

**UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Union Gap, Washington
December 13, 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, and Schilling were present.
<u>Staff Present</u>	Acting City Manager Cobb, City Attorney Brown, Fire Chief Markham, Public Works and Community Development Director Henne, Civil Engineer Dominguez, Finance and Administration Director Clifton, City Attorney Brown, and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Bisconer were present.
<u>Audience Present</u>	See attached list.
<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	Council Member Murr led the pledge of allegiance.
<u>Additional Information</u>	<i>Due to the content of the meeting, the services of Tina Steinmetz were utilized for the entire meeting. See attached transcription.</i>
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Hansen to approve the consent agenda as follows: Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated November 22, 2021 as attached to the Agenda and maintained in electronic format. Claims Vouchers – EFT’s and Voucher No. 103786 through 103872 for December 13, 2021, in the amount of \$1,039,776.29. Motion carried unanimously.
<u>Add an additional item to the Agenda</u>	<i>See attached transcription.</i> Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to add a motion to cancel the remaining December Council and Study Session meetings through January 3, 2022. The first meeting to be held would be January 10, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

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General Items

Public Works & Community Development

See attached transcription.

Resolution No. – 21-40 – Fuel Tax Grant Agreement #3-E-181(004)-1; FY 2023 Longfibre Road Overlay; VMB to Ahtanum Road Project

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Murr to approve Resolution No. – 21-40 – authorizing the City Manager to sign the Fuel Tax Grant Agreement #3-E-181-(004)-1 with the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) for the FY 2022 Overlay Project, Longfibre Road Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Excuse Council Member

See attached transcription.

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to excuse Council Member Dailey. Motion carried unanimously.

Items from the Audience

None.

General Items

Public Works & Community Development

See attached transcription.

Resolution No. – 21-41 – HLA Local Agency Consultant Agreement – West Ahtanum Road Resurfacing Project

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Hansen to adopt Resolution No. – 21-41 – authorizing the City Manager to sign a Local Agency A&E Professional Services Negotiated Hourly Rate Consultant Agreement Federal Aid Number STPUS-HIPUS-4550(005) with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. for the West Ahtanum Road Resurfacing Project. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager

See attached transcription.

Ordinance No. – 3017 – Personnel Policy Handbook Amendment

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to adopt Ordinance No. - 3017 – amending Chapter 7 of the *City of Union Gap Personnel Policy Handbook*, to include language addressing the issue of voluntary compassionate leave share for exempt employees. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. – 21-42 – Public Defense Contract - Woodard

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to approve Resolution No. – 21-42 –authorizing the City Manager to sign a new contract with the Barry Woodard for public defense services. Motion carried unanimously.

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Police

See attached transcription.

Resolution No. – 21-43 –
Traffic Safety Interagency
Agreement

Motion by Council Member Murr, second by Council Member Wentz to approve Resolution No. - 21-43 – authorizing the City Manager or designee to sign an Interagency Agreement with the Washington traffic Safety Commission for overtime reimbursement relating to High Visibility enforcement (HVE) traffic safety emphasis patrols. Motion carried unanimously.

Items from the audience

See attached transcription.

City Manager Report

See attached transcription.

Communications/Questions/
Comments

None.

Development of next Agenda

See attached transcription.

Budget Amendment for Grant Writer services;
Authorization and Budget Amendment for Acting City Manager compensation.

Recess to 15 Minute
Executive Session

See attached transcription.

At 6:50 p.m. Mayor Hodkinson recessed to executive session for Labor Negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a); the Council does intend on taking action. The meeting was reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Murr to ratify the Union Gap Police Officers Association 2022 – 2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

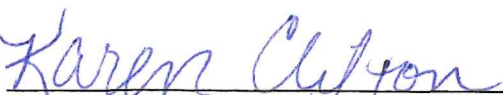
Adjournment of Meeting

At 7:05 p.m., Mayor Hodkinson adjourned the December 13, 2021 regular Council Meeting.



Gregory Cobb, Acting City Manager

ATTEST:



Karen Clifton, City Clerk

1 the last items from the audience. So, let's get to
2 the consent agenda and then we'll take the motions.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Okay. So moved on the con-
4 sent agenda.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN: I second it.

6 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay. Motion made and se-
7 conded for the consent agenda, which includes the
8 vouchers for December 13, 2021, in the amount of
9 \$1,036,776.29. Any discussion? Hearing none, all
10 those in favor?

11 MULTIPLE RESPONSES: I.

12 MAYOR HODKINSON: Opposed? Motion carried.
13 Now, we'll take the motion.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Okay. I'd like to make a mo-
15 tion we add to the agenda, at the end of the agenda,
16 a motion to cancel the remaining December meetings, as
17 well -- as well as the first committee meeting in
18 January --

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Roger?

20 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: -- with our first meeting be-
21 ing January 10th.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Could you restate
23 that so people can understand it? We've got people on
24 the phones and everything.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: I said I make a motion to

1 cancel the rest of this years and the first committee
2 meeting in January so our next meeting would be January
3 10th.

4 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GALLOWAY: I'll second.

6 MAYOR HODKINSON: I have a motion made and se-
7 conded to add that to the agenda. Any discussion?
8 We'll discuss the motion at that time also. Hearing
9 none, all those in favor?

10 MULTIPLE RESPONSES: I.

11 MAYOR HODKINSON: Opposed? Motion carried. Do
12 we have another motion? Hearing none. Okay. We'll
13 go to general items. Public works and community de-
14 velopment.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Oh, there as one more. Or
16 no. Never mind. Never mind.

17 MR. DOMINGUEZ: Good evening, Mayor, Council. So,
18 we have in front of -- you guys have in front of you
19 a resolution and this is regarding the Longfibre road
20 overlay project between Valley Mall and Ahtanum Road.
21 Back in August the City submitted an application to
22 the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board,
23 with -- under the Arterial Preservation Program. The
24 City was selected to receive \$320,643.00 for the sign
25 and construction services.

