

**UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**Union Gap, Washington**  
**October 25, 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.
<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>Additional Information</u>	<b><i>Due to the content of the meeting, the services of Tina Steinmetz were utilized for the entire meeting. See attached transcription.</i></b>
<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	Council Member Galloway led the pledge of allegiance.
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Hansen to approve the consent agenda as follows:  Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated October 11, 2021 as attached to the Agenda and maintained in electronic format.  Claims Vouchers – EFT’s and Voucher No. 103549 through 103615 for October 25, 2021, in the amount of \$645,287.44.  Motion carried unanimously.
<u>Items from the Audience</u>	<b><i>See attached transcription.</i></b>
<u>General Items</u>	
<u>Presentation</u>	
Presentation – Central Washington Save the Children Network (SCAN) – Claudia Villatoro	<b><i>See attached transcription.</i></b>

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Public Works & Community  
Development

Resolution No. – 21-31 – Set  
Public Hearing –  
Comprehensive Plan /  
Rezone Amendment

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to adopt Resolution No. – 21-31 – setting a public hearing to consider amending the Comprehensive Plan / Rezone November 22, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney

Resolution No. – 21-32 –  
Approval for City Council  
Members to serve on Boards  
and Committees

*See attached transcription.*

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to approve Resolution No. – 21-32 – requiring City Council members to get City Council approval to serve on boards and commissions as official City of Union Gap representatives.

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

City Manager

Resolution No. – 21-33 –  
Appointments to Committees  
and Boards

*See attached transcription.*

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to approve Resolution No. – 21-33 – appointing Council Member Dave Hansesn to serve on the Yakima County Emergency Medical Services Administrative Board; Council Member Sandy Dailey to serve on the Yakima Greenway Master Planning Committee; and Council Member Jack Galloway to serve on the Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board.

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

Resolution No. – 21-34 –  
Appointment of Municipal  
Court Judges

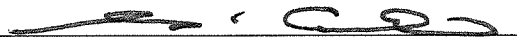
Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Murr to approve Resolution No. – 21-34 – appointing Judges to serve as Municipal Court Judges for the City of Union Gap Municipal Court. Motion carried unanimously.

Items from the audience


*See attached transcription.*

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<u>City Manager Report</u>	<b><i>See attached transcription.</i></b>
<u>Communications/Questions/Comments</u>	None.
<u>Development of next Agenda</u>	None.
<u>Adjournment of Meeting</u>	At 6:52 p.m., Mayor Hodkinson adjourned the October 25, 2021 regular Council Meeting.

  
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Gregory Cobb, Acting City Manager

ATTEST:

  
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Karen Clifton, City Clerk



1 MR. CROUCHET: Mr. Mayor, this is Mark Crouchet.

2 MAYOR HODKINSON: Yes. Just one second, Mark.

3 MS. McDONNELL: I had to go first since --

4 MAYOR HODKINSON: Can I have you -- yeah.  
5 Thank you. State your name and where you live.

6 MS. McDONNELL: My name is Benine McDonnell and  
7 since I'm socially distanced from everyone, I'm going  
8 to take off the mask.

9 MAYOR HODKINSON: Good.

10 MS. McDONNELL: Because I've been gagged at the  
11 last two meetings, and I don't intend to be gagged  
12 this time. I -- called in in September to -- speak  
13 during public session, or during the time on the agenda  
14 and was denied, was told that I could speak at the  
15 last meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>. And so, now I'm here  
16 this time and -- the item that I'm speaking to is the  
17 lack of a public hearing, or meeting, regarding Coun-  
18 cilman Schilling's censure.

19 As her attorney stated last time, this council is  
20 divided. Four people voted for it; but two people  
21 didn't have enough information to vote for or against  
22 it and one person did vote no. So, that's essentially  
23 a four to three split.

24 There was no material provided to the public be-  
25 forehand and no public hearing or meeting, as requested

1 by the council member.

2 We were not able to address the charges that were  
3 brought against her before your vote at the last meet-  
4 ing and I would think that on the next agenda there  
5 should be a -- a line item that would rescind the  
6 action taken at that previous meeting and -- to censure  
7 here, and that today's issues of -- appointing a re-  
8 placement for her for the different committees should  
9 be also postponed and it is -- we couldn't even talk  
10 to the fact that it was excessive to be able to censure  
11 her through the rest of her term, until 2024.

12 And I can restate the RCWs and the statutes that  
13 her attorney stated last time regarding RCW  
14 42.30.110(f) states unequivocally that upon request of  
15 an officer of an organization, that this person who  
16 the complaint is against, upon their request, can re-  
17 quest a public hearing or a meeting. So, that -- the  
18 request can only be made by Ms. Schilling, and it was  
19 and why? So, she could have a chance to represent  
20 herself and she could appeal the charges. This has  
21 been denied her.

22 Code Section 2.04.015(k) (3) -- (2), (3), and (4)  
23 -- in those sections it does not prohibit any of you,  
24 as city council members, from speaking to the staff.  
25 And that's essentially what you're doing with that

1           censure. Nowhere does it say that you cannot speak to  
2           the City Manager, nor should that ever be the case.  
3           Nor should any of you be censured for speaking to the  
4           City Manager. And it's just not true, as was stated  
5           in the resolution.

6           RCW 35A.13.120 states explicitly except for pur-  
7           poses of inquiry, that means you -- when you have an  
8           inquiry or a question, you can go to the staff. Why?  
9           Because the staff is here fulltime, paid for their  
10          positions and have the answers.

11          So, again, I request that on your next agenda you  
12          have a public hearing or meeting where Councilman  
13          Schilling can defend herself against the charges.  
14          Thank you.

15          MAYOR HODKINSON:     I'll let the city attorney  
16          respond.

17          MR. BROWN:         Mr. Mayor, I don't -- I don't  
18          think there's anything new that she brought up. The  
19          -- all of the issues she talked about, we talked about  
20          at the last meeting, and nothing's changed to this  
21          point. My advice to you hasn't changed and so, that's  
22          -- yeah. So, I'd just suggest move forward and take  
23          any other additional public comment that people have  
24          on any other topic.

