

**UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**Union Gap, Washington**  
**May 22, 2023, Regular Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

<u>Call to Order</u>	Mayor Hodgkinson 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, Schilling, and Dailey were present.
<u>Staff Present</u>	City Manager Bounds, City Attorney Foltz, Public Works and Community Development Director Henne, Civil Engineer Dominquez, Finance and Administration Director Clifton, and Building Official/Plans examiner Cavanaugh were present.
<u>Audience Present</u>	See attached list.
<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	Council Member Murr led the pledge of allegiance.
<u>Excuse Council Member</u>	Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Dailey to excuse Council Members Hansen and Galloway. Motion carried unanimously.
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Murr to approve the consent agenda as follows:  Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated May 8, 2023, as attached to the Agenda and maintained in electronic format.  Payroll Vouchers – EFT’s, and Voucher No. 106481 through 106488 for the Month of April 2023, in the amount of \$433,846.88.  Claims Vouchers – EFT’s, and Voucher No. 106489 through 106561 for May 22, 2023, in the amount of \$430,076.09.  Motion carried unanimously.
<u>General Items</u>	
<u>Presentation</u>	
Future Plans of the Yakima Airport – Rod Hodgeman,	Yakima Airport Director, Rod Hodgeman addressed the Council giving a brief explanation of his background and explained that they

Yakima Airport Director

are working on obtaining an additional flight out of the Yakima Airport through Alaska Airline. There is currently a poll on the airport and City of Yakima Web-sights, and has been advertised with the Yakima Herald, asking the public in the Greater Yakima Valley community where they want to fly. At last count they had 2261 responses. Sea Tac and Las Vegas tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place. Hodgeman explained that there is currently only one flight to Seattle which is a 1:00 arrival, and 2:00 departure, which is convenient for no one ever. They are working on getting an early morning departure and a late night arrival, but are focussing their efforts on the early morning departure at this time. The cost to add the flight would be \$500,000, and as of today they have \$325,000, with \$145,000 from the City of Yakima, \$100,000 from Yakima County, and other private contributions. Hodgeman explained cost vs. ridership, the need for an additional flight, and are applying for a USDOT grant as well. Council Member Dailey asked if the poll asked the question of preferred departure time. Hedgeman replied that it did not.

Public Hearing

Amending UGMC to  
Include Chapter 17.09.140  
Electric Vehicles

At 6:19 p.m. Mayor Hodkinson opened a public Hearing which was set at the April 24, 2023 meeting, to receive public testimony on the amended UGMC to include Chapter 17.09.140. Building Official/Plans Examiner Cavanaugh invited Land use Planner, Albert Miller of Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) to speak. Miller then gave an abbreviated staff report which was included in the Council Packet. Miller stated that YVCOG had been helping the City administratively to implement text amendments as a means to regulate electric vehicle charging stations, as they are implemented within Union Gap due to a change in the Washington administrative code, which requires that all new developments have infrastructure for electric vehicle charging. A certain proportion of all provided parking has the potential to implement electric vehicle charging. Miller detailed the dates of application, public notice, SEPA determination, Public Hearings and conclusions, and recommendations. Council Member Schilling asked where YVCOG advertised because people aren't showing up. Miller responded that it is mailed to every agency that would be interested, and posted in the newspaper, which is what the law requires. With no written or public testimony Mayor Hodkinson closed the Public Hearing at 6:24 p.m.

Public Works & Community  
Development

Ordinance No. – 3046 –

Motion by Council Member Murr, second by Council Member Wentz

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Amending UGMC Chapter 17 Electric Vehicles to adopt Ordinance No. – 3046 – amending Union Gap Municipal Code (UGMC) Title 17 Zoning Chapter, 17.09 Special Development Standards to include 17.09.140 – Special development standards for Electric Passenger Vehicle Charging Stations. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2024 – 2029 At 6:25 p.m. Mayor Hodkinson Opened a Public Hearing to receive public comment regarding the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2024 – 2029. Civil Engineer Dominquez gave an overview of the 6 projects not previously included in the Plan. With no written or public comment Mayor Hodkinson closed the Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m.

Public Works & Community Development

Resolution No. 23-31 – Adopting Amended Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program 2024 - 2029 Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Murr to approve Resolution - No. – 23-31 – providing for an amended 2024 to 2029 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (Comprehensive Street Program) for the City of Union Gap. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance & Administration

Motion – Deactivating Mission Square Retirement 401c Plan None. Director of Finance & Administration, Clifton explained and requested Council to make a motion to deactivate a 401c Retirement Plan that is no longer in use. Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Murr to deactivate a 401c Plan through Mission Square (formerly ICMA-RC). Motion carried unanimously.

Items from the Audience

Helen Canatsey addressed the Council to advise them that they raised \$1,050 at the Dining for Dollars event recently held at Sea Galley, and there will be another event held at Jena’s Cottage Inn, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

City Manager Report

City Manager Bounds made a special acknowledgment that she had received resignation notice from Council Member Murr, who had the good fortune of finding a nice home unfortunately outside of Union Gap. Bounds stated that she is sad to see him go, and asked Mayor Hodkinson to make a presentation. Mayor Hodkinson presented an appreciation plaque to Council Member Murr for his many years of service as an elected City Official. Council Member Wentz also expressed his thanks, and a standing ovation followed.

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Communications/Questions/  
Comments

Council Member Schilling stated that she thinks that communication to our citizens is lacking, and is wondering if we could send an email, newsletter, or texts to our citizens of future meetings. Director of Finance and Administration Director Clifton replied that she currently has an email distribution list which she uses to send each agenda to. Schilling stated that she is referring to notification of things like special meetings. City Manager Bounds stated that anyone is invited to be on the distribution list. Schilling then stated that an example would be the planning commission meetings. Council Member Wentz stated that they are all posted on our website. Schilling asked a citizen in the audience when the last time she accessed the website, and she wanted to get things from other cities showing what they do for Council consideration. Council Member Wentz asked what Schilling would suggest as far as identifying the people who would like to receive emails from us. Schilling stated that they will put together a form for the people they talk to and submit them to City Hall.

Development of next  
Agenda

None.

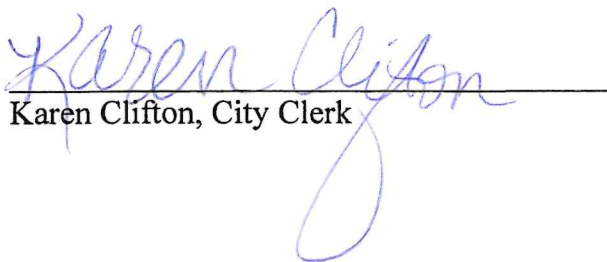
Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Hodkinson adjourned the May 22, 2023 regular Council Meeting at 6:47 p.m.



Sharon Bounds, City Manager

ATTEST:



Karen Clifton, City Clerk

