemental Agreement No.
1; Main Street Reconstruction
– Phase 1

Motion by Council Member Olson second by Council Member Murr to adopt Resolution No. 14-69 authorizing the City Manager to sign Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc. related to Main Street Reconstruction. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Safety

Fire Advisor Committee
Appointments

Motion by Council Member Olson, second by Council Member Murr to appoint Mayor Wentz and Council Member Matson to the Fire Advisory Committee and to advertise for additional members. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager

City Attorney Interviews

Katherine Kenison of Lemargie, Kenison, and Whitaker answered questions from the Council regarding her qualifications to serve as City Attorney.

Bronson Brown, Jim Bell & Michael Rio of Bell, Brown & Rio answered questions from the Council regarding their firm's qualifications to serve as City Attorney.

Council Members discussed the merits of the two candidates. Motion by Council Member Carney, second by Council Member Olson to issue a new Request For Qualifications for city attorney services. Voting on the

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motion: Ayes – Carney and Olson; Nays – Butler, Matson, Murr, Lenz, and Wentz. Motion failed.

Motion by Council Member Butler, second by Council Member Murr to hire Bronson Brown as City Attorney on a six-month trial basis for a flat fee of \$7500 per month. Voting on the motion: Ayes – Butler, Murr, and Wentz; Nays – Carney, Matson, Olson, and Lenz. Motion failed.

Motion by Council Member Carney, second by Council Member Lenz to direct staff to contact the two candidates to request a flat fee rate proposal itemizing the hours included in the proposal. Voting on the motion: Ayes – Lenz, Carney, Butler, Matson, Murr and Wentz; Nays – Olson. Motion carried.

Items from the Audience

None.

City Manager Report

City Manager Otterness thanked Finance and Administration Director Clifton and PR/AP Technician Bisconer for their work on the 2015 budget.

Communications/Questions/Comments

None.

Development of next agenda

None.

Other Business

Motion by Council Member Lenz, second by Council Member Murr to reschedule the Regular Meeting of December 22, 2014 to December 15, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment of Meeting

At 8:05 p.m. Mayor Wentz adjourned the December 8, 2014 regular Council Meeting.

Rodney Otterness, City Manager

ATTEST

Karen Clifton, City Clerk