

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Union Gap, Washington
February 26, 2024, 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 Sewell, Wentz, Galloway, Schilling, and Dailey were present.
<u>Staff Present</u>	City Manager Bounds, City Attorney Foltz, Police Chief Cobb, Fire Chief Markham, Public Works and Community Director Henne, Civil Engineer Dominguez, and Finance & Administration Director Clifton were present.
<u>Audience Present</u>	See attached list.
<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	Council Member Dailey led the pledge of allegiance.
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to approve the consent agenda as follows: Regular Council Meeting Minutes, dated February 12, 2024, as attached to the Agenda and maintained in electronic format. Claims Vouchers – EFT’s, and Voucher No. 107974 through 108039 for February 26, 2024, in the amount of \$967,934.98.
<u>General Items</u>	Motion carried unanimously.
<u>Presentation</u>	
Yakima Valley Tourism Annual Report	Jennifer Martinkus, Yakima Valley Tourism, presented a copy of the 2023 Annual Report giving some highlights such as increasing page use over 75% from the previous year, which increases the number of people visiting the Yakima Valley, helping generate \$385 million dollars in Yakima County and \$38 million dollars in state and local tax revenues.
<u>Public Works & Community Development</u>	
Resolution No. – 24-19 – The	Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member

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Region VIII Education Service Center; TIPS Membership Contract Sewell to approve Resolution No. – 24-19 – authorizing the City Manager to sign The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) membership contract with The Region VIII Education Service Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. – 24-20 – BNSF Railway Company – Preliminary Services Agreement No. BF-20446674 – Regional Beltway Connector Project Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to approve Resolution No. – 24-20 – authorizing the City Manager to sign a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement (BNSF File No. BF-20446674) with BNSF Railway Company.

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

City Manager

Resolution No. – 24-21 – Amending Section 7.2 of the Personnel Policies Handbook Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Dailey to approve Resolution No. – 24-21 amending the Personnel Policies Handbook section 7.2 relating to “Vacation.”. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Selection Process and Interviews City Manager Bounds stated that the City recently advertised for a vacant Council Position, and received four applications. The interview & selection process will follow, and explained the process that needed to be applied during that time.

Committee Reports

Council Member Dailey stated that she attended the Greenway Arboretum Committee meeting, have new Board Members, saying goodbye to previous board Members who have all done a wonderful job trying to improve the community as another way to invite travellers to the walkway. They will be improving the 16th avenue area, and she is proud of this committee and are a great asset to Yakima Valley/

Mayor Hodkinson stated that there was a Council of Governments meeting today, needing to elect new Board Members for the Chair and Vice Chair. James Restucci was elected to be the Chair, and Mayor Hodkinson to be the Vice Chair.

Items from the Audience None.

City Manager Report None.

Communications/Questions/Comments None.

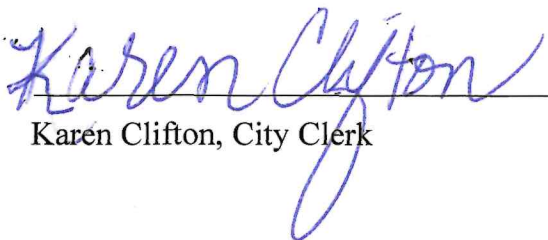
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- Interview of Potential Council Member Numbers were drawn to establish in which order candidates would be interviewed, then Council Members each asked a question from a pre-drafted list of questions, allowing each individual to respond to the same questions.
- Recess to 10 Minute Executive Session At 6:54 p.m., Mayor Hodkinson adjourned to a 10 Minute Executive Session to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office, per RCW 42.30.110 (h); and the Council may be taking action after the executive session. Council Members, City Manager and the City Attorney attended. At 7:04 p.m., Mayor Hodkinson extended the executive session an additional 10 minutes.
- Reconvened Meeting Mayor Hodkinson reconvened the regular meeting at 7:14 p.m.
- Selection of Council Member Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to appoint Maira Gonzalez to the vacancy of the City of Union Gap Council. Motion by Council Member Dailey to nominate Imelda Vargas, second by Council Member Schilling.
- Voting on motion to appoint Maira Gonzalez – Ayes – Sewell, Wentz, Galloway, and Hodkinson. Nays – Schilling, and Dailey. Motion passes.
- Mayor Hodkinson welcomed Maira Gonzalez to the Council, and stated that she would be sworn in at the next Council meeting.
- Development of next Agenda None.
- Adjournment of Meeting Mayor Hodkinson adjourned the regular meeting at 7:18 p.m.



Sharon Bounds, City Manager

ATTEST:



Karen Clifton, City Clerk

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SIGN IN SHEET

6:00 P.M. – February 26, 2024

NAME (Please Print)

(Date)

ADDRESS

Theresa Charvet	2/26/2024	4th St.
Helene Casady	2/26/2024	Robertson Rd
JEFF SHOEMAKER	2-26	3314 4th St
Marilyn Killorn	2-26	108 W Pine
Imelda Vargas	Israel Vargas 2-26-2024	402 Locust St
✓ Dave Watson	2/26/24	2210 Cornell Ave Union Gap
Ludia Galloway	2-26-24	2711-5th St
Naivea Gonzalez	2-26-24	2716 5th St
Jon Shue	2-26-24	Yakima