25          MAYOR HODKINSON:     Okay. We will proceed.

1 MS. McDONNELL: Thank you.

2 MR. CROUCHET: Mark Crouchet.

3 MAYOR HODKINSON: Yes, Mark?

4 MR. CROUCHET: From Friends of the Union Gap Li-  
5 brary and Community Center.

6 MAYOR HODKINSON: Go ahead.

7 MR. CROUCHET: Go ahead? Okay. Good evening,  
8 City Council. My name is Mark Crouchet, and I received  
9 an email that was kind of disturbing and I know the  
10 Mayor has received it as well and it is from the City  
11 Manager and it says City staff, including me, will no  
12 longer be attending these meetings. I will give my  
13 update to the City Council. Should you want a cost  
14 spreadsheet, let me know and I will provide one.

15 Well, I -- I know it's a violation of the Union  
16 Gap -- Washington Resolution Number 19.29, page four  
17 of four, about a third of the way down. And that is  
18 where it states that the -- the committee -- let's see  
19 here -- the City will prepare the [inaudible - mumbled]  
20 -- okay. And the City shall attend informal meetings.  
21 It's also, on -- on -- yeah, on page four, it's Library  
22 and Community Center committee will meet at the City  
23 on a regular basis.

24 So, I don't know if she doesn't want to. Is there  
25 somebody else that could meet with us?



1           MAYOR HODKINSON:     Well, let's handle that  
2 later. They -- they meet with us regularly because  
3 Mark presents to us reg -- on a regular basis. I think  
4 that fits what that ordinance meant. So, --

5           MS. FISHER:         [Inaudible - mumbled] --

6           MR. BROWN:         Mr. Mayor, isn't that -- that's  
7 the committee that we -- we have a City Council member  
8 on, right? Ms. Schilling was on that committee --

9           MAYOR HODKINSON:     Mmm hmm. [Affirmative].

10          MR. BROWN:         -- as the City Council member. I  
11 think the intent is that a City Council member will  
12 serve on that committee so that there is a City pres-  
13 ence on the -- on that, as per the -- required by the  
14 ordinance.

15          MR. CROUCHET:     Thank you.

16          MAYOR HODKINSON:     Okay.

17          COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING:     Isn't staff also  
18 required though? It's not just a City --

19          MR. BROWN:         I -- I don't -- it -- it's just  
20 the City.

21          COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING:     -- I -- I think --

22          MR. BROWN:         And so, that -- that's -- that's  
23 a reason why you have a City Council member on the --  
24 on the committee.

25          COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING:     We need the

1 minutes to the meeting, and we have not received them  
2 and that was one of the issues that came up.

3 MAYOR HODKINSON: Are they minutes for a --  
4 private com -- private --

5 MS. FISHER: No, it's not a private [inaudible  
6 - mumbled] --

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: And, so, let's --  
8 let's distinguish here --

9 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: No, it's a 501(c)(3), it's a  
10 private --

11 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: [Inaudible - mum-  
12 bled] 501(C)(3), it is a group meeting.

13 MS. FISHER: Okay.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: It has -- yes, the  
15 501(c)(3), it has Arlene or Dennis there, which is --  
16 would be our staff. And then it has the committee,  
17 the actual Library and Community Center committee  
18 there. All three is there. In the very beginning  
19 Arlene took the minutes.

20 MAYOR HODKINSON: Mmm hmm. [Affirmative].

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Because it was  
22 just the Library and Community Center. And then, as  
23 time went on, Theresa took the minutes. And then,  
24 things got busier for our staff, so, Arlene asked Kathy  
25 to take the minutes. We have copies of Kathy's

1 minutes; but we do not have copies of Theresa's or  
2 Arlene's.

3 MS. FISHER: Have you put in a public records  
4 request?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Yes, I did.

6 MS. FISHER: It is being fulfilled, as Theresa  
7 has contacted you. So, you have been responded to  
8 within the five days and when --

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: I shouldn't have  
10 to do that, Arlene. The committee should have had  
11 that.

12 MS. FISHER: -- please do a public records re-  
13 quest. Also, let me make it really clear here that I  
14 am -- will participate in the original group of the  
15 501(c) -- the -- or excuse me, the original Library  
16 and Community Center committee, the original group. I  
17 will no longer participate in the 501(c)(3) because  
18 that --

19 MR. CROUCHET: Well, that's fine with me.

20 MS. FISHER: -- okay. That works for me too,  
21 Mark. In addition to that, the City will no longer  
22 publish your newsletter in our newsletter and we're -  
23 - I think -- I think we both need to be separate. I  
24 think that's the best interests of everyone.

25 MAYOR HODKINSON: Yeah. We can't --

1 MR. CROUCHET: Well, the 501 -- yeah, (c)(3),  
2 yes. But the other one, the community one, they have  
3 items that they would like to bring forward, that's a  
4 community.

5 MS. FISHER: They're always welcome.

6 MR. CROUCHET: Alright. Thank you.

7 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay. Anything else? Hear-  
8 ing none, we will move on to the general items and we  
9 have a presentation from Central Washington Save the  
10 Children's Action Network.

11 MS. VILLATORO: May I take my mask off? Yeah?  
12 Thank you. Alright. Good afternoon. First of all,  
13 thank you so much for having me and allowing me to  
14 present to you. My name is Claudia Villatoro. I am  
15 a resident of Yakima and for the last eleven years I  
16 have been involved in the field of early learning here  
17 in Yakima County as a preschool teacher, a home visi-  
18 tor, and a childcare mentor.

19 Today I want to introduce you to the organization  
20 that -- that I work for and a project that we are  
21 bringing to Yakima County. I was recently hired as  
22 the family engagement coordinator for Save the Chil-  
23 dren Action Network, or SCAN. SCAN is the advocacy  
24 arm of Save the Children, a humanitarian organization  
25 working in more than a hundred countries around the

1 world to ensure that children grow safe, healthy, have  
2 access to education and help protect them from harm.

3 SCAN is a non-partisan organization that works  
4 throughout the country in both conservative and lib-  
5 eral areas. Our -- our objective is to work with  
6 communities and law makers to advance policies that  
7 would help ensure that children enter kindergarten  
8 healthy and ready to learn. We mobilize communities  
9 by giving them the training, resources, and opportu-  
10 nities to engage in advocacy.

11 In 2021, SCAN rolled out a family engagement pro-  
12 gram in Washington State, New Mexico, and Tennessee.  
13 Our mission is to give families of young children who  
14 benefit from access to affordable childcare and early  
15 learning services the tools, training, and opportuni-  
16 ties to use their lived experiences to educate the law  
17 -- law makers about -- about issues affecting children  
18 in our community and ask them for their support.

