

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Union Gap, Washington
May 23, 2022, 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 Murr, Wentz, Galloway, Hansen, Schilling, and Dailey were present.
<u>Staff Present</u>	City Manager Fisher, Police Chief Cobb, City Attorney Brown, Fire Chief Markham, Public Works & Community Development Director Henne, Civil Engineer Dominguez, Finance and Administration Director Clifton, and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Bisconer were present.
<u>Audience Present</u>	See attached list.
<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	Council Member Wentz led the pledge of allegiance.
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	<p>Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to approve the consent agenda as follows:</p> <p>Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated May 9th, 2022 as attached to the Agenda and maintained in electronic format.</p> <p>Payroll Vouchers – EFT’s and Voucher No. 104621 through 104627 for the month of April 2022, in the amount of \$435,650.77.</p> <p>Claims Vouchers – EFT’s, Voucher No. 104628, through 104686 for May 23, 2022, in the amount of \$877,780.88.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<u>Items from the Audience</u>	None.
<u>General Items</u>	
Presentation	
Camp Hope – Mike Kay, Executive Director	Mike Kay, Executive Director of Grace City Outreach who operates Camp Hope, updated Council of the current status of the individuals

utilizing Camp Hope’s services, such as medical care and temporary housing until other partners can assist them further, also providing behaviour health and detox services. They recently added a community clean-up program where they clean up other homeless camps, removing over 21 tons of debris to date. Tiny Homes will soon be added to the campus, and eight to ten RV spots. Each section is at capacity currently. Mayor Hodkinson asked with the recent increase of people needing assistance, where are they coming from. Kay responded that some of them are our own residents, but people are also coming from other areas. Partners are trying to identify where people are coming from, and they are trying to divert that if they can, because they have more than enough of our own to take care of right here, but at the same time were not going to put someone simply on the street because they came from another area. After the tiny homes are placed, there will be up to 300 beds available, which makes them one of the larger facilities for several counties. They are working with other City’s such as Toppenish, Yakima Nation and Sunnyside for a regional approach to having shelters in the area instead of people having to get to Yakima. Unfortunately people don’t want to leave the community they are in. Kay estimates a 30% increase in people seeking services in 2022, unfortunately there has been an uptick in the Senior Citizens and family communities, possibly due to the COVID pandemic. Council Member Wentz asked what the average stay is. Kay responded that it varies, but aim for 90 to 180 days as long as they are making progress. Council Member Schilling asked and the Mayor agreed for Mr. Kay to come back periodically for updates. Kay agreed and stated that he would, and invited Council Members to tour the Camp Hope facility any time, preferably after 9:00 a.m.

Public Hearing

Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2023-2028

At 6:23 p.m. Mayor Hodkinson opened a public hearing for the receiving of written, or public statements regarding the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan. Civil Engineer David Dominguez explained that one of projects that has been removed is the West Ahtanum resurfacing project that will be concluded in a couple of weeks. The Union Gap Bridge No. 2 project has been added, which is a Federal funded project and needs to be included in our Plan. Updates have also been made to other existing projects to reflect the year anticipated to be completed. With no written or public testimony Mayor Hodkinson closed the Public Hearing at 6:28 p.m.

Public Works & Community Development

Resolution No. – 22-24 –

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member

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Adopting Amended Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2023-2028 Galloway to approve Resolution No. – 22-24 – providing for an amended 2023 to 2028 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (Comprehensive Street Program) for the City of Union Gap. Motion carried unanimously.

Police

Resolution No. – 22-25 – Flock Group Inc. – Service Agreement Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to approve Resolution No. 22-25 authorizing the City Manager to sign a service agreement with Flock Group Inc. for services relating to an automatic license plate detection system. Council Member Schilling asked how many businesses have responded that they would like to participate. Police Chief Cobb replied that we have not yet reached out to them, he is waiting until after Council approves the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager

Proclamation – Terminating Emergency Proclamation Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Hansen to approve the termination of the Proclamation of Emergency issued on March 13, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Items from the Audience

Georgia Reitmire joined via Zoom to present the upcoming express library. Beginning Wednesday morning, June 15th, 2022, she and an employee will be providing library services in the City of Union Gap chambers room, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There will be books and movies to check out, a short story time, crafts, activities and/or movies. August 10th 2022 will be the last day. Council Member Schilling and the Mayor thanked Georgia for providing the services.

City Manager Report

City Manager Fisher stated that she is working with Lisa Gredvig this afternoon to discuss after school programs to be funded by the city with COVID funding received; the City has two employment openings, one admin position and a Police Department clerical position.

Items from the Audience

Benine McDonnell, member of the Union Gap Library and Community Center comity announced that they will have a table at Old Town Days on June 18th and 19th with book sales. In addition they will be having a dinning for dollars on Wednesday June 29th at Sea Galley from 11:00 a.m. 9:00 p.m. and invited Council and staff to join. The donated amount per meal has not yet been established.

Communications/Questions/Comments

None.

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Development of next Agenda None.

Recess to 30 minute executive Session

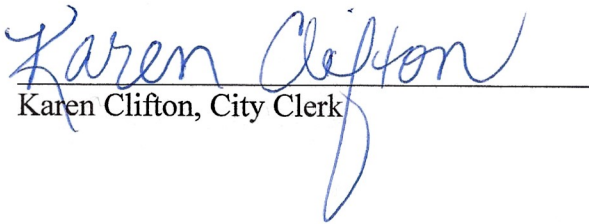
At 6:42 p.m. Mayor Hodkinson adjourned to a 30 minute executive session to discuss (1) potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110 (i); (2) to discuss personnel per RCW 42.30.110 (j). Those in attendance were Council Members, City Manager Fisher, City Attorney Brown, Public Works and Community Development Director Henne, Finance and Administrator Director Clifton, and Attorney Ken Harper via phone for potential litigation discussion only. Mayor Hodkinson recused himself during the potential litigation discussion.

Adjournment of Meeting

At 7:12 p.m., Mayor Hodkinson reconvened and adjourned the May 23, 2022 regular Council Meeting.


Arlene Fisher, City Manager

ATTEST:


Karen Clifton, City Clerk

