

**UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**Union Gap, Washington**  
**October 14, 2019 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 Hodkinson, Murr, Butler, Matson, and Dailey were present. Council Member Schilling attended telephonically.
- Staff Present City Manager Fisher, City Attorney Brown, Police Chief Cobb, Fire Chief Markham, Public Works & Community Development Director Henne, Civil Engineer Dominguez, Finance and Administration Director Clifton, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Bisconer.
- Audience Present See attached list.
- Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Wentz led the pledge of allegiance.
- Consent Agenda Motion by Council Member Butler, second by Council Member Murr to approve the consent agenda as follows:
- Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated September 23, 2019 as attached to the Agenda and maintained in electronic format.
- Payroll Vouchers – EFT’s, and Voucher Nos. 100025 through 100032 for September, 2019, in the amount of \$527,218.91.
- Claims Vouchers – EFT’s and Voucher Nos. 100024 and 100033 through 100127 for October 14, 2019, in the amount of \$9,138,764.88.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- Items from the Audience Library committee member Jack Galloway addressed the Council to express his appreciation for being able to hold meetings at the new Civic Center such as the recent Grant Writing class; spoke of the cost to sustain the proposed Community Center/Library; spoke of frustration in regards to one particular Council Member speaking publicly regarding opposition of Proposition 1.
- City Attorney Bronson Brown stated that an individual Council Member can legally make statements about his own views, however the Council as a whole cannot speak in favour or against.

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Dave Hansen addressed the Council to apologize for information printed in the Yakima Herald Republic in regards to an interview with him.

Resident Carlos Magana addressed the Council with an interpreter in regards to ground water flooding into the basement of his residence located at 2018 Cornell Avenue. Council Member Matson stated that he needed to contact Yakima County to request that they rod the water line in that area. Public Works & Community Development Director Henne stated that contact Yakima County as well as the City of Yakima to see if they can come up with a solution to alleviate the problem.

An audience member addressed the Council for clarification as to if the 2 million dollars awarded for the Community Center/ Library could be used for something else, to which City Manager Fisher stated absolutely not.

General Items

Police

Resolution No. – 19-50 –  
U.S. Cellular Police Cell  
Phone Contract

Motion by Council Member Hodkinson, second by Council Member Butler to approve Resolution No. 19-50 authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract with US Cellular for cell phone services for the Police Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

Comprehensive Plan  
Amendment and Site  
Specific Change of Zoning  
Application

At 6:24 p.m. Mayor Wentz opened a Public Hearing to consider oral and written comments, for an amendment to the City of Union Gap Comprehensive Plan and site-specific change of zoning. Public Works & Community Development Director Henne introduced Planning Manager, Mike Shuttleworth who gave an overview of the requested amendment. With no written or verbal public testimony Mayor Wentz closed the public hearing at 6:27 p.m.

Public Works &  
Community Development

Ordinance No. – 2972 –  
Amendment to  
Comprehensive Plan

Motion by Council Member Murr, second by Council Member Hodkinson to adopt Ordinance No. - 2972 – amending the City of Union Gap Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map to change the land use designation of one (1) individual parcel from Public (P) to Commercial ©. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. – 2973 –  
Rezone Application No.  
2019.0145.RZ0001

Motion by Deputy Mayor Matson, second by Council Member Murr to adopt Ordinance No. – 2973 – amending the City of Union Gap Official Zoning Map to rezone an individual parcel from “Public Building” (PBD) to “Regional Commercial” (C-2). Motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution No. – 19-46 –  
WA State Department of  
Ecology Application –  
Ahtanum Road and Main  
Street Stormwater  
Improvements.

Motion by Council Member Murr, second by Deputy Mayor Matson to adopt Resolution No. 19-46 – authorizing the City Manager to submit a Water Quality Combined Financial Assistance application with the Washington State Department of Ecology. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. – 19-47 –  
Supplemental Agreement  
No. 3 – JUB Engineers –  
Regional Beltway  
Connector Project

Motion by Deputy Mayor Matson, second by Council Member Hodgkinson to approve Resolution No. – 19-47 – authorizing the City Manager to sign Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to project J-U-B PRJ No. 30-16-057 with JUB Engineers Inc. for the Regional Beltway Connector Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. – 19-48 –  
Yakima County SIED  
Program Application – The  
YAK, LLC. Project

City Manager Fisher and Public Works & Community Development Director Henne addressed the Council to recommend authorization to submit Yakima County SIED Program application stating that the project would benefit both future residence and the City of Union Gap.

Motion by Council Member Hodgkinson, second by Council Member Murr to adopt Resolution No. – 19-48 authorizing and directing the City Manager to submit an application to the Yakima County SIED Board to finance public infrastructure improvements for a portion of S. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Washington Ave. (aka) 1508 West Washington Avenue, under a County program known as S.I.E.D. (Supporting Investment for Economic Development). Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager

Resolution No. – 19-49 –  
STEM Program Contract

Motion by Council Member Dailey, second by Council Member Murr to approve Resolution No. – 19-49 – authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement with the Union Gap School District to run a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) afterschool program. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney

Ordinance No. – 2974 –  
Assignment of a Non-  
Exclusive Franchise  
Agreement – Wholesail  
Networks, LLC.

City Attorney Brown addressed the Council to explain a change of ownership and stated that he verified Wholesail Networks, LLC. Credentials prior to preparing Ordinance No. 2974.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Matson, second by Council Member Murr to adopt Ordinance No. – 2974 – approving the Assignment of a Non-Exclusive Franchise. Motion carried unanimously.

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Discussion – Transfer of Craft Night Reserve Fund Proceeds to Library Non-Profit

City Attorney Brown submitted a memo to Council and staff determining whether funds in the Craft Night Reserve Fund can be transferred to a newly organized non-profit. Citing RCW 35.21.100, the funds may be transferred through an agreement wherein the funds will be used for specific craft night events.

Items from the Audience

Citizen Helen Canatsey inquired as to why funds are restricted to craft night since they attended several other library events such as book discussions and book sales. Council Member Schilling stated that the library committee could use the funds for a craft night to help raise additional funds for the Library. City Manager Fisher stated that the money has been, and will remain in the budget and dispersed accordingly as directed by Council. Library Committee member Jack Galloway recommended that the craft funds remain the same at the current time.

City Manager Report

City Manager Fisher thanked everyone for attending the Council meeting; announced that there had been 7 trainings held in the current month at the Civic Center and 4 more scheduled for next month and she appreciated Mr. Galloways complement about using the facility for everyone in the valley; Fall celebrations have begun and recommended that people log onto Erick Patricks Facebook acct to view ongoing events; Fisher will be out of town next week to attend continued education classes and Police Chief Cobb will be interim City Manager; will be recognizing long term employees; currently working with staff on the upcoming 2020 budget.

Communications/Questions/Comments

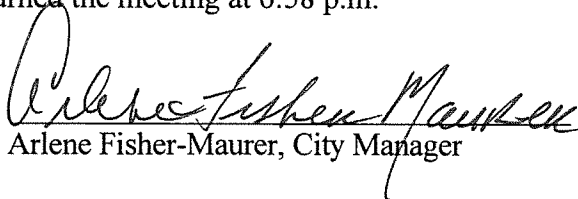
None.

Development of Next Agenda

None.

Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Wentz adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

  
Arlene Fisher-Maurer, City Manager

ATTEST:

  
Karen Clifton, City Clerk