

**UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
*Union Gap, Washington*  
*May 24, 2021, 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 virtually.
<u>Staff Present</u>	City Manager Fisher, Police Chief Cobb, Public Works and Community Development Director Henne, Civil Engineer Dominguez, Finance and Administration Director Clifton, City Attorney Brown, and Fire Chief Markham were present.
<u>Audience Present</u>	See attached list.
<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	Mayor Hodkinson 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.  Regular Council Meeting Minutes, dated May 10, 2021 as attached to the Agenda and maintained in electronic format.  Claims Vouchers – EFT’s and Voucher No. 102832 and 102840 through 102907 for May 24, 2021, in the amount of \$918,361.76.  USDA Loan Vouchers – EFT for April 2021, in the amount of \$114,307.00  Motion carried unanimously.
<u>Items from the Audience</u>	None.
<u>General Items</u>	
<u>Public Works &amp; Community Development</u>	
Award of Bid – E. Washington Avenue Resurfacing Project	Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Murr to accept the most qualified, lowest responsible bidder for the East Washington Avenue Resurfacing Project – Central Paving, LLC of

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Ellensburg, Washington in the amount of \$244,817.90. Motion carried unanimously.

Library & Community  
Center

Mayor Hodkinson stated that Senator Honeyford was not happy with the City of Union Gap and was ready to pull the Grant. The Mayor and City Manager Fisher sat down in a meeting with the Senator and discussed the current situation and he decided not to pull the Grant. The Senator contacted the Department of Commerce and verified that things have progressed as they should and in a timely manner, so the Grant was reinstated. Senator Honeyford was not aware of any additional Grants available at this time.

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to reject all bids received April 21, 2021 for the Library and Community Center Project, and go back out to bid in the fall.

Council Member Schilling inquired if an interfund loan could be utilized for the library and community center the same way that was done with the previously built skate park. City Manager Fisher replied that she could not advise the Council at this time to authorize an interfund loan, because there is no guaranteed source of revenue to pay the loan back. Council Member Wentz recommended that they consider downsizing the facility. Council Member Hansen asked if the Rainy Day Fund could be used. Council Member Wentz replied that the library and community center project is not an emergency situation, which is what the Rainy Day Fund is for. Hansen stated that COVID is an emergency situation. City Manager Fisher stated that COVID money could not be used for building construction, it is for lost revenue. Mayor Hodkinson concurred. City Manager Fisher stated that she had applied for grants from Senator Patty Murray and the second round of money from President Biden, for the shortfall of the Library and Community Center. The current grant funding had a deadline of June 2023, which has been extended, but Fisher did not yet know exactly how long.

Motion carried unanimously.

Items from the audience

None.

City Manager Report

City Manager Fisher stated that at 4:00 today we received the guidelines from U.S. Treasury stating that we are classified as a non - entity unit, and Finance and Administration Director Clifton has been working on calculating our revenue shortfalls due to COVID-19. As of today we are short over a million dollars over several funds. We are entitled to \$1.3 million, with \$670,000 this year and \$670,000 next year. We have to request the funds from the State and include support for every penny that

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we are requesting.

Communications/Questions/  
Comments

Council Member Hansesn would like an evaluation ordinance in his mailbox. Council Member Wentz replied that it is in the employee handbook.

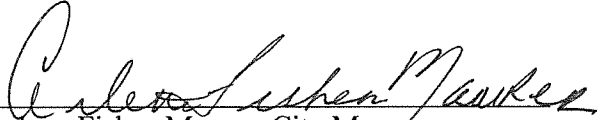
Council Member Schilling asked why the Council meeting audio had been removed from the website. Mike Brown replied that they are only posting the video/audio at this time, but if Council would like, he could post both separately. No directive was given.

Development of Next  
Agenda

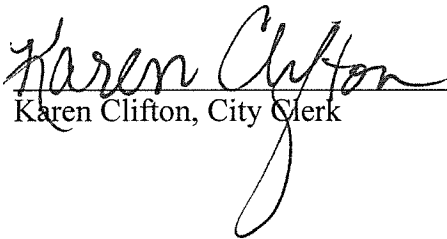
Council Member Schilling requested an executive Session to discuss issues that have happened in 2020. Mayor Hodkinson and City Manager Fisher both replied that they could not have an executive session unless there is a specific issue related to employees, real estate or litigation. City Manager Fisher stated that she had updated the Council Members at the last meeting on the current issues.

Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Hodkinson adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

  
Arlene Fisher-Maurer, City Manager

ATTEST:

  
Karen Clifton, City Clerk