

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Union Gap, Washington
July 10, 2023, Regular Meeting
MINUTES

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| <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 Wentz, Galloway, Schilling, and Dailey and Sewell were present. |
| <u>Staff Present</u> | City Manager Bounds, City Attorney Foltz, Police Chief Cobb, Civil Engineer Dominquez, and Finance & Administration Director Clifton were present. |
| <u>Audience Present</u> | See attached list. |
| <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u> | Council Member Galloway 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: Claims Vouchers – EFT’s, and Voucher No. 106720 through 106793 for July 10, 2023, in the amount of \$1,194,977.96. Motion carried unanimously. |
| <u>General Items</u> | |
| <u>Public Hearing</u> | |
| Six Year Transit Development Plan 2024-2029 | At 6:04 p.m., Mayor Hodkinson opened a public hearing, which was set at the June 12, 2023 meeting, to receive public testimony on the Transit Development Plan 2024 – 2029. Alejandra Cervantes from Medstar Transportation gave an overview of recent changes and updates with ridership numbers and safety policies. Council Member Schilling asked when an electric vehicle would go into service. Cervantes will get more information and get back to her. Council Member Sewell asked how many vehicles need to be replaced. Cervantes responded that maybe two or three are |

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getting close to retirement, are looking into costs, and will add that to the updates.

With no written or oral public testimony, Mayor Hodkinson closed the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

Public Works & Community Development

Resolution No. – 23-33 – Six Year Transit Development Plan 2024-2029

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Schilling to approve Resolution No. – 23-33 – adopting a Six Year Transit Development Plan 2024 – 2029. Motion carried unanimously.

Excuse Council Member

Motion by Council Member Dailey, second by Council Member Schilling to excuse Council Member Hansen. Council Member Wentz stated that at some point Council Member Hansen needs to decide whether he’s well enough to serve on the Council or not. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation

Final Draft Housing Action Discussion – Byron Gumz, YVCOG Planning Manager

YVCOG Planning Manager, Byron Gumz explained that the Housing Action plan is an effort to identify ways to increase housing in the City of Union Gap. The information includes the housing needs assessment and some of the objectives and strategies that have been identified by the State as means to increase housing, streamline permit processes, means to reduce displacement risks, and so forth. YVCOG has worked with City staff identifying the top four objectives, which are to maintain and rehabilitate existing housing stock, expansion of infrastructure, providing opportunities for missing middle housing, and serving houses with special needs, such as low income or assisted living. Gumz explained that they will come back to Council when ready to update the zoning ordinance or comprehensive plan and there will be opportunities in the future to make sure specific items are reflected in the notes.

Interlocal Agreement – Yakima Consortium for Regional Public Safety (YAKCORPS) – Kyle Curtis, County Commission and YAKCORPS Executive

County Commission and YAKCORPS Executive Board Chair, Kyle Curtis stated that on May 1, 2023 there was a special general membership meeting of YAKCORPS to discuss two proposed amendments. One being to change from the City of Yakima to Yakima County being the fiscal agent of YAKCORPS. The second was to change from seven to eight sub-committees, adding an eighth

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Board Chair sub-committee called radio safety communications. With any modifications to the Interlocal agreement has to go out amongst all 25 member jurisdictions to ask for approval.

City Manager

Resolution No. – 23-34 – Interlocal Agreement – Yakima Consortium for Regional Public Safety (YAKCORPS) Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Schilling to approve Resolution No. - 23-34 – authorizing the City Manager to sign an Interlocal Agreement with Yakima Consortium for Regional Public Safety (YAKCORPS), for public safety services. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. – 23-35 – Appointing YVCOG General Membership Voting Representative Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Dailey to approve Resolution No. – 23-35 – appointing Council Member Jack Galloway as the YVCOG General Membership delegate. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. – 23-36 – Appointment of Public Safety Council Committee Co-Chair Motion by Council Member Schilling, second by Council Member Wentz to approve Resolution No. – 23-36 – appointing Greg Sewell to replace James Murr as Public Safety Committee Co-chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Mayor Hodkinson stated that he has attended one YAKCORPS meeting, so he will continue to do that if there is no objection. There was none.

Items from the Audience

None.

City Manager Report

City Manager Bounds stated the Budget process will soon begin, and that Ordinances will be brought to Council for approval, prior to estimating the revenues for 2024; she is continually grateful to the department director staff that we have, they are phenomenal to work with, a lot of experience and good work ethic; met with Master Gardner program coordinator, Patty Ratzlaff, who has advised her that the agreement the City has with them, for the use of Ahtanum park needs to be renewed, and will soon coming before Council to approve.

Communications/Questions/Comments

Development of next Agenda

Discussion regarding emailing citizens City notifications.

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Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Hodkinson adjourned the July 10, 2023 regular Council meeting at 6:28 p.m.



Sharon Bounds, City Manager

ATTEST:



Karen Clifton, City Clerk

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SIGN IN SHEET
6:00 P.M. – July 10, 2023

| NAME (Please Print) | (Date) | ADDRESS |
|----------------------|------------|--|
| Alexandra MacCazares | 07-10-2023 | 8N 10 th Ave, Yakima WA 98902 |
| Marcelyn Hillman | July 10 | 108 W. Pine ST |
| Ryan Gutz | 7/10/23 | 4804 Franz Tr |
| Lisa Galloway | 7-10-23 | 2711 - 5 th ST |
| Theresa Sewell | 7/10/23 | 201 W. H. Hankin Rd. |
| Kyle Curtis | 7/10/23 | 7301 Crestfield Rd |
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