1 So, staff's -- staff recommends to approve a res-
2 olution authorizing City Manager to sign the Fuel Tax
3 Grant Agreement 3E-181004-1 with the Washington State
4 Transportation Improvement Board.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: So, I'll make that motion.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MURR: Second.

7 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay. I have a motion made
8 and seconded to accept the fuel tax grant for Longfibre
9 overlay. Any further discussion?

10 MR. KELSEY: [Inaudible - muffled].

11 MAYOR HODKINSON: If -- if -- if you need to
12 speak, you'll need to come to the --

13 MR. KELSEY: I don't really have anything, but
14 you also had on the agenda here items from the audi-
15 ence. If anybody else would like to talk?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: I can't hear you.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Yeah, we're gonna come back
18 to that.

19 MR. KELSEY: Oh, okay. Gotcha.

20 MAYOR HODKINSON: Well, I skipped over that.
21 That -- he's correct. So, I have a motion made and
22 seconded. Any further discussion?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN: Can I ask a question on
24 that real quick? Do we own that whole road there?

25 MR. DOMINGUEZ: I'm sorry? I can't --

1 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN: So, we can overlay that
2 whole road, all of the way over to the --

3 MR. DOMINGUEZ: -- yeah. It'll be between Ahtanum
4 and Valley Mall. It's not the entire length. It's a
5 bit short from Valley Mall, about a hundred feet short
6 or so.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN: There's a -- there's a
8 -- was it a sign only on that road?

9 MR. DOMINGUEZ: Yeah. There will be some signs
10 for construction -- during construction. But the pro-
11 ject limits will be between Ahtanum and -- about a
12 hundred feet south of Valley Mall Boulevard.

13 MAYOR HODKINSON: Does that answer the ques-
14 tion?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN: Yes. Oh, yeah. Thanks.

16 MR. DOMINGUEZ: Okay. Thank you.

17 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay. All those in favor?

18 MULTIPLE RESPONSES: I.

19 MAYOR HODKINSON: Opposed? Motion carried.
20 Okay. I will back up for items from the audience.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: And before we do that, I'd
22 like to make a motion to excuse Sandy Dailey from
23 tonight's meeting.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MURR: Yeah. Second.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: If we can't hear

1 what you're saying we can't second, first or agree to
2 it.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: You can't hear me?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Not when you're
5 talking within your mask and not into the microphone.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: I'm facing it directly.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Okay.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: I'm right there.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: I can hear you now.
10 I couldn't before.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: I -- okay. Well, --

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Okay.

13 MAYOR HODKINSON: So, I have a motion made and
14 seconded to excuse Sandy tonight.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN: Second.

16 MAYOR HODKINSON: And I have a second?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MURR: Second.

18 MAYOR HODKINSON: All those in favor?

19 MULTIPLE RESPONSES: I.

20 MAYOR HODKINSON: Opposed? Motion carried.
21 Okay. Items from the audience? None. We'll go to
22 Resolution No. 2 under Public Works, HLA contract?

23 MR. DOMINGUEZ: Yes. So, this was also discussed
24 at -- at our last committee meeting. And this is
25 regarding the West Ahtanum Road resurfacing project.

1 We need to enter into a local agency construction con-
2 sulting agreement with HLA Engineering and Land Sur-
3 veying, providing construction engineering services
4 for the West Ahtanum Road resurfacing project.

5 So, staff recommends adopting a resolution au-
6 thORIZING City Manager to sign a local agency consult-
7 ing agreement with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying.

8 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: So moved.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: I have a question,
11 after you guys move it.

12 MAYOR HODKINSON: I have a motion made and se-
13 conded to accept the HLA agency consulting agreement.
14 Discussion? Karen, do we have somebody that wanted to
15 speak?

16 MS. CLIFTON: They put their hand back down.
17 Someone raised their hand, but they put their hand
18 back down, so, I assume that they're -- don't want to
19 speak now.

20 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay. Discussion?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: I -- I have a ques-
22 tion for you, David?

23 MR. DOMINGUEZ: Mmm hmm. [Affirmative].

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: I notice that the
25 rates from HLA are going up and I'm wondering why we're

1 not getting an overall bid, a package deal? Why we're
2 doing it hourly?

3 MR. DOMINGUEZ: Okay.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Or did I misread
5 that?

6 MR. DOMINGUEZ: I'm having a hard time hearing
7 you. It comes and [inaudible - muffled], sorry.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: She was wondering why they
9 didn't give a package deal instead of hourly?

10 MR. DOMINGUEZ: Well, we're following federal
11 guidelines and they're -- requiring us to enter into
12 a consulting agreement which is -- which it would be
13 an hourly -- I believe it is -- it's an -- yes, it --
14 it -- it is an -- it is an hourly rate agreement. So,
15 and -- as -- as far as their rates going up, I believe
16 I was looking at their previous contract and their --
17 their -- their rate went up about three and a half
18 percent or so, which is --

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Wasn't that much.
20 That's overall?

21 MR. DOMINGUEZ: -- overall, yes.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Is it going to af-
23 fect us that much?

24 MR. DOMINGUEZ: It shouldn't. It -- it's a typi-
25 cal --

1 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Okay.

2 MR. DOMINGUEZ: -- increase in services. So, --

3 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Okay. Thank you.

4 MR. DOMINGUEZ: -- okay.

5 MAYOR HODKINSON: Any other discussion? Al

6 those in favor?

7 MULTIPLE RESPONSES: I.

8 MAYOR HODKINSON: Opposed? Motion carried.

9 And now we'll go to the City Manager's report.

10 CHIEF COBB: Good evening, Mayor, Council. The

11 first thing I have before you is the -- proposed or-

12 dinance for amending the personnel policy handbook,

13 which closes a loophole. We have a situation now

14 where, for years now, our -- our labor organizations

15 have been able to have compassionate leave ass -- re-

16 assignment, in other words, donate leave to a coworker

17 who may be in need due to an extra -- an -- an ex-

18 traordinary type situation.

