

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Union Gap, Washington
March 23, 2015
MINUTES

Call to Order

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

Council Members Present

Council Members Lenz, Carney, Olson, Butler, Matson and Murr were present.

Staff Present

City Attorney Brown, City Manager Otterness, Public Works/Community Development Director Henne, Finance & Administration Director Clifton, Acting Public Safety Director Cobb, and PR/AP Technician Bisconer were present.

Audience Present

See list.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Wentz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Lenz, second by Council Member Murr to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated February 9, 2015 as attached to the agenda and maintained in electronic format.

Approve EFT's and Payroll Voucher Nos. 41350 through 41357, and 89800 in the amount of \$3,164.89 dated March 5, 2015.

Approve EFT's and Claim Voucher Nos. 89799 through 89801 in the amount of \$256,165.41 dated March 23, 2015.

Approve Advance Travel Voucher Nos. 1237 through 1239 in the amount of \$669.92 for the month of February.

Items from the Audience

Cas Properties principal, Chris A. Smith presented a letter congratulating the City of Union Gap on a very high level of service. David Spurlock, Dennis Henne & Mike Stillwaugh were specifically mentioned on jobs well done.

Ray Kemp inquired about the status on tire removal from Fullbright park. Mayor Wentz requested that City Attorney Brown begin working again on the matter.

Presentation – Wellness Program

Teresa Lopez gave a presentation on the City of Union Gap Wellness Program and challenged the City Council to participate in the Live Out Loud wellness challenge.

General Items

Public Safety

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Fire Services Update	Chief Bob Stewart introduced Deputy Chief Mark Soptich and Deputy Ted Vanderhouwen and gave an update on Fire Services.
<u>City Manager</u>	
Ordinance No. 2872 – Restructuring of Public Safety Department	Motion by Council Member Lenz, second by Council Member Murr to approve Ordinance No. 2872 restructuring the Public Safety Department. Voting on the motion Ayes – Lenz, Butler, Murr and Wentz; Nays – Carney, Matson and Olson. Motion carried.
Resolution No. 15-16 – Housing Rehabilitation Loan Policy	City Manager Otterness introduced citizen Kathy Travis who made a request to the Council to authorize an amendment to the Loan Policy regarding the Housing Rehabilitation Program to allow her to refinance her mortgage at a lower interest rate. Motion by Council Member Murr, second by Council Member Carney to approve Resolution No. 15-16 amending the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Policy. Motion carried unanimously.
<u>Public Works/Community Development</u>	
Resolution No. 15-17 – South 16 th Avenue Bridge Agreement	Public Works/Community Development Director Henne gave an overview of the 16 th Avenue Bridge Agreement and answered questions from Council Members. He recommended approval of the resolution authorizing an Inter Local Agreement with Yakima County for structure inspection and Maintenance of Bridge #150. He stated the agreement would only be concluded if the annexation which includes one-half of the bridge is approved. Motion by Council Member Butler, second by Council Member Murr to adopt Resolution No. 15-17 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Inter Local Agreement with Yakima County for structure inspection and Maintenance of Bridge #150. Motion carried unanimously.
Ordinance No. 2873 – Amending Off Street Parking	Motion by Council Member Carney, second by Council Member Murr to adopt Ordinance No. 2873 amending 17.02.020 and 17.06.030. Voting on the motion Ayes – Murr, Wentz, Matson, Carney; Nays – none; Abstentions – Olson, Lenz, Butler. Motion carried.
<u>Items from the Audience</u>	Kathy Travis inquired about loose dogs in her neighbourhood. Mayor Wentz advised her to call animal control or the police department when she observes unleashed dogs in the area.
<u>City Manager Report</u>	City Manager Otterness reported on the YVCOG Funders Forum which he and Public Works and Community Development Director Henne attended.
<u>Communications/Questions /Comments</u>	Council Member Matson said he has received complaints about traffic on Valley Mall Blvd. Public Works/Community Development Director Henne said that staff is reviewing the area in question because of possible new construction.
<u>Development of next agenda</u>	None.

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Other Business None.

Recess to 15 Minutes
Executive Session

City Manager Performance Appraisal Summary and Salary Review At 6:52 Mayor Wentz recessed to a 15 Minutes Executive Session to review the performance of the City Manager Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (g). Mayor Wentz and Council Members Lenz, Matson, Olson, Butler, and Murr reviewed the performance of the City Manager in Executive Session. Mayor Wentz extended the executive meeting 3 minutes and re-convened at 7:10 p.m. Mayor Wentz gave a summary of the Performance of City Manager Otterness. Motion by Council Member Lenz, second by Council Member Murr to approve a 2.5% salary increase for City Manager Otterness. Voting on the motion: Ayes – Lenz, Butler, Matson, Murr and Wentz; Nays – Carney and Olson. Motion carried.

Adjournment of Meeting At 7:28 p.m. Mayor Wentz adjourned the March 23, 2015 regular Council Meeting.

Rodney Otterness, City Manager

ATTEST

Karen Clifton, City Clerk