

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Union Gap, Washington
June 22, 2020, Regular Meeting
MINUTES

Call to Order Mayor Hodkinson called the Regular Meeting of the Union Gap City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council Members Present Council Members Murr, Wentz, Galloway, Hansen, Schilling, and Dailey were present telephonically.

Staff Present City Manager Fisher, Civil Engineer Dominguez, and Finance and Administration Director Clifton were present. City Attorney Brown was present telephonically.

Audience Present See attached list.

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

Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated June 8, 2020 as attached to the Agenda and maintained in electronic format.

Payroll Vouchers – EFT’s, and Voucher No. 101316 through 101358 for the month of May, 2020, in the amount of \$416,364.16

Claims Vouchers – EFT’s, and Voucher Nos. 101367 through 101425 for June 22, 2020, in the amount of \$298,007.52.

Council Member Hansen questioned payment regarding Rods House, City Manager Fisher explained that it was for a legal opinion from Ken Harper; Council Member Schilling questioned the \$125.00 from Library and Community Center Fund for comment cards, stating that it should not have been coded to 111 in full, since nowhere on the cards did it mention the Library and Community Center. Fisher stated that it would be adjusted to come from the legislative budget.

Motion passes with coding change.

Items from the Audience None.

General Items

Public Works & Community

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Development

Resolution No. – 20-29 –
Professional Engineering
Services Agreement – Avenue
Bridge Replacement Project

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to approve Resolution No. – 20-29 – authorizing the City Manager to sign a Professional Services Agreement Number 30-20-50 with JUB Engineers, Inc. for Engineering Services as it pertains to the 10th Avenue South #475 Bridge Replacement Project. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager

Library & Community Center
Construction Budget

City Manager Fisher presented the Library & Community Center Construction Budget from BORArchitech.

Library & Community Center
Comment Cards

City Manager Fisher dispersed copies of comment cards received from the public, with responses regarding the library and other items in the community.

City Manager Report

Fisher stated that the Main Street and Rock Avenue projects are under way; just signed the agreement for 10th Avenue; Governor will be issuing a mandatory mask order and she will be placing a box of 50 masks in each Council Member's inter office mail boxes for them to distribute to others.

Items from the Audience

Cathy Cluck, standing in for Mark Crochet stated that they recently had a great meeting with the Library & Community Center committee, 501(c)(3), Arlene Fisher and David Dominguez. Cluck requested that they meet again to further discuss the budget item for the fire place, how best to coordinate grant writing, fund raising, community involvement & information back to the city. Fisher stated that she prefers email communication. Cluck stated that community member and restaurant owner of Old Town Station, volunteered his expertise to help with a commercial kitchen design.

Communications/Questions/
Comments

Motion by Council Member Hansen to have a summer youth work program. Mayor Hodkinson stated that he didn't think it would be appropriate at this time due to the recent COVID-19 pandemic. City Manager Fisher stated that WCIA prohibits the City from doing youth work programs due to liability issues, suggesting that we partner with other community projects already under way. Hansen stated that he would go along with Fishers suggestion.

Schilling inquired if the 2% Library sales tax coming to the City can go back into the building fund. Fisher stated that it is required to go into the general fund and now is not the time to make the change, that the general fund is currently \$900,000 in the hole, due to decreased sales tax revenue. Fisher recommended that the idea be tabled until financial

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recovery. Schilling asked if we have gone after Grants for officers and community policing. Fisher stated she would have to ask Police Chief Cobb who was not in attendance at the time.

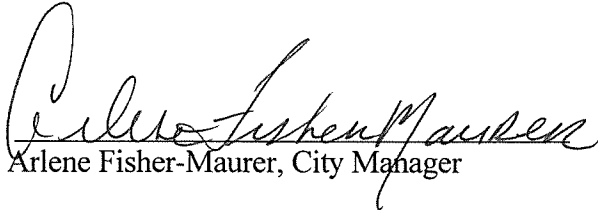
Council Member Hansen inquired if there was a second on his previous motion. Second by Council Member Schilling for discussion. Mayor Hodkinson stated that they determined the request was a liability, but could work with other agencies if possible. City Manager Fisher stated that she would look into partnering with other community projects and report back to the Council. Council member Schilling withdrew her second.

Council Member Dailey stated that she appreciated the City of Union Gap helping to disperse masks to the community during the recent social distancing requirement.

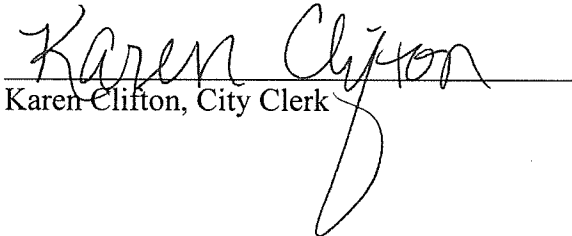
Development of Next Agenda

Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Hodkinson adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.


Arlene Fisher-Maurer, City Manager

ATTEST:


Karen Clifton, City Clerk