19 We've used it in the past where we had employees

20 that their spouses had cancer and they run out of sick

21 leave caring for that individual and this provides them

22 the ability to continue to receive a -- a regular

23 paycheck while -- while caring for somebody.

24 Right now the way it stands is that is in the

25 labor agreements of the unions. So, it means that the

1 exempt staff can't donate leave to their subordinates,
2 or to their peers, should it be a situation where
3 they'd want to volunteer to do that.

4 So, what this -- what this ordinance does, it
5 amends the personnel policy handbook and allows us to
6 do that. The City has an established process that we
7 use. There's a formula which takes the hourly rate of
8 the employee who is donating, converts it to that em-
9 ployee's rate and that's what determines how much time
10 they actually get. So, we have a well-established
11 process in place. This just allows five additional
12 employees to donate to that program, should it be
13 needed.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: So moved.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GALLOWAY: Second.

16 MAYOR HODKINSON: We have a motion made and se-
17 conded to approve. Any -- any --

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN: I -- I --

19 MAYOR HODKINSON: -- further discussion?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN: -- I -- I want to under-
21 stand something about this. If David Dominguez is
22 \$80.00 a year -- \$80,000.00 a year and -- and the Mayor
23 -- and the City Manager is \$130.00, does that -- and
24 they donate \$10.00 to her? Does that -- does she get
25 the \$10.00 at her rate?

1 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: No.

2 CHIEF COBB: So, it converts it from the rate,
3 like I just explained, from that rate to the person
4 who is receiving it. So, if the person receiving it
5 makes more money than the person donating it, if -- if
6 that person donates say forty hours - if there's a
7 higher rate, based upon the formula; let's say the
8 person receiving it makes a higher rate, they would
9 only get thirty-five days [sic] instead of forty days
10 [sic] to account for the difference in pay.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Right. Right.

12 MAYOR HODKINSON: So, --

13 CHIEF COBB: As an -- as an example only.

14 MAYOR HODKINSON: -- so, it equalizes out?

15 CHIEF COBB: -- correct.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Are we going to
17 have a minimum, or -- a maximum of what -- our employ-
18 ees can give to other employees?

19 CHIEF COBB: That's not specified in the ordi-
20 nance because it's not specified in some of our lager
21 -- labor agreements either.

22 MAYOR HODKINSON: Well, this is just offering
23 -- or vol --

24 CHIEF COBB: Voluntary -- voluntary acts, but
25 there's -- there's no --

1 MAYOR HODKINSON: -- strictly volunteer.
2 CHIEF COBB: -- right.
3 MAYOR HODKINSON: -- but it just puts them on
4 the same playing field as the rest of the group that's
5 --
6 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Represented.
7 MAYOR HODKINSON: -- in the [inaudible - muf-
8 fled].
9 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Then will they be
10 able to give to --
11 MAYOR HODKINSON: -- so, --
12 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: -- if it's the non-
13 exempt that we're adding to it, will they be able to
14 give to the exempt employees?
15 CHIEF COBB: So, the -- the -- well, --
16 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: It's a no?
17 CHIEF COBB: -- no. So, what -- what this or-
18 dinance does, it allows the exempt employees to give.
19 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: And they can give
20 to the non-exempt employees?
21 CHIEF COBB: They can give to basically any em-
22 ployee - exempt or non-exempt.
23 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Okay.
24 MAYOR HODKINSON: So, it just levels the play-
25 ing field for everybody.

1 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Yeah. This is something we
2 should have done a while ago. We have -- we have
3 always tried to maintain --

4 MAYOR HODKINSON: Yep.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: -- polarity between the rep-
6 resented and non-represented. So, --

7 MAYOR HODKINSON: Right. Okay. I have a mo-
8 tion made and seconded. Yes?

9 MR. SCHILLING: Does it cover contracted?

10 CHIEF COBB: Yes. As I said - exempt and non-
11 exempt.

12 MR. SCHILLING: But if you're under contract -- if
13 you're under a contract, you're not employed. You're
14 covered under a contract.

15 CHIEF COBB: What I referred to as a contract,
16 I mean, --

17 MR. SCHILLING: No, I mean, when you hire some-
18 body, you have a contract for their [inaudible - muf-
19 fled]?

20 CHIEF COBB: It wouldn't cover it.

21 MR. SCHILLING: Thank you.

22 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay. Any other discussions?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: So, I think what he
24 was asking is are contracted employees covered in this?

25 CHIEF COBB: Like I said, no. They don't.

1 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: And -- and that's
2 what -- we couldn't hear what you were saying. Or, at
3 least I couldn't. Thank you.

4 MAYOR HODKINSON: All those in favor?

5 MULTIPLE RESPONSES: I.

6 MAYOR HODKINSON: Opposed? Motion passes.
7 [Inaudible - muffled].

8 CHIEF COBB: So, --

9 MAYOR HODKINSON: Public defense contract?

10 CHIEF COBB: -- yeah. I -- I apologize. Some-
11 thing happened, at least in the copy of the -- of the
12 -- the defense contract itself did not make it into
13 the packet. The resolution and the [inaudible - muf-
14 fled] did. The -- but what I will also tell you is
15 nothing changed in this contract in terms of language,
16 except for the cost. And I'll explain the cost to
17 you.

18 So, we had a public defender resign and so, we
19 need to fill those allocation of cases. And they
20 resigned because their -- their spouse was sworn in on
21 the bench and so, there would have been a conflict for
22 them to handle criminal cases. Public de -- our pri-
23 mary public defendant, Barry Woodard, has agreed to
24 take on those cases and his contract is also due -- it
25 -- it expires December 31st.

