

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Union Gap, Washington
October 10, 2016 Regular Meeting
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 Olson, Butler, Matson and Schilling were present. Council Member Carney attended telephonically.

Staff Present City Attorney Brown, City Manager Fisher-Maurer, Police Chief Cobb, Finance & Administration Director Clifton, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Bisconer, Public Works/Community Development Director Henne, Deputy Public Works/Community Development Director Spurlock and Fire Chief Stewart were present.

Audience Present See attached list.

Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Wentz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Excuse Council Member Motion by Council Member Olson, second by Deputy Mayor Schilling to excuse Council Member Lenz. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Motion by Deputy Mayor Schilling, second by Council Member Carney to amend the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated September 26, 2016 in regards to the discussion of Attorney Fees. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Olson, second by Council Member Matson to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Revised Special Council Meeting Minutes, dated September 26, 2016, as attached to the Agenda and maintained in electronic format.

Regular Council Meeting Minutes, dated October 10, 2016, as attached to the Agenda and maintained in electronic format.

Claims Vouchers – EFT’s and Voucher Nos. 10303 and 93244 through 93345 for October 10, 2016, in the amount of \$810,722.96.

Petty Cash Vouchers – Check No. 1851 for the month of August, 2016 in the amount of \$300.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Items from the Audience Donald Thaxton stated that he is against extending event hours at the park and explained why.

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Public Hearing

2017 Ad Valorem Property Tax Discussion

At 6:09 Mayor Wentz opened a Public Hearing to consider oral and written comments regarding the property taxes and other revenue sources for the 2017 budget. City Manager Fisher explained the tax and that the City has not chosen to take the tax since 2013. No written or verbal comments were received. Mayor Wentz closed the Public Hearing at 6:14 p.m.

Finance and Administration

2017 Ad Valorem Property Tax Discussion

Finance & Administration Director Clifton provided documentation showing proposed revenues & explained the calculations. After being asked, Clifton stated that she recommends that the Council approve the 2017 Ad Valorem Property Tax.

Presentation – Finance & Administration Budget

Finance & Administration Director Clifton provided summary and detailed comparison handouts and gave an overview of the requested Finance & Administration Budget. Mayor Wentz stated that he would like to allocate \$5,000.00 for each parade and would like to see a fireworks display during Old Town Days. City Manager Fisher stated she would work with staff to research the possibilities of having a fireworks display and report back to Council.

Public Works/Community Development

Resolution No. – 16-55 – Six Year Transit Development

Public Works/Community Development Director Henne stated that a Public Hearing had been held and there were no comments received written or oral and it's his recommendation to approve the Resolution. Council Member Olson voiced his concern about the decreasing amount of reserve available. Deputy Mayor Schilling stated she would like to have the bus service extended to the recently annexed area. Henne replied he would contact the provider to review the possibility of extending the service. Motion by Council Member Butler, second by Council Member Matson to adopt a Six (6) Year Transit Development Plan 2017 – 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

New Employee Introduction

Public Works/Community Development Director Henne introduced Christina Galvan to fill the vacated Senior Citizen Liaison position. Galvan spoke and Mayor Wentz welcomed her.

Resolution No. 16-56 – Set Public Hearing to Vacate Right-of-way

Motion by Council Member Butler, second by Council Member Carney to adopt Resolution No. 16-56 fixing October 24, 2016 as the date for a public hearing on a proposal to vacate public right-of-way dedicated

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within the Van Doren Binding Site plan, recorded under Auditor's File Number 7742566, Yakima County, Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 16-57 –
Hearing Examiner
Professional Services
Contract

Motion by Council Member Butler, second by Council Member Olson to adopt Resolution No. 16-57 authorizing the City Manager to sign a Professional Services Contract for Hearing Examiner with Gary Cullier. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation – 2017 Public
Works & Community
Development

Public Works/Community Development Director Henne presented project documentation and gave a presentation of the 2017 Public Works & Community Development Budget and gave an overview of the 2017 Public Works Projects.

Items from the Audience

Mike Brown thanked Mayor Wentz for making parades a priority. Mayor Wentz then thanked Mike and Julie for their work with the parades.

City Manager Report

City Manager Fisher thanked Public Works/Community Development Director Henne for the 3rd Avenue bridge repair; Congratulated officer Dustin Soptich and all Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire Departments and Deputy Mayor Schilling for making the Safety School event a success; We had a very successful Ribbon cutting ceremony for the skatepark with 75 skaters joined; Opportunity to meet with organizers of Play the Gap to discuss 2017 events; Attended Yakima Rotary and plan to join; Met with Bruce Smith publisher and editor of the Business Weekly; Will be meeting with Larry Matson and staff to coordinate the comprehensive plan date and time line to submit on time by June 17 deadline; Deputy Public Works/Community Development Director Spurlock and herself met with Frank Glaspey at the Barn and explained things to be done to minimize noise; Deputy Mayor Schilling and herself will be meeting with Library staff; Public Works/Community Development Director Henne, Council Member Olson and herself will be attending the IAC conference; Tires at Fullbright Park will hopefully be cleaned up by the end of October; Asked how the Council is doing with their new Ipad and stated that Deputy Public Works/Community Development Director Spurlock delivered the Kwik Lok annexation documentation to the County so the 45 day period starts today and have talked the City Manager in regards to the homeless project.

Communications/Questions/
Comments

Deputy Public Works/Community Development Director Spurlock mentioned a possibility of contacting different organizations in regard to art work being done at the skatepark.

Development of next agenda

None.

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Any other Business

None.

Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Wentz adjourned the October 10, 2016 Regular Council Meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Arlene Fisher-Maurer, City Manager

ATTEST:

Karen Clifton, City Clerk