19 My task as the family engagement coordinator is  
20 to establish a group of Yakima County parents and  
21 childcare advocates who will come together to learn  
22 and support each other, grow their advocacy and lead-  
23 ership skills and with that become a strong voice for  
24 children in our community, our state, and our nation.

25 As a family -- fam -- as the family engagement

1 coordinator I have been focusing on building a rela-  
2 tionship in that community by attending a variety of  
3 tabling events, for example, I have been at the U --  
4 the Union Gap Farmer's Market a couple of times. I  
5 have been connecting with community partners who are  
6 already working directly with families such as EPIC,  
7 ESD and Catholic Charities.

8 Also, this Friday I plan to meet with a -- a  
9 parent advocate from Union Gap who is interested on  
10 writing an LTE [phonetic] about the issues related to  
11 childcare in early learning in the inner community.  
12 So, I will be meeting with her -- with her to help her  
13 learn about that process and hopefully submitting the  
14 -- the letter and hopefully it will get published.

15 In the next few months, my goal is to connect  
16 with many more families, such as the one that I'm  
17 working on on -- on meeting with on Friday. Families  
18 who want to engage in advocacy for early learning while  
19 also growing their leadership skills.

20 Around the state we also -- we have already es-  
21 tablished SCAN advocate communities since -- since  
22 2015. I would like to share how our SCAN advocates in  
23 Spokane have worked closely with City Council members  
24 to discuss early care and education opportunities.  
25 SCAN has supported a local early learning coalition

1 led by a current City Council -- council member to  
2 assist with professional guidance and expertise on  
3 creating a data measure campaign for 2022 election.

4 If supported by voters, this measure would estab-  
5 lish the first of its kind childcare subsidy for low-  
6 income Spokane families to help parents enter the work-  
7 force or secure more hours.

8 As someone who has lived in Yakima County most of  
9 my life, I have a strong commitment to give back to my  
10 community that in -- that has given me a lot of oppor-  
11 tunities to grow professionally and personally. As  
12 part of the SCAN team here in Washington State, spe-  
13 cifically here in Yakima County, I am ready and moti-  
14 vated to be a local resource and support for families  
15 who want to engage in advocacy, specifically advocacy  
16 for children.

17 That's all I have for you and thank you so much  
18 for your time and I hope that in the future I can --  
19 can -- help local families get the -- excited and ready  
20 to maybe come and -- and present to you as a way to  
21 get engaged in the community. Thank you.

22 MAYOR HODKINSON: Great. Thank you.

23 MR. WENTZ: Thank you.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Do you have a phone  
25 number or contact information?

1 MS. VILLATORO: I do have it. I have my business  
2 card, I'll pass it around, if that's okay.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Thank you.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DAILEY: Can I ask you what is  
5 the age range that you're focusing to support?

6 MS. VILLATORO: Can you repeat the question?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DAILEY: And -- what is the age  
8 range that you are focusing on supporting?

9 MS. VILLATORO: We focus on supporting families  
10 who benefit from access to affordable childcare, so  
11 birth and -- so, birth to five. Save the Children,  
12 our sister city -- or sister organization, they --  
13 they have a home visiting program in the Grandview  
14 District and that's part of the reason why SCAN, the  
15 political arm, decided to bring this specific family  
16 engagement program to Yakima County and similarly to  
17 New Mexico and Tennessee.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSON: And where are you get-  
19 ting your finance from?

20 MS. VILLATORO: We are a nonprofit, so we get fin  
21 -- funding from a variety -- a variety of sources. I  
22 don't have a specific list right now, but I can email  
23 it to you. I'm not sure who asked the question.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSON: I did.

25 MS. VILLATORO: Okay. Yeah. But I can send an



1 email with that information. Just the one that comes  
2 to my mind is the Bezos Foundation.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSON: Okay. Thank you.

4 MS. VILLATORO: Thank you.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSON: Appreciate it.

6 MAYOR HODKINSON: Thank you.

7 MS. VILLATORO: Thank you.

8 MS. FISHER: Can I get your card, Claudia? Do  
9 you have a card with you? Appreciate you being here.  
10 Thank you.

11 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay. The next thing on the  
12 agenda is relation -- resolution to set the public  
13 hearing for the comprehensive plan and rezone amend-  
14 ment.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: So moved.

16 MR. CROUCHET: There might --

17 MAYOR HODKINSON: Do I have a second?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSON: Second.

19 MAYOR HODKINSON: I have a motion made and se-  
20 conded to set the -- the public hearing date. And we  
21 have that date? I don't have that resolution.

22 MR. ?: What's the date, Dennis?

23 DENNIS: November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

24 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay. At?

25 DENNIS: 6:00 p.m.

1           MAYOR HODKINSON:     Okay.     Any further discus-  
2           sions?     Hearing none.     All those in favor?

3           MULTIPLE RESPONSES: I.

4           MAYOR HODKINSON:     Opposed?     Motion carried.  
5           Thanks for the presentation, David.     Okay.     We have a  
6           resolution to appoint to committees and boards.     And  
7           do we have a -- do we have the list of those?     Oh,  
8           okay.     We've got them on our screen.

9           MS. FISHER:     Yeah.     They're on your agenda,  
10          Your Honor.

11          MR. BROWN:     So, this is a -- good evening  
12          council.     This is a pretty simple resolution.     It  
13          mostly clarifies, I think, what the practice of the  
14          council is already.     But just to -- just to make sure  
15          we have in a formal resolution, any board or committee  
16          that the council sits on as a representative of the  
17          City just requires approval of the Council.

18          What this doesn't -- have an effect on is if any  
19          of you serve on boards or committees as a private  
20          citizen.     You can -- you can do that, it's just those  
21          boards and committees that you serve on as an elected  
22          official for the City of Union Gap.

23          So, if there are any boards or committees that  
24          require you to be an elected official, as a repre-  
25          sentative of Union Gap, then that's what this -- this

1 covers. And the City doesn't have -- it's easy to  
2 track those boards and committees that are created by  
3 the City. The more difficult ones are some of those  
4 on the outside where maybe an organization doesn't  
5 contact the City first, communicates maybe just with  
6 one of you and then one of you are on the board and  
7 then the -- it's hard for the City to track.