1 MAYOR HODKINSON: And he's got room?

2 CHIEF COBB: So, -- and he's got room. So, now
3 what -- what's important to show here, it looks like
4 a fairly substantial increase; but take it under the
5 proper context. So, Barry was supposed to get cost of
6 living increases the last two years. Because of COVID
7 he deferred on that and he voluntarily chose not to
8 accept those cost-of-living allowances. Plus, he's
9 taking on sixty additional cases and plus this is a
10 fixed three-year contract.

11 So, when you take that into consideration and --
12 and -- and Barry's exceptional work with the City to
13 provide inged -- indigent defense, that it makes up
14 for -- for that cost allowance. So, we are recommend-
15 ing that this be approved.

16 MAYOR HODKINSON: And I think you talked about
17 the -- situation at our last meeting?

18 CHIEF COBB: Yes.

19 MAYOR HODKINSON: We just didn't discuss the
20 dollar amount. Okay.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN: I don't -- I don't see
22 the dollar amount?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: And the amount of
24 people that -- or cases they can take - three hundred
25 and sixty is the total for three years?

1 CHIEF COBB: No. A year.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: A year?

3 CHIEF COBB: Right.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Okay. So, what
5 happens if we have more cases than that?

6 CHIEF COBB: So, we'd have to seek additional
7 public defense. But in this case, we ran the numbers
8 on the average of the last couple of years and -- and
9 between him and the other public defender that we still
10 have, we'll be -- we'll be fine.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: We're okay. Okay.

12 MAYOR HODKINSON: Any further discussion?

13 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: I'll move.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GALLOWAY: Second.

15 MAYOR HODKINSON: I have a motion made and se-
16 conded to accept the public defense contract. Again,
17 any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in
18 favor?

19 MULTIPLE RESPONSES: I.

20 MAYOR HODKINSON: Opposed? Motion carried.
21 Traffic safety?

22 CHIEF COBB: What you have before you is the -
23 - the contract that we typically have with the Traffic
24 Safety Commission for overtime reimbursement dedicated
25 to high emphasis patrols. These are your DUI emphasis,

1 your seatbelt, your speeding, cellphone use-type em-
2 phasis patrols that we typically do. The contract's
3 expired and needs to be renewed. It doesn't have a
4 specific reimbursement amount attached to it.

5 It is -- if you recall, about two years ago they
6 switched to a regional model and each region has a
7 managed budget and that is controlled by the Target
8 Zero manager. And so, they coordinate with -- with
9 our representative, which is Sergeant Rivera on hey,
10 we got a -- a patrol coming up. There's enough money
11 for your agency to put out two people. We submit for
12 reimbursement; we get that back.

13 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay. Do we have a motion?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MURR: So moved.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Second.

16 MAYOR HODKINSON: I have a motion made and se-
17 conded. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all
18 those in favor?

19 MULTIPLE RESPONSES: I.

20 MAYOR HODKINSON: Opposed? Motion carried.
21 Now we'll take Roger's motion.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Yeah. My motion to cancel
23 the next meetings until we can elect our new Mayor,
24 Deputy Mayor, and appoint committees on the 10th of
25 January.

1 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay. Everybody understand
2 the motion?

3 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Does anybody want to second
4 it?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GALLOWAY: I second it.

6 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay. I have a motion made
7 and seconded. Any further discussion?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: If things come up
9 and need to be done, what will happen?

10 MAYOR HODKINSON: I -- use your mic, Julie, I
11 can't hear you.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: If things come up
13 and have to be done, will the Mayor or the Deputy Mayor
14 be in town to handle them?

15 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Yeah.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Okay. Karen?

17 MAYOR HODKINSON: Yes?

18 MS. CLIFTON: We have a question. Okay.

19 MS. McDONNELL: Point of order, Mr. Mayor?

20 MAYOR HODKINSON: Go ahead.

21 MS. McDONNELL: My name is Benine McDonnell. And
22 -- I guess because I've been doing parliamentary pro-
23 cedure for so many decades, it just really bothers me
24 when somebody says that -- I make a motion or I motion
25 that. The proper language in Robert's Rules of Order

1 is I move. And so, just -- it's a -- it's a point of
2 order that I figure the Union Gap City Council should
3 be exemplary in its procedures and its how -- how it
4 conducts business. Thank you very much.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Point of order, we have never
6 adopted Robert's Rules of Order.

7 MAYOR HODKINSON: Right. We use a little var-
8 iation. Any other discussions? All those in favor?

9 MULTIPLE RESPONSES: I.

10 MAYOR HODKINSON: Opposed? Motion carried.

11 Items from the audience?

12 MR. CROUCHET: On this? Person -- is this the
13 last time we can get up and talk?

14 MAYOR HODKINSON: Yep.

15 MR. CROUCHET: In November of 2019, the -- public
16 voted in a library and community center, to be taxed
17 on it. And that -- that vote passed. Are we all
18 agreed?

19 MAYOR HODKINSON: True.

20 MR. CROUCHET: Okay. Here it is 2021, soon to be
21 '22 when you guys confer -- get together again. What
22 is your proposal for the library at this point in time?
23 Since the public has agreed to it paid for it, in the
24 process of paying for it, will for as -- a long, long
25 time. What is -- are you guys going to do? I haven't

1 heard anything for a long time on the -- what the plan
2 is.

3 MAYOR HODKINSON: That was discussed at a meet-
4 ing a while back, in which time it was tabled until
5 the summer of '22 because we have time to resubmit
6 because of the time period on the grant and that was
7 approved and suggested by our senator that we do that.
8 And so that -- that's what we're doing. So, every-
9 thing's still on the table.

10 MR. CROUCHET: Also, I got a question for Greg.
11 Last week you mentioned that crime was going up com-
12 pared to prior weeks. Can you do an adequate job as
13 Chief of Police for the City of Union Gap by being
14 both interim City Manager and Chief of Police for the
15 City of Union Gap?

