

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Union Gap, Washington
November 22, 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, and Schilling and Dailey were present.
<u>Staff Present</u>	Acting City Manager Cobb, Public Works and Community Development Director Henne, Civil Engineer Dominguez, Finance and Administration Director Clifton, and City Attorney Brown were present.
<u>Audience Present</u>	See attached list.
<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	Council Member Schilling led the pledge of allegiance.
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	<p>Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Hansen to approve the consent agenda as follows:</p> <p>Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated November 8, 2021 as attached to the Agenda and maintained in electronic format.</p> <p>Payroll Vouchers – EFT’s and Voucher Nos. 103705 through 103711 for the month of October 2021, in the amount of \$351,948.14.</p> <p>Claims Vouchers – EFT’s and Voucher No. 103712 through 103785 for November 22, 2021, in the amount of \$247,488.71.</p> <p>USDA Loan Vouchers – EFT in the amount of \$114,307.00.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<u>Items from the Audience</u>	None.
<u>General Items</u>	
<u>Public Hearings</u>	
2022 Final Budget	At 6:05 p.m. Mayor Hodkinson opened a Public Hearing in regards to the

2022 Final Budget. Finance and Administration Director Clifton presented the Final Budget and gave an overview. Helen Canatsey inquired about the budget for the Library and Civic Center. Clifton responded that it is in the 118 fund, page 16. Council Member Hansen asked what the total percentage increase was. Clifton responded that it was 5% for the current expense fund, due to several reasons such as the cost of living increase of employee wages, a higher WCIA billing, and catching up on some of the reserve funds. Council Member Schilling inquired about a recent fire truck purchase. Clifton responded that the purchase did come from that fund but are planning for future purchases. Clifton also explained that a recent requirement of the Auditor for a cost allocation of the newly built Civic Center has increased expenses from the general fund. With no written or additional public testimony, Mayor Hodkinson closed the public Hearing at 6:12 p.m.

Finance & Administration

Ordinance No. – 3014 –
2022 Final Budget

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to adopt and publish Ordinance No. – 3015 – adopting the 2022 Budget for the City of Union Gap, Washington. Council Member Schilling asked if they didn't usually have another meeting between this meeting and the final meeting, that we go through things. Mayor Hodkinson stated that we have gone through the final budget, there's no changes, so were a little early.

Voting on the motion – Ayes – Murr, Wentz, Galloway, Dailey and Hodkinson. Nays - Schilling and Hansen. Motion passes.

Public Hearing

Comprehensive Plan
Amendment and Site
Specific Change of Zoning
Application, Lynn Deitrick,
YVCOG Planning Manager

At 6:15 p.m. Mayor Hodkinson opened a Public Hearing to consider oral and written comments, for an amendment to the City of Union Gap Comprehensive Plan-Future Land Use Map and Falcon Ridge Investments, LLC – Rezone Application – 2021.0116.RZ0001, site-specific change of zoning.

YVCOG Planning Manager, Lynn Deitrick addressed the Council to explain the Falcon Ridge Investments, LLC rezone Application request. Council Member Schilling asked about the traffic. Deitrick replied that if the proposal continues, it will be evaluated at the time of development. Schilling inquired who would pay for the improvements. Deitrick replied that the applicant would, unless the City entered into an agreement that might supplement that.

With no written or public testimony Mayor Hodkinson closed the public hearing at 6:23 p.m.

Public Works & Community
Development

Ordinance No. – 3015 –
Amending the City of Union
Gap Comprehensive Plan
Future Land Use (FLU) Map
from “Commercial” to
“Residential”

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Murr to adopt Ordinance No. - 3015 – amending the City of Union Gap Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use (FLU) Map from “Commercial” to “Residential”. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. – 3016 –
Falcon Ridge Investments,
LLC – Rezone Application –
2021.0116.RZ0001

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to approve Ordinance No. – 3016 – amending the City of Union Gap Official Zoning Map to rezone two parcels from “Regional Commercial” (C-2) to “Multi-Family Residential” (R-3). Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. – 21-39 –
Declare Project Complete
and Approve Acceptance –
Main Street Reconstruction –
Phase 1 Project

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to adopt Resolution No. - 21-39 – authorizing final acceptance and authorizing close-out to the City’s contract agreement related to the Main Street Reconstruction Phase 1 Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Award of Bid – West
Ahtanum Road Resurfacing
Project

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Murr to accept the most qualified, lowest responsible bidder for the City of Union Gap – West Ahtanum Road Resurfacing – American Rock Products of Yakima, Washington in the amount of: \$1,242,232.50 including taxes. Motion carried unanimously.

Items from the audience

None.

City Manager Report

Acting City Manager Cobb stated that the Lighted Parade has been cancelled, we posted it on our website and will put out a press release tomorrow; we hosted some judicial officers over the weekend for some firearms training to answer questions that they had, with the highly knowledgeable and gifted Sergeant Bonson leading the event, which reminded him, especially going into Thanksgiving weekend, things he is Thank-full for. Cobb stated that our staff continually demonstrates an ability to punch way outside their weight class. We’re a town of 6500 and the staff are continually looked at to bear a heavy burden, not only in the county but also in the state. We have a detective over in the police department that is one of the subject matter experts on a particular type of crime, and constantly has people reaching out to him for guidance as they investigate these crimes, incredibly skilled individual. We have an officer who is a master DT instructor and they’re one of the leading

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instructors state wide for LETCSA which is I-940 and some of the laws that were created for the law enforcement and community safety act. In public works we have staff that bring in millions of dollars and are incredibly gifted in bring in money so our community has safe streets, drinking water and sewer flowing. Finance and administration being the hub for a major housing project study by YVCOG, with all that money flowing through our finance department, because Karen and her staff have a reputation of doing it right, recently having an audit with 0 findings. Cobb wanted to remind us all about just how successful Union Gap has been and it's because of the leadership of the Council, but also because of an incredible staff that constantly punches above their weight class and we should be very thankful for that.

Communications/Questions/
Comments

None.

Development of next Agenda

None.


Adjournment of Meeting

At 6:39 p.m., Mayor Hodkinson adjourned the November 22, 2021 regular Council Meeting.

ATTEST:



Karen Clifton, City Clerk



Gregory Cobb, Acting City Manager