8 So, that's what this resolution is, and I'll an-  
9 swer any questions, if there is any.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: I have some ques-  
11 tions on this. And I was looking at it, seeing who is  
12 on different things. And Sandy, you're YVCOG alter-  
13 nate, correct?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER DAILEY: Correct.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Okay. That's not  
16 on here. Roger, you have Yakima Visitors and Conven-  
17 tion Center?

18 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Yes, I'm on the VCB.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Yeah, and that's  
20 not on there.

21 MR. CROUCHET: I can't hear anybody.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: The Mayor, he's  
23 the vice president of YVCOG. That's not on here. New  
24 Vision, that's not on here. So, there's a lot of  
25 different things that people are on representing Union

1 Gap; but it's not showing here. It's only showing the  
2 things I was on. And I think that's offensive.

3 MAYOR HODKINSON: Yeah. Part of the process  
4 tonight is to put whatever's not on there, on there.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Right.

6 MAYOR HODKINSON: So, everybody knows.

7 MS. FISHER: That's what this is. That's what  
8 this is.

9 MAYOR HODKINSON: And yeah, I've got three or-  
10 ganizations.

11 MR. CROUCHET: Mr. Mayor?

12 MAYOR HODKINSON: Yes?

13 MR. CROUCHET: Mr. -- Mr. Mayor, can I ask a ques-  
14 tion?

15 MAYOR HODKINSON: Go ahead.

16 MR. CROUCHET: I was wondering, does -- does the  
17 City Council no longer make policy? Because I can't  
18 believe that you have the City Attorney presenting a  
19 resolution.

20 MAYOR HODKINSON: Well, he wrote the resolu-  
21 tion, so I would think that's appropriate.

22 MR. CROUCHET: Well, I thought the -- I thought  
23 that that was your guys' job?

24 MAYOR HODKINSON: We don't write them. We --  
25 we approve them.

1           MR. BROWN:       The Council, a lot of times will  
2           ask staff what to present -- what to bring back to  
3           another meeting for you to consider. Staff prepares  
4           it. Sometimes it's -- it's what you ask for and we  
5           present it and if there's any changes you make changes  
6           before you pass it. But I would strongly suggest, if  
7           there are some things that are missing from the list  
8           that's in front of you, make sure you put it on.

9           I think all of you should know the boards and  
10          committees you serve on as an elected official. So,  
11          you should go through that and if there are some miss-  
12          ing for each of you, make sure you put it down on there  
13          so that City staff can -- can have a complete list.  
14          And then also, so -- that -- just to make sure that  
15          all of those boards and committees you serve on, the  
16          Council's formally approved those.

17          COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING:       Bronson,       four  
18          years ago I asked for this to be on our website, and  
19          I didn't get anywhere with that. The other thing that  
20          I don't understand is if we have to have a policy for  
21          this, which is fine, and I think everybody should know  
22          what committees you're on, then why when I asked for  
23          another policy, we needed to have a policy done, it  
24          was ignored by our Council?

25          MR. BROWN:       Well, as with anything that comes

1 before Council, requires a vote of at least four mem-  
2 bers. And so, staff will prepare what Council's asked  
3 for and if Council passes it, then it's -- then that's  
4 what the policy is that the Council has set. If it's  
5 not passed, then you don't set it. It's -- it's up to  
6 you.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: So, you don't  
8 write a policy unless it's been passed is what you're  
9 telling me?

10 MR. BROWN: No. This --

11 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: No?

12 MR. BROWN: -- right now, Council Member  
13 Schilling, this is a proposed resolution.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: I -- yes.

15 MR. BROWN: It's not passed yet.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: But what I'm ask-  
17 ing --

18 MR. BROWN: It's presented to Council for  
19 Council's consideration because Council's asked this  
20 item to come before them. If Council doesn't like it,  
21 then they will vote it down or they will not -- they  
22 will not make a motion and second it.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Right. But what  
24 I'm asking is are all of the policies that you write,  
25 do they have to be passed. And why when I asked for

1 a policy to be written, it was not, it was ignored.  
2 So, where -- where do you get that? I didn't have  
3 four votes? Is that it?

4 MR. BROWN: I think I just explained it. So,  
5 --

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: I -- I want it --

7 MR. BROWN: -- do you want me to talk?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: -- in black and  
9 white. I have to have four votes -- if I ask you to  
10 write a policy, it has to have four votes?

11 MR. BROWN: So, I -- I was asked to present  
12 this -- this resolution by the City Manager based on  
13 the discussion that was in the last committee meeting.  
14 And so, I drafted it. This is a proposal, just like  
15 every single ordinance and resolution that comes be-  
16 fore you at every meeting, every business meeting, is  
17 a proposal until Council passes it.

18 You review it, you consider it, oftentimes you  
19 have discussion, and then, if there's a motion and a  
20 second, you vote -- you vote on it. I -- I have no  
21 power whether things you want brought to the Council or  
22 not are ignored or not. That's -- that's not my job.  
23 My job is to take direction from -- from City staff.  
24 And if they ask for a -- if they say Council wants to  
25 see a resolution presented before them, it goes before

1           them.  If you don't like it, then Council can vote it  
2           down.  It's as simple as that.

3           You're the ones that have the power to -- to make  
4           policy and to approve resolutions and approve ordi-  
5           nances.

6           COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING:       And if we work on  
7           something that doesn't have a policy in place, what is  
8           the effect of that?

9           MR. BROWN:       I don't -- I don't understand that  
10          question.

11          COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING:       If we do something  
12          that does not have a policy in place because our Coun-  
13          cil has decided that they don't want to spend the time  
14          putting the policy in place, what does that mean?

15          MR. BROWN:       That -- that -- it -- it's up to  
16          Council.  You -- you're the ones that set the policy  
17          for the City and you have to have a majority vote to  
18          do it.  It's as simple as that.  None of us staff can  
19          set the policy, we're not the ones that are elected,  
20          all of you are.  And so, Council Member Schilling, if  
21          there are some policies that you would like to see  
22          come before Council, talk about it at your committee  
23          meetings.  And then -- and then if it seems like  
24          there's a consensus, it'll come before Council, and  
25          you can consider it and vote on it.