16 CHIEF COBB: Well, I -- I guess I'm not the one
17 that determines that. I -- yeah. We've -- we've
18 reallocated -- we have -- we have a command staff, or
19 a -- or an executive staff of -- of five people. Eve-
20 rybody's taking on their fair share of work. Work has
21 been delegated. So, right now as a staff, we're man-
22 aging. But ultimately, I'm not the one that determines
23 that. So, it's the City Council that --

24 MR. CROUCHET: You might be the smartest guy in
25 the room.

1 CHIEF COBB: -- that is the City Council that
2 determines whether or not I have the capacity to do
3 both -- both of those jobs.

4 MR. CROUCHET: I thought that was the City Man-
5 ager's?

6 CHIEF COBB: Ultimately it is the City Coun-
7 cil's job, or decision on who the City Manager is,
8 acting or otherwise.

9 MR. CROUCHET: But doesn't the City Manager do
10 the administration --

11 CHIEF COBB: Correct.

12 MR. CROUCHET: -- all of the administration? And
13 these guys are just policymakers?

14 CHIEF COBB: The one person that they have the
15 ability to appoint, in the City, of all of our forty-
16 some employees, is the City Manager.

17 MAYOR HODKINSON: And Greg has had that respon-
18 sibility before and done a very good job.

19 MR. CROUCHET: But he said crime's up.

20 MAYOR HODKINSON: As in most other places too.

21 MR. CROUCHET: Agreed. But that wasn't the rea-
22 sons. There's all kinds of reasons. I understand
23 that.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: I don't really think that has
25 anything to do with the Police Chief. It has to do

1 with what's going on in --

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: General.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: -- our area right now.

4 MR. CROUCHET: But we still have to be proactive.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Huh?

6 MR. CROUCHET: We still have to be proactive.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MURR: I have every confidence
8 in our police and our -- our staff.

9 MR. CROUCHET: I do too.

10 MAYOR HODKINSON: To -- to maintain and meet -
11 -

12 MR. CROUCHET: I don't want to see it slack.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MURR: We still have the same
14 amount of officers as we did before.

15 MR. CROUCHET: What was that, James?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MURR: I said they still -- we
17 still have the same amount of officers out doing their
18 jobs.

19 MR. CROUCHET: But we -- I thought you said you
20 were short one?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Should we look at
22 compensating him more?

23 MAYOR HODKINSON: I didn't understand?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Should we look at
25 compensating him more for all of this extra time that

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1 he's putting in to help run our City?

2 MAYOR HODKINSON: That would be a budget amend-
3 ment.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Yeah. I think we
5 need to work on some budget amendments.

6 MAYOR HODKINSON: So, that's not acceptable
7 now. We've already passed the budget.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Well, --

9 MAYOR HODKINSON: So, that would have to come
10 up next year.

11 MR. CROUCHET: Another question I have, Greg,
12 last week you said the -- two things. The City donated
13 the land to the library. The City did or the people
14 of Union Gap did?

15 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: They're one in the same,
16 aren't they?

17 MR. CROUCHET: No, they're not.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Yes, they are. They are one
19 in the same.

20 MR. CROUCHET: Because the City of Union Gap has
21 employees too. They don't even work here. They don't
22 live here. You're wrong.

23 CHIEF COBB: There's a distinction between the
24 City and City staff. Okay? I didn't say the City
25 staff donated the property; I said the City donated

1 this property. And it -- just like this building is
2 City-owned, so is that property there. It's City-
3 owned. And it was donated by the City via Council
4 action, to build a library on.

5 MR. CROUCHET: Okay. So, who -- who -- did you
6 donate it to the people who own it?

7 MAYOR HODKINSON: It's -- the City has title.

8 MR. CROUCHET: Pardon?

9 MAYOR HODKINSON: The City has title. And we
10 can --

11 MR. CROUCHET: I can't hear you.

12 MAYOR HODKINSON: -- vacate right of ways --

13 MR. CROUCHET: It's the mask on your face.

14 MAYOR HODKINSON: -- I said the City has title
15 to the property.

16 MR. CROUCHET: Oh. I see. Okay. Last question
17 was you said that -- the committee, the library com-
18 mittee no longer exists because it worked into a --
19 the 501(c)(3)? The last thing I read when I read the
20 -- the original resolution was that it could survive
21 until the committee is -- or I mean, until the library
22 is built. The library and community center.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: It didn't. It was a
24 timeframe.

1 CHIEF COBB: So, that's -- that's a good ques-
2 tion. So, I'll -- I'll answer it for you. So, Ordi-
3 nance 29 -- 29 -- oh, -- 2946 created the library and
4 community center, or senior community center within
5 the City of Union Gap, the committee. It talks about
6 membership, it talks about appointment, and it talks
7 about the term of the committee.

8 The term of each committee member is three years
9 and the appointments occurred on or about May of 2018.
10 It is now past May of 2021. To my knowledge, nobody
11 on the committee was reappointed to the committee. So,
12 right now, there are -- there is no library committee
13 because all of the appointments have expired.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: They were reap-
15 pointed at a joint meeting.

16 MR. CROUCHET: And James Murr, James?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MURR: Mmm hmm. [Affirma-
18 tive].

19 MR. CROUCHET: You had a -- a resolution that
20 said the committee exists as long as the -- the library
21 and community center is being built. Do you remember
22 that?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MURR: Yeah.

24 CHIEF COBB: I -- I have found no evidence that
25 there -- that anybody was reappointed. We've searched

1 ordinances and resolutions. I haven't been able to
2 find one. So, unless the City Manager reappointed
3 people since May of 2018, there are no committee ap-
4 pointments.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MURR: He's right.

6 MR. CROUCHET: Is that also with the other com-
7 mittees, too?

8 CHIEF COBB: No, that's just specific to this
9 one. The -- the City --

10 MR. CROUCHET: That's discrimination.

11 CHIEF COBB: -- the City Manager --

12 MR. CROUCHET: Isn't it discrimination?

13 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: For what?

