

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Union Gap, Washington
April 12, 2021, Regular Meeting
MINUTES

<u>Call to Order</u>	Mayor Hodkinson called the Regular Meeting of the Union Gap City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.
<u>Council Members Present</u>	Council Members Murr, Wentz, Galloway, Hansen, Schilling, and Dailey were present virtually. Council Member Murr lost internet connection.
<u>Staff Present</u>	City Manager Fisher, Police Chief Cobb, Public Works and Community Development Director Henne, Civil Engineer Dominguez, Finance and Administration Director Clifton, City Attorney Brown, and Fire Chief Markham were present.
<u>Audience Present</u>	See attached list.
<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	Mayor Hodkinson led the pledge of allegiance.
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	<p>Motion by Council Member Murr, second by Council Member Hansen to approve the consent agenda as follows.</p> <p>Regular Council Meeting Minutes, dated March 22, 2021 as attached to the Agenda and maintained in electronic format.</p> <p>Payroll Vouchers – EFT’s and Voucher No. 102650 through 102656 for March, 2021 in the amount of \$442,574.13.</p> <p>Claims Vouchers – EFT’s and Voucher No. 102648 through 102649 and 102657 through 102731 for April 12, 2021, in the amount of \$846,864.28.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<u>Items from the Audience</u>	None.
<u>Library and Community Center</u>	
Library and Community Center Discussion	Mark Crouchet of the Friends of Union Gap Library and Community Center 501c3 are asking the City Council to allow them the privilege of placing small sponsor plaques or plates in areas of the Center, including the exterior areas where donors have sponsored specific projects. Crochet explained that they could not disclose who the donors are at this time, but

once the donations are received and the donor is notified they will publish the donation information. The 501c3 will make sure that the designated contributions will be distributed to the city for projects, as per 501c3 guidelines. Crochet submitted pictures of the Harmen Center, showing examples of the plaques and ideas. There will be a letter submitted to the Council from the 501c3 accountant regarding IRS donor guidelines.

Since there was no further discussion, Council Member Schilling inquired if it was okay to do the plaques. Mayor Hodkinson replied that it would be up to the Council and asked if there was a motion. Council Member Galloway asked that the item be tabled to a future meeting. No motion made at this time.

Public Works &
Community Development

Ordinance No. – 3006 –
2021 Budget Amendment –
E Washington Avenue
Resurfacing

Public Works and Community Director Henne explained that grant money had been received from WA State Transportation Improvement Board last fall and a budget amendment is needed to recognize the cost of the project. Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Murr to adopt Ordinance No. – 3006 – amending the 2021 budget authorizing an expenditure of \$323,045.00 from the Infrastructure Reserve Fund (124) for the East Washington Avenue Resurfacing Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. – 21-12 –
Set Public Hearing – Six-
Year Transportation
Improvement Program
(2022-2027)

Motion by Council Member Murr, second by council Member Galloway to Approve Resolution No. No. – 21-12 – setting a public hearing to consider the Six-Year (2022-2027) Transportation Improvement Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Items from the audience

None.

City Manager Report

City Manager Fisher stated that we are remaining in Phase 3 of opening up due to COVID, so the lobby is open to the public, but still requiring masks and social distancing; We were notified by the Home Consortium Board, of which we are a member, is re-establishing themselves and that Yakima County received well over \$1,000,000 in Home Consortium dollars for low income housing, which will include Union Gap. More information to come; Next Council Study Session will include continued discussion on the Strategic Plan.

Council Member Hansen inquired about how Grant money is to be used. Fisher replied that the money received must be spent on the specific

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purpose that they were received for and that they are audited every year, either by a State Audit or Federal Audit based on the amount.

Communications/Questions/Comments

Council Member Schilling stated that over the week-end Camp Hope and Keep Yakima Clean cleaned up near the Valley Mall overpass, the Greenway and a spot on South 1st Street. Schilling suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to both organizations. City Manager Fisher replied that she would do that.

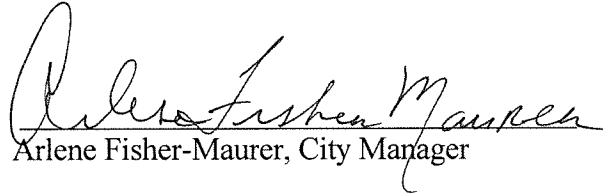
Council Member Hansen asked if COVID 19 information needed to be included in the Public Hearing notification for the May 10th, 2021 meeting. Finance and Administration Director Clifton replied that she has been including that information in advertised notices due to Governor Inslee's proclamation, that public hearings would be held via Zoom and not in a public setting. She and City Manager Fisher are working on changing how the notices are posted to save the City some money, but a decision has not yet been made.

Development of Next Agenda

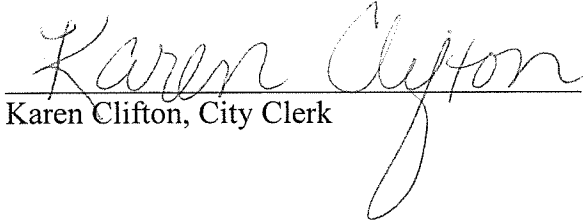
None.

Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Hodkinson adjourned the regular meeting at 6:27 p.m.


Arlene Fisher-Maurer, City Manager

ATTEST:


Karen Clifton, City Clerk