1           MAYOR HODKINSON:     Okay.  Do we have the page  
2           that has the --

3           MS. FISHER:         Yes, Your Honor.

4           MAYOR HODKINSON:     -- number --

5           MS. FISHER:         So, I -- I will be presenting --

6           MAYOR HODKINSON:     Oh, okay.

7           MS. FISHER:         -- this resolution and I am going  
8           to ask --

9           MAYOR HODKINSON:     Oh, okay.

10          MS. FISHER:         -- or writing in all of the com-  
11          mittees and -- and obviously, we have missed some, and  
12          -- and we knew that that's why this was presented.

13          MAYOR HODKINSON:     Okay.

14          MR. BROWN:         But if there -- and -- and I'm  
15          assuming, like I said before, all of you should know  
16          the -- the committees and boards you serve on as a  
17          representative of the City of Union Gap.  And -- and  
18          so, that should be relatively easy to fill out and  
19          [inaudible - operator sound in background] should be  
20          able to fill out.

21          MAYOR HODKINSON:     Okay.  Any other questions?

22          DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ:  I make a motion we pass res-  
23          olution regarding council members on boards, commis-  
24          sions, and committees.

25          MAYOR HODKINSON:     And that we fill out our

1 forms?

2 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Yeah. Well, I -- I assume  
3 that would be under City Manager number one, at which  
4 point we can confirm what everybody's on.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GALLOWAY: She has that list, I  
6 think.

7 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay. Do I have a second?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GALLOWAY: Second.

9 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay. I have a motion made  
10 and seconded to adopt a resolution on appointments to  
11 committees and boards for all council members. Any  
12 further discussion?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Yes. I don't think  
14 we should be sheep. I think we're a council. Doing  
15 this turns us into sheep.

16 MAYOR HODKINSON: Well, it's general infor-  
17 mation for everybody if it goes on the website, which  
18 I think is probably a good idea, then everybody will  
19 know.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Doing a resolution  
21 makes us sheep. We could have that stuff on the web-  
22 site. We could have had it on there four years ago,  
23 it didn't happen.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: I call for the vote.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: I'm sorry, Roger,

1 I can't hear you.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: I said I call for the vote.

3 MAYOR HODKINSON: Is there any further discus-  
4 sion? Hearing none, all those in favor?

5 MULTIPLE RESPONSES: I

6 MAYOR HODKINSON: Opposed?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ?: No.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: No.

9 MAYOR HODKINSON: And I have two no's and five  
10 yeses, so the motion passes. Resolution to appoint  
11 municipal court judges.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: No, --

13 MS. FISHER: No.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: -- no, you're skipping.  
15 We're doing the boards and commissions.

16 MS. FISHER: -- yeah. So, -- so, Your Honor,  
17 I have the resolution --

18 MAYOR HODKINSON: Oh.

19 MS. FISHER: -- to appoint committees and  
20 boards.

21 MAYOR HODKINSON: Yes.

22 MS. FISHER: So, in -- in your packet you see  
23 where Karen and I started this list and the reason why  
24 they're blank is because honestly, we didn't -- we all  
25 -- we know what some committees you folks are on, but

1 we -- we didn't know what all of them were. So, that's  
2 what I want to hear from you.

3 So, Ms. Sandy Dailey, I -- I know you're on the  
4 finance administration committee. Any other commit-  
5 tees?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DAILEY: Alternate for the  
7 YVCOG.

8 MS. FISHER: Alternate. Okay. Okay. Thank  
9 you. Mr. Dave Hansen, you are on the Finance and  
10 Administration Committee.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN: Yes.

12 MS. FISHER: Are you -- are you on any other  
13 committees?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN: No.

15 MS. FISHER: Okay. Thank you, sir. I'm sorry,  
16 I'm going the wrong direction here. Mayor Hodkinson,  
17 I have you on the logy -- Lodging Tax Advisory Commit-  
18 tee, YCDA and YVCOG. What other committees are you  
19 on, sir?

20 MAYOR HODKINSON: That's it.

21 MS. FISHER: And -- and actually, to explain,  
22 on COG I'm not on the -- the COG board using my City  
23 credentials. I'm a member at large but I would okay  
24 that being on there anyway.

25 MS. FISHER: Thank you, Your Honor, I will make

1 a note of that.

2 MAYOR HODKINSON: And I'm also on Transaction.

3 MS. FISHER: Oh, Transaction. That's correct.

4 MAYOR HODKINSON: However, I am not represent-  
5 ing the City on that, I am representing the Association  
6 of Realtors and they pay my dues.

7 MS. FISHER: Thank you, Sir. James Murr --

8 MR. BROWN: City Manager?

9 MS. FISHER: -- I'm sorry.

10 MR. BROWN: I would -- like the resolution  
11 says, I would only put those boards and committees  
12 where they serve as a representative of the City of  
13 Union Gap so --

14 MS. SCHILLING: Okay.

15 MR. BROWN: -- if the Mayor is serving in an-  
16 other capacity --

17 MAYOR HODKINSON: Right.

18 MR. BROWN: -- I wouldn't put those on. Be-  
19 cause if he -- if he doesn't serve on that board any-  
20 body, you can't really appoint someone to replace him  
21 because he's serving on it in another capacity.

22 MAYOR HODKINSON: Well, I just mentioned that  
23 for full disclosure.

24 MR. FISHER: Thank you, Mr. Brown. So, I -- I  
25 did strike that. James Murr, Mr. Murr, I have you on

1 the Union Gap Public Safety Committee.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MURR: That's all.

3 MS. FISHER: Okay. Thank you, sir. Deputy  
4 Mayor Wentz, I have you on the Union Gap Public Works  
5 and Community Development Committee. Are you on other  
6 committees?

7 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Just the Visitors and Conven-  
8 tion Bureau.

9 MS. FISHER: Okay. Thank you. Thank you.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: And I believe we passed that  
11 -- the resolution was it this last February?

12 MS. FISHER: I believe it was, Your Honor.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: Yeah.

14 MS. FISHER: Yeah. So, Mr. Galloway, I have  
15 you on the Union Gap Public Works, Community Develop-  
16 ment Committee, Transaction, voting alternate and I  
17 have you as a YCOG voting representative. Do I have  
18 that correct?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GALLOWAY: That's correct.

20 MS. FISHER: Thank you, sir. Okay. So, now we  
21 have a correct list. We -- we will -- once we get  
22 done appointing other members, we will put the correct  
23 list on the website. I'll have Theresa do that first  
24 thing in the morning.