14 MR. BROWN: It's the -- the Council -- when
15 the Council created the committee, via ordinance, they
16 created the terms of the committee members. And so,
17 there was three -- they were three --

18 MR. CROUCHET: So, it should be passed by James
19 Murr -- was the committee would go on in perpetuity as
20 long as the construction was going.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: That was this sum-
22 mer, wasn't it?

23 MR. BROWN: I -- I don't -- I'm not familiar
24 with -- I'm not familiar with what that --

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MURR: I wasn't aware that they

1 had any --

2 MR. CROUCHET: You voted on it. I was here.

3 CHIEF COBB: If that -- if that exists, then
4 we'd like to see a copy of it, because we couldn't
5 find it.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: I think we need to
7 look up the meeting that James did the motion and it
8 was approved by our Council. Because people were re-
9 appointed and they weren't reappointed by the City
10 Manager, but they hold their positions.

11 CHIEF COBB: Yeah. So, this -- this ordinance
12 --

13 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: And this was
14 voted. No, hold on. This was voted, I believe, this
15 summer. And that's why we were following suit because
16 our minutes have to go to our lawyer. So, I will get
17 the -- checked out and we will give you a copy of them.
18 Is that okay?

19 CHIEF COBB: -- are -- are you referring to the
20 meeting where there was a motion to abolish the com-
21 mittee meeting and I don't believe that was passed. I
22 think that motion failed.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: It failed and what
24 they passed --

25 MR. CROUCHET: No, [inaudible - muffled] --

1 CHIEF COBB: Because that -- there was -- there
2 was an attempt to abolish the committee.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Correct.

4 CHIEF COBB: It didn't receive enough votes to
5 abolish the committee. So, therefore, the motion
6 failed.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: But what the mo-
8 tion -- the counter motion was, from James Murr, was
9 that it will stay in effect --

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MURR: It would until the end
11 of the project.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: -- until the end of
13 the project.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MURR: Is what it was.

15 CHIEF COBB: Okay. We'll have to look that up.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: And so, that's
17 what we did.

18 CHIEF COBB: But it still would require reap-
19 pointment.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Well, but that's the problem
21 is is you tabled the motion to abolish it prematurely.
22 That does not stop the exp -- expiration of the com-
23 mittee, as the resolution set. We did not modify the
24 resolution at all. Your modi -- your motion was to
25 table the motion to terminate it until the end of that.

1 It didn't happen before 2018 -- 2021, in May. So,
2 therefore, the original termination stands.

3 MR. CROUCHET: No.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: No.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Yeah. Yeah.

6 MR. CROUCHET: Ask your attorney.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Why -- why would it? Why?
8 Why would it be --

9 MR. BROWN: I think a simple -- I -- I think
10 the simple answer is let staff go back and look at the
11 meeting minutes and look at the minutes and see which
12 -- what motion was passed and then we can bring it
13 back to Council for a discussion.

14 MR. CROUCHET: I'll -- I'll agree to that.

15 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Sure.

17 MAYOR HODKINSON: Karen? Do you have somebody
18 that would like to speak?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Oh, she's back.

20 MS. CLIFTON: Yes. We do have somebody that
21 would like to speak.

22 MAYOR HODKINSON: So, you do not?

23 MS. CLIFTON: One moment.

24 MS. CHARVET: Hello. This is Theresa Charvet.

25 2609 4th Street. Can you hear me?

1 COUNCIL MEMBER GALLOWAY: Very -- very good.

2 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay.

3 MS. CHARVET: Awesome. Your sound system sounds
4 so much better. Visually you've got a few little
5 quirks, but nothing that just doesn't make you jump
6 around and color. We'll talk about that later.

7 I did want to say how happy I was last night to
8 see all of the lighted Christmas truck -- the -- sorry,
9 the lighted trucks in their Christmas lights go through
10 the City. That was just awesome. All of my neighbors
11 poured out and it was wonderful.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Yes.

13 MS. CHARVET: I did have a question. I -- I
14 tried to raise my hand. I wasn't very successful. I'm
15 still working at technology. And that is about -- we
16 -- we made a payment to Bora Architecture for \$612.50.
17 Can you tell me what that was for?

18 MAYOR HODKINSON: Give Karen -- give Karen a
19 second here.

20 MS. CHARVET: Yes. And Karen, while you're
21 looking, I -- I -- I believe there was some made like
22 a month or two ago that was around \$1,200.00 also. So,
23 that's about rounding off, \$2 -- over \$2,000.00 in
24 just the last few months. And I was just curious what
25 that was?

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MAYOR HODKINSON: Dennis?

MR. HENNE: Mayor, Council, without specifically looking at the invoice from Bora, I do know that Bora was requested to complete some evaluation on what it would take, contractual wise, to divide the library away from the community center in the event that that's what we wanted to do. We did have a conversation earlier that we brought that to Council and it was recommended by our funding partners at Department of Commerce and legislative bodies in Olympia that we don't move on that yet.

And so, even though the contract is not progressing towards going out to bid advertisements, we still are looking at, like I say, methods to keep that project alive and -- and \$600.00 is relatively a small amount in the grand scheme of a several hundred-thousand-dollar design and bid package contract. So, --

DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Yeah. Every time we talk to them it costs us money.

MR. HENNE: Yeah. I mean, --

DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: We pay money on -- we have monthly bills from them because we're doing something monthly. Even just maintaining costs us money.

MR. HENNE: Correct.

DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: That's just expected.

1 MS. CHARVET: So, was that -- that was probably
2 prior to Mayor's conversation with Senator Honeyford?

3 MR. HENNE: Yeah. Our pay requests are thirty
4 days away from when they actually did the work and
5 they could have done the work at the first of October
6 and never billed us until the first -- or the first of
7 November. And then it takes a couple of weeks to get
8 into your Council packet and stuff. So, --

9 MS. CHARVET: Okay. Thank you.

10 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay. And --

11 MS. CLIFTON: We have another person that would
12 like to speak.

13 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay.