1           So, if you look at the attached, we have a reso-  
2           lution appointing, and it's -- it's a -- so, you can  
3           see all the blanks and also in your packet these --  
4           this -- these committees are what we need filled. Also  
5           in your packet, we tried to put the dates and times of  
6           the meeting, and unfortunately, I know Kelly Conoway,  
7           the Green Way, but we were up -- we were unable to get  
8           a hold of her; but when someone takes that position,  
9           I -- I see Kelly at Rotary all the time. I could ask  
10          her.

11           COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING:        It's the fourth  
12          Monday of the month. If somebody would ask me, I would  
13          tell you and it's at noon.

14           MR. BROWN:        Arlene? So, I'd also -- would  
15          have council confirm with those boards and committees  
16          that Council Member Schilling was serving on, so you  
17          have a record of that.

18           MS. FISHER:       Yes, sir. I will. I will do that.  
19          So, starting off Resolution blank - to serve on the  
20          Yakima County Emergency Medical Services Administra-  
21          tive Services Board. Who would like to take that?

22           COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN:        I'll take it.

23           MS. FISHER:        Okay. I'm writing -- I'm writing  
24          this in, so bear with me. Okay. To serve on the  
25          Yakima Greenway Master Planning Committee? Let's see,

1 oh, I'm sorry. Morning -- okay. Yes. To serve on  
2 the Yakima Greenway Master Planning Committee. Who -  
3 - who would like to do that?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DAILEY: Arlene, can you give us  
5 a -- do you know the day they meet and the time?

6 MS. FISHER: Let me look here. Let's see. So,  
7 that's -- that's the Greenway. So, as -- so, I've  
8 been told it is on a Monday -- the fourth Monday of  
9 the month at noon.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DAILEY: I will.

11 MS. FISHER: Okay. Thank you. To serve on the  
12 Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board. So  
13 far, they've been meeting online, and it looks like  
14 they meet anywhere from -- I think the last meeting  
15 was 2:00-4:00 p.m. and it was online.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING: Usually they are  
17 from noon until 4:00 and it's every other month.

18 MS. FISHER: Okay. Who would like to serve on  
19 that board?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GALLOWAY: [No audible response -  
21 raised hand].

22 MS. FISHER: Okay. Okay. Okay. So, alright.  
23 So, for section one - the Coun -- Cal -- Council hereby  
24 appoints Dave Hansen to serve on the Union Gaps elected



1 official for the Yakima County Emergency Medical Ser-  
2 vices Administrative Board. That's one. So, let me  
3 -- let me write his name here.

4 Number two - the Council hereby appoints Sandy  
5 Dailey to serve as the committee -- as -- excuse me,  
6 to serve as the City of Union Gaps elected official  
7 for the Yakima Greenway Master Planning. Let me put  
8 that in.

9 The City Council hereby appoints Jack Galloway to  
10 serve on the City of Union Gaps elected official for  
11 the Yakima Fish and Basin Wildlife Recovery. Okay.  
12 Any further discussion, Mayor?

13 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: So moved.

14 MS. FISHER: Okay. Sec --

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GALLOWAY: [Inaudible - mumbled].

16 MAYOR HODKINSON: And you've got mine down  
17 there?

18 MS. FISHER: Yes, I do. Yes, I do, Your Honor.  
19 Yes, I do. So, I'm sorry, I heard a second from Deputy  
20 Mayor Wentz -- I mean I heard --

21 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: I made the motion.

22 MS. FISHER: -- I heard a motion. I didn't hear  
23 a second.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GALLOWAY: I seconded.

25 MS. FISHER: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Galloway.

1           MAYOR HODKINSON:     Okay.  I have a motion made  
2           and seconded.  Any further discussion?  Hearing none,  
3           all those in favor?

4           MULTIPLE RESPONSES:  I.

5           MAYOR HODKINSON:     Opposed.

6           COUNCIL MEMBER SCHILLING:     I.

7           COUNCIL MEMBER ?:     I.

8           MS. FISHER:        Okay.  Thank you.  So, up next on  
9           your -- on the agenda is the resolution to appoint the  
10          municipal -- municipal court judges from January 20 -  
11          - January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.  The judges  
12          are Judge Don -- Donald Egle -- Engel, Judge Kevin  
13          Roy, Judge Alfred Schweppe.  Greg?

14          MR. ?:        Schweppe.

15          MS. FISHER:        Schwep -- Schweppe.  Sorry.  Judge  
16          -- Judge Brian -- Brian -- Brian Sand -- Sanderson and  
17          Court Commissioner Kevin Eil -- Eilmes -- Eilmes.  So,  
18          with that, Your Honor?

19          COUNCIL MEMBER GALLOWAY:  So moved.

20          DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ:  Second.

21          MAYOR HODKINSON:     I have a motion made and se-  
22          conded to appoint the municipal court judges.  Any  
23          further discussion?  Hearing none, all those in favor?

24          MULTIPLE RESPONSES:  I.

25          MAYOR HODKINSON:     Opposed?  Motion carried.  I

1 do have a question on judges. There used to be, once  
2 or twice a year, a -- a meeting with the judges with  
3 the cities.

4 MS. FISHER: Oh, okay.

5 MAYOR HODKINSON: Is that still ever happening?

6 MS. FISHER: He's coming up here too.

7 CHIEF COBB: Not that I'm aware of. The City,  
8 individually, has meetings with the presiding judge  
9 several times a year to discuss issues, but I don't  
10 know that they're collectively meeting with -- with a  
11 group of City representatives.

12 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay. Yeah. That used to  
13 happen.

14 MS. FISHER: Your Honor, if -- if we'd like, I  
15 know Theresa Murphy professionally and personally, and  
16 she -- know if I invited her in to speak to you about  
17 the court, she would -- she would love to do it. So,  
18 I will absolutely shoot Theresa an email and invite  
19 her in and we -- we could talk about the court and  
20 kind of the structure and the whole COVID protocol and  
21 the -- everything they're -- everything they're doing.  
22 So, I still think they're having the jury pools meet  
23 at the -- the Sun Dome for social distancing purposes.

24 And by the way, I'm social distanced. I'm going  
25 to take this off. It's hard enough for me to talk

1 with that mask on. So, I will call -- I will email  
2 Theresa.

3 MAYOR HODKINSON: Yeah. That might be inter-  
4 esting for the Council to hear.

5 MS. FISHER: Abso -- absolutely. She's a --  
6 she's a lot of fun.

7 So, I have got a great City Manager's if -- are  
8 we -- are we there, Mayor, I'm sorry?

9 MAYOR HODKINSON: Yep.

10 MS. FISHER: Okay. I have the --

11 MAYOR HODKINSON: Oh, no.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR WENTZ: I think we have something  
13 else.

14 MS. FISHER: Oh.

15 MAYOR HODKINSON: I need to -- I need to bump  
16 up the -- any other items from the audience that has  
17 not been on the agenda?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN: Can I ask a question  
19 first, please?

20 MS. FISHER: Yes. Sure.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN: Mr. Brown, are you aware  
22 of these judges? Are they in good standing? Have  
23 they got any -- any -- do you understand what I mean?

24 MR. BROWN: The judges?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN: Yes.

1 MR. BROWN: As far as I'm aware, they're --  
2 they're in good standing. Obviously, I can -- I can  
3 look into that if you want? If you want, I can look  
4 and see if there's any effects, complaints, any pending  
5 investigations on any of them if you want? And I can  
6 bring that information back to Council?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN: Appreciate it. Thank  
8 you.

9 MAYOR HODKINSON: Okay. Another -- items from  
10 the audience again? We'll back up. Yes, sir?

11 MR. KELSEY: That would be on the committees.  
12 You list all the City Council members and City -- staff  
13 here. Maybe you should put those next to the Council  
14 member's names on what -- what -- what they actually  
15 do on the committees?

16 MAYOR HODKINSON: Yeah. They'll -- we'll let  
17 the one side guys to [inaudible - mumbled] --

18 MR. KELSEY: No, I was talking about the --

19 MAYOR HODKINSON: -- good idea. Okay. Now  
20 we'll go to City Manager's report.

21 MS. FISHER: Okay. Good evening, Council mem-  
22 bers. I have a -- what I think is a really super  
23 exciting report tonight. It's been a long time since  
24 I have been able to bring really good news to this  
25 Council.

1           So, first and foremost, last week, Dennis and I  
2           attended the Seed -- Seed Board and we were able to  
3           walk away with a million dollars in seed money. And  
4           this is for the sewer that will go in first and then  
5           -- then the belt way follows. And what -- what's  
6           interesting is that the philosophy behind the seed  
7           board, and Dennis, help me out if I mess this up, okay?

8           So, the philosophy behind the Seed Board is what's  
9           called a bird -- a bird in the hand. And what that  
10          means, at least their interpretation -- my -- what I  
11          walked away from, is that, for example, when we got  
12          this seed loan from Borton, Borton built immediately,  
13          right? And we got the seed loan for two eagles pro-  
14          jects, up off 16<sup>th</sup> and Washington, I guess.

15          OPERATOR: To extend the conference for fifteen  
16          minutes, press one.

17          MS. FISHER: So, they're going to build and  
18          they're getting their plans in, you know, as you --  
19          last week you saw the repayment agreement. You're  
20          going to see the developer's agreement come forward.  
21          So, seed money, building, jobs.

22          The Seed Board thought that our pro -- you know,  
23          our project is on the top of everybody's list - Wash-  
24          ington DC transaction, you know, we are up there. So,  
25          the Seed Board's philosophy was they felt this was

1 such a worthy project, and they know we're not going  
2 to have development in -- in that area for a few years,  
3 until we get that road in. But they felt it was so  
4 important to assist us in getting the sewer in and  
5 then getting the road in, it opens up the second larg-  
6 est continuous land mass in Yakima -- in -- in Union  
7 Gap, and -- and Yakima, aside from -- the only land  
8 mass that's bigger is -- is the mill site.

9 We're -- we're nu -- we're number -- you know,  
10 we're number two in the entire valley. So, that --  
11 that was -- we -- we had a -- we had a really, really  
12 good meeting. Dennis did a fantastic presentation.  
13 Mike Alman from HLA did a fantastic pres -- presenta-  
14 tion and the vote was unanimous. And so, it -- we  
15 were super excited about that. And so -- so, we got  
16 that.

17 What else do we have here? Okay. The Mayor and  
18 I, this weekend, at the ma -- I'm sorry, the -- the Ag  
19 Museum asked us to write a letter of support. They  
20 are applying for a \$4,000.00 grant. It's called a  
21 Valerie Savinski grant for historic preservation. So,  
22 we jumped on it and the -- the Mayor and I signed a  
23 letter and what they're building, and I know you can't  
24 see this very well, but I'll -- I'll pass this out.  
25 Is they got -- if you've been out there you see those

1 little log cabins, right? Well, they got another one  
2 here. And so, they're going to use the money to re-  
3 furbish -- it's called the -- it's called the Youngs,  
4 Y-O-U-N-G-S, Cabin, the Youngs Cabin.

5 So, they're going to refurbish this cabin. So,  
6 they feel pretty positive about it and in addition to  
7 my letter that I sent them to prove to the Washington  
8 Historic Foundation or Society, I sent them our news-  
9 letter picture of the restored coach along -- in my  
10 letter, along with this story, described the amazing  
11 work that those gentlemen do out there at -- at the Ag  
12 Museum. And -- and -- and I gotta brag, that's my  
13 favorite place. And -- and Rich -- Rich enjoys it as  
14 well. He's ignoring me right now.

15 But Rich and I -- Rich and I really enjoy it and  
16 we're hoping this year, you know, they -- thank you  
17 for the -- the -- the discussion on the Civil War Flag.  
18 I called them immediately and just like you said, Dep-  
19 uty Mayor, this is a reenactment and you -- you will  
20 carry that flag. And we will assist you if any -- if  
21 we have any folks that -- you know, protest, or if  
22 somebody gets upset about it, we will -- Greg and I,  
23 we will be out there. He always does that to me, so  
24 it's okay.

25 MAYOR HODKINSON: One -- one little add on to



1 the Youngs Cabin.

2 MS. FISHER: Uh huh. [Affirmative].

3 MAYOR HODKINSON: That -- those cabins were out  
4 at our youth park.

5 MS. FISHER: That's right.

6 MAYOR HODKINSON: That --

7 MS. FISHER: Yeah.

8 MAYOR HODKINSON: -- that's where a lot of peo-  
9 ple that lived that lived back when --

10 MS. FISHER: Mmm hmm. [Affirmative].

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GALLOWAY: That's right.