14 MS. McDONNELL: Can you hear me?

15 MS. CLIFTON: Yes.

16 MAYOR HODKINSON: Yes.

17 MS. McDONNELL: Benine McDonnell again. You said
18 that Union Gap City Council does not follow Robert's
19 Rules of Order, it's some other kind of -- of Rules of
20 Order. What -- where can we find those Rules of Order
21 that the Union Gap City Council follows?

22 MAYOR HODKINSON: We've generally followed
23 Robert's Rules of Order. But in our size City, we have
24 the ability to variate, generally, by -- by the Mayor.
25 And so, that's what we've done. I've run this by Ann

1 who is -- is the expert and she says there's no prob-
2 lem.

3 MS. McDONNELL: Okay. Alrightie. One other com-
4 ment, and that is the previous gentleman talked about
5 one person doing two jobs. We need to be looking at
6 if this is going to extend, the absence of the City
7 Manager, for some extended period of time. That City
8 Manager has a list of -- of job duties and a job
9 description, as well as the Chief of Police.

10 And so, this is something that should be very
11 concerning to the City Council that there is -- one
12 person currently doing two jobs and maybe doing it for
13 a long time into the future. Maybe a -- a reevaluation
14 of the job descriptions, you know? Do we need two
15 people to -- to be doing those two jobs and so, just
16 something to consider.

17 And I guess, at this point, according to a per-
18 vious ruling of the Mayor, it's not going to be dis-
19 cussed until next year. So, --

20 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Before you continue, can you
21 please identify where you live?

22 MS. McDONNELL: I live in Yakima.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: And your name? Thank you.

24 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay. Moving on. I take it
25 City Manager report, that's the end of your report?

1 MS. CLIFTON: Excuse me, we have one more ques-
2 tion from the audience?

3 MS. McDONNELL: Okay. Alrightie. I'll be -- I'll
4 -- I'll go pee and -- and get out to the door.

5 MS. CHARVET: Oh dear. That was not me. This
6 is Theresa Charvet. I just have -- can you hear me?

7 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Yes.

8 MAYOR HODKINSON: Yes.

9 MS. CHARVET: Thank you. I -- I just want to
10 express a lot of concern. I know a lot of people have
11 brought up the fact of Chief Cobb doing two jobs, and
12 you know, I feel really sad that I don't know what
13 kind of counsel he sought in this -- in doing two jobs,
14 but mine is from a compassionate point of view also.
15 That's a heavy load. And he does a wonderful job as
16 our -- Chief of Police. Outstanding.

17 But to ask someone to -- even though he's done it
18 for a long time, you know, let's recognize and maybe
19 give him some support here.

20 MAYOR HODKINSON: Yes.

21 MS. CHARVET: I appreciate you thinking about
22 that.

23 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay. Thank you.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN: Excuse me. Can we get
25 a doctor's report of what is happening with the --

1 with the City Manager?

2 CHIEF COBB: No, not publicly. No.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Would you like to share all
4 of your medical -- medical history and information
5 currently right now with you -- with everybody in the
6 public?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN: Well, I -- basically, I
8 mean, can we get info?

9 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Well, can we get a basic re-
10 port of you? Of -- of all of your medical conditions?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN: Can I get --

12 CHIEF COBB: So, -- so, -- so, to answer that
13 question --

14 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Okay. Can you share it with
15 the whole world?

16 CHIEF COBB: -- the City Manager's on FMLA
17 right now and that is protected. And so, we won't be
18 making any further comment.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN: That's -- that's all the
20 answer I need. It's appreciated.

21 CHIEF COBB: Okay.

22 MS. CLIFTON: Excuse me. We have another ques-
23 tion from the audience and I did see that Mr. Kelsey,
24 it looked like he had a question as well?

25 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay.

1 MS. CLIFTON: Mr. Kelsey was first.

2 MR. KELSEY: My name is Rick Kelsey and 3006
3 First Street and I just wanted to make a comment saying
4 our City officials here and our City Council here is
5 doing a fine job. They're very informative and they
6 have helped me tremendously. And that's all I have to
7 say.

8 MAYOR HODKINSON: Thank you.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Thank you.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MURR: Thank you.

11 MS. CLIFTON: One more from the audience.

12 MS. CHARVET: Theresa Charvet. 2609 Fourth
13 Street. I -- I just wanted to say something to Coun-
14 cil, specifically, Councilman Wentz. There -- there
15 is a nicer way when you're referring to not saying
16 things and that is to say we have a privacy policy in
17 place.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: And that's been discussed
19 multiple times in the prior meetings and in other ar-
20 eas. It's time for certain people to remember that
21 and I'm getting tired of people trying to cause things
22 and -- and bring out things that should not be dis-
23 cussed because there are privacy issues. It's been
24 made clear in the past. It should not have been
25 brought up again today.

1 MS. CHARVET: I think when you turn to Council-
2 man Hansen and said it the way you did, I say manners
3 matter. Please use appropriate and kind language to-
4 wards your fellow men and women. Thank you.

5 MAYOR HODKINSON: Anybody else? Greg, you're
6 on.

7 CHIEF COBB: Okay. Thank you, Mayor. Council.
8 So, it -- there is -- there is a lot of conversation
9 that just occurred. I -- I just make a brief state-
10 ment.

11 It is an honor to serve the citizens of the City
12 of Union Gap, as I have the past twenty-three years in
13 numerous capacities. I will continue to serve, in any
14 capacity that the Council chooses for me to serve.
15 This isn't -- I've done this job before. It is not
16 overwhelming because we have brilliant staff and peo-
17 ple to help disseminate those responsibilities to.

18 However, at any time, if the majority of the Coun-
19 cil no longer wants me to serve in this position, then
20 I honor and respect that and will continue to serve in
21 my previous capacity. I look forward to City Manager
22 Fisher's return as expeditiously as possible and will
23 hold the fort as -- as long as necessary, as long as
24 the City Council wants me to.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: You're doing an amazing job.

1 MAYOR HODKINSON: Amen.

2 CHIEF COBB: Having said that, I do have a
3 brief manager's report for you, or -- or acting man-
4 ager's report.

5 We had the honor of -- of hosting a legislative
6 meeting here in the City Council chambers on November
7 29th. Most of the region's representatives and sena-
8 tors were -- were present. The purpose of that meeting
9 is was to have a discussion with the Board of County
10 Commissioners on legislative priorities.

11 As the host, they let us jump into that and give
12 them our legislative priorities as well. We did de-
13 liver that. There seemed to be a lot of interest in
14 some of our priorities and you'll be happy to know
15 that the water feature perked everyone's ears up. So,
16 good news on that. And -- in addition to some others;
17 but -- but especially the water feature and some of
18 our road projects.

19 This week we also received good news from the Ag
20 Museum. They received money from the Washington His-
21 torical Society to work on the Young Gap -- Youngs
22 Cabin restoration. If you're not familiar with what
23 the Youngs Cabin is, it was a particular model of cabin
24 that was mass produced back in the day for migrant
25 housing. They were later used to -- to take and even

1 add on to other people's cabins for -- for an addi-
2 tional room. They later saw life as chicken coops and
3 some other things.

4 But the Ag Museum has received one of those and
5 -- I think last year -- now they have the money to
6 restore it to proper condition. And so, that will be
7 on display down at the Ag Museum.

8 MAYOR HODKINSON: Greg?

9 CHIEF COBB: Yes, Sir?

10 MAYOR HODKINSON: Can I add on to that? I am
11 friends with one of the Youngs that helped build those
12 cabins and I have received -- I think it's four pic-
13 tures of them putting those cabins together in their
14 shop and then they would haul them out to the site,
15 which is now our youth park on Ahtanum and I will be
16 turning those pictures over to their -- like so -- and
17 I'll be turning those pictures over to the museum for
18 them to display.

19 CHIEF COBB: And with that, if there's no ques-
20 tions of me, that will conclude my report. Thank you
21 very much.

22 MAYOR HODKINSON: Thank you, sir. Communica-
23 tions, questions, or comments? Council? No. Hearing
24 none, the development of the next agenda, which is out
25 there aways.

1 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: I've got two
2 things for that.

3 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: And I had Greg send
5 out the email that Arlene sent to me on September 20th
6 where it says as I mentioned yesterday, I've contracted
7 Bryanna Murray and her company for grant writing ser-
8 vices for 2022. A full-time grant writer is not nec-
9 essary at this time. I will budget this in my
10 professional service budget for 2022.

11 And I -- I have gone through the budget and I
12 can't find it and so, I would like to have a budget
13 amendment together so that we can get a grant writer
14 so we can finish the library community center and give
15 the public what they would like.

16 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Okay. That's one
18 thing. The other thing is to clear up the library
19 committee so that we have -- and we don't have people
20 meeting that don't need to be meeting and that we have
21 people doing the things -- I -- I think things need to
22 be straightened out a little bit and the group knows
23 that their goals are. And I think we need to share
24 it. And what I would suggest is, Mayor, that you come
25 to the meeting, so that you hear from everybody.

1 MAYOR HODKINSON: I'm -- I'm not sure I under-
2 stand.
3 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Excuse me?
4 MAYOR HODKINSON: I'm not sure I'm understand-
5 ing what you're requesting?
6 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: I'm asking you to
7 attend one of the meetings.
8 MAYOR HODKINSON: One of what meetings?
9 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: One of the library
10 -- friends of the library library meeting and staff
11 meeting, which is a group meeting which meets the third
12 Thursday of each month.
13 MAYOR HODKINSON: That would depend on what my
14 other schedules are.
15 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Yeah. I -- I un-
16 derstand that. But we'd sent out a notice to you.
17 Kathy, our secretary, would send out a notice to you.
18 MAYOR HODKINSON: Is that the 501(c)(3)?
19 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Yeah.
20 MAYOR HODKINSON: Hmm ... okay.
21 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Thank you.
22 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: I'd like to add a -- an item
23 to December -- or January 10th agenda as well. I'd
24 like staff to prepare a 5% increase to Greg's --
25 COUNCIL MEMBER MURR: I can't hear you, Roger.

1 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: We can't hear you.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: -- I'd like to propose a budg
3 -- have a staff prepare a 5% increase to Chief Cobb's
4 salary during the interim while he's acting City Man-
5 ager. And we'll need a budget amendment to that.

6 MAYOR HODKINSON: Is that retroactive?

7 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: I don't know if we can go
8 retroactive from a prior fiscal year.

9 CHIEF COBB: Not from a -- no.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: I don't believe we can.

11 MR. BROWN: No.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: No, I don't be-
13 lieve --

14 MR. BROWN: You'll have issues with the audi-
15 tor for paying an employee for work they've already
16 performed.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Exactly.

18 MAYOR HODKINSON: I just wanted to clarify.
19 Okay. Anything else? Okay. We will now recess to a
20 fifteen-minute executive session for labor negotia-
21 tions and the Council will be taking action, or intends
22 to, after that meeting. So, we'll now adjourn to
23 executive session and be back.

24 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

1 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay. I will call the meet-
2 ing back to order. And do we have a motion?

3 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: I'd like to make a motion we
4 ratify the Police Union's contract as negotiated by
5 the Chief of Police and our attorney.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GALLOWAY: Second.

7 MAYOR HODKINSON: I have a motion made and se-
8 conded to go ahead and ratify the Union contract with
9 the Police Department. Any further discussion? Hear-
10 ing none, all those in favor?

11 MULTIPLE RESPONSES: I.

12 MAYOR HODKINSON: Opposed? Motion carried.

13 That being the last thing on the agenda Merry
14 Christmas, and we'll see everybody after New Year's.

15 **(End of Recording)**