12 MAYOR HODKINSON: -- and I went to school --

13 MS. FISHER: Right.

14 MAYOR HODKINSON: -- with a bunch of them.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GALLOWAY: Yeah.

16 MS. FISHER: Right. Right. So, --

17 MAYOR HODKINSON: And one of my friends is Da-  
18 vid Young.

19 MS. FISHER: Oh.

20 MAYOR HODKINSON: His father was the one that  
21 put those cabins together.

22 MS. FISHER: Wow.

23 MAYOR HODKINSON: And put them out there in  
24 what we called the -- the -- yeah, what did we call  
25 it? Anyway, we had a name for it. It was a -- it was

1 basically a farm labor camp.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GALLOWAY: Yes.

3 MAYOR HODKINSON: In essence.

4 MS. ?: Yeah. Right.

5 MS. FISHER: Right. Right. Yeah. So, I'm -  
6 - I'm sure that, you know, once they get their money,  
7 they'll probably have a little celebration/ribbon cut-  
8 ting and then we'll have another ribbon cutting once  
9 it's done.

10 So, -- so, the next thing I wanted to tell you is  
11 that we're hoping that they do Sip and Suds again,  
12 that Friday night event. And I'm -- I meet Jeff, they  
13 have a new manager, his first name is Jeff. I'm sorry,  
14 I don't recall his last name. But we're meeting and  
15 I let him know that, you know, I want to be involved  
16 in all of those meetings because, you know, Rich and  
17 I volunteer there a lot. So, exciting. Exciting.

18 Okay. Now, onto my next best news. So, on --  
19 there's a couple of things. On Wednesday we are meet-  
20 ing with Chris Wickenhagen and Vicky Baker in what's  
21 -- in what they call their All City Listening Tour.  
22 So, they're going to basically come down to City Hall.  
23 And I've invited the experts, which are the department  
24 heads, into the meeting so that we can each individu-  
25 ally share Union Gap and share in this conversation

1 and hopefully I'm sure something good will come out of  
2 it. So, excited to do that.

3 There's one other thing. Oh, okay. One last  
4 thing. Speaking of Yakima Valley Conference of Gov-  
5 ernments, Chris Wickenhagen emailed me, and they are  
6 applying for a \$570,000.00 grant and it's called Yakima  
7 Reason -- Regional Housing Study from the Department  
8 of Commerce. But -- and so, she says in the grant, if  
9 they get the grant, each city will get \$75,000.00 per  
10 city.

11 Now, what all that entails I don't know yet until  
12 I meet -- until I meet with Chris. But I just wanted  
13 to let you know that's on the agenda. But here's the  
14 -- here's the exciting part, and this is where Karen's  
15 going to cringe. She knows about this. Chris asked  
16 us, the City of Union Gap, because we have extensive  
17 experience with the Department of Commerce, to be the  
18 lead agency.

19 MAYOR HODKINSON: Cool.

20 MS. FISHER: And to be the person -- I'm not  
21 sure if we're going to -- I'm not sure exactly what  
22 all is involved but -- but we are the lead agency on  
23 this and we will work one-on-one with Chris and one-  
24 on-one with the Department of Commerce. And until I  
25 get a little more information, you know, aside from

1 this grant, that's what I know right now. So, it was  
2 announced through all of the cities far and wide that  
3 the City of Union Gap stepped up to be the lead agency.  
4 So, we're -- we're -- we're excited -- very excited  
5 about that.

6 Okay. One last thing and this -- so, as you know,  
7 I -- I've been a City Manager for twenty-two years.  
8 I've been in public service forty-two, okay? So, at  
9 my twenty-year mark, it was during COVID, but I -- the  
10 IC -- ICMA, a professional development academy for  
11 people who are twenty -- who have twenty years in,  
12 they invite you to participate in this learning acad-  
13 emy.

14 And I have money in my budget and they -- because  
15 I gave my initial -- let me check with Council, I'll  
16 let you know, I get \$900.00 off if I sign up this week.  
17 It -- it's a virtual training, which is great because  
18 I can do it right here at the office, and it -- it --  
19 it's -- it's a chunk of time. It's from January 10<sup>th</sup>  
20 through April 30<sup>th</sup>.

21 So, along with my credential, I'm an ICMA Certi-  
22 fied City Manager, I will add something else, I'm not  
23 sure what yet. So, I'm excited, I'm honored to be  
24 thought of and -- and they reached out to me, and I  
25 didn't even know that was there. So, -- so, anyway,

1           that's that.

2           So, I don't have anything else, and I'd be happy  
3           to answer any questions that you folks have.

4           COUNCIL MEMBER GALLOWAY: I do.

5           MS. FISHER:        Yes.

6           COUNCIL MEMBER GALLOWAY: This pertains to the  
7           museum?

8           MS. FISHER:        Yes.

9           COUNCIL MEMBER GALLOWAY: What's the chances of a  
10          grant to refurbish that tank?

11          MS. FISHER:        Oh. You know, that -- that's a  
12          good question. I'll ask the guys. And -- and in  
13          addition, you know, first of the year, we're going to  
14          hire Bryanna Murray's [phonetic] Consulting Group -  
15          she has grant writers on her staff and all of -- most  
16          of you are familiar with Bryanna and that can be one  
17          thing we'll tackle. That's -- that's a -- that's a  
18          good idea.

19          COUNCIL MEMBER GALLOWAY: Thank you.

20          MS. FISHER:        If -- only if I get to get in it.

21          COUNCIL MEMBER GALLOWAY: Amen.

22          MS. FISHER:        And -- and you -- you -- you --

23          MAYOR HODKINSON:    The only reason he's talking  
24          about that is he used to be an old tanker.

25          COUNCIL MEMBER GALLOWAY: I used to be a young

1 tanker, what do you mean?

2 MAYOR HODKINSON: Yeah, back then.

3 MS. FISHER: Alright. I will -- I've got a note  
4 down here, Council Member, and we'll -- I'll see what  
5 I can do. So, anything else, please? Alright. Thank  
6 you.

7 MAYOR HODKINSON: Thank you. Dedications or  
8 questions? Development of the next agenda. Alright.  
9 This meeting is adjourned.

10 **(End of Recording)**

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