

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Council Chambers, City Hall
Union Gap, Washington
August 8, 2011

<u>Call to Order</u>	Mayor Lemon called the Regular Meeting of the Union Gap City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.
<u>Council Members Present</u>	Council Members David Butler, Dan Olson, Dan Vanover, Dave Matson, James Murr and Chad Lenz were present.
<u>Staff Present</u>	Robert Noe, City Attorney; Robert Almeida, Police Chief; Chris Jensen, Fire Chief; Dennis Henne, Public Works Director; Dave Spurlock Development Coordinator; and Kathryn Thompson, City Clerk were present.
<u>Audience Present</u>	Joe & Linda Jackson, Debbie Matson, Stephanie Murr, Mark Carney and others were present.
<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	Council Member Matson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
<u>Excuse Council Member</u>	Motion by Council Member Lenz, seconded by Council Member Murr to excuse Council Member Wentz from tonight's meeting. Motion carried unanimously; Council Member Wentz absent.
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	Motion by Council Member Vanover, seconded by Council Member Butler to approve the consent agenda, as follows: Approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, dated July 25, 2011, as sent out on pages 5232 through 5235 of the Minute Book. Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 80234 through 80281, in the amount of \$468,596.21 dated July 28, 2011 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund. Approve Payroll Voucher Nos. 34661 through 34746, in the amount of \$192,648.24 dated July 31, 2011 and transfer from the operating funds to the Payroll Fund. Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 80282 through 80345, in the amount of \$322,893.21 dated August 8, 2011 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund. Motion carried unanimously.
<u>Reconsider Ord. No. 2736 – Creating Part-Time Court Clerk</u>	Mayor Lemon announced the Municipal Court Judge requested this item be rescheduled to the August 22, 2011 meeting so the Court Clerk could be present.
<u>Res. No. 950 – Ahtanum Rd. School Crossing Upgrade Supplemental Agree. #3 with Kittelson & Assoc.</u>	Motion by Council Member Vanover, seconded by Council Member Butler to adopt Resolution No. 950, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign Supplemental Agreement #3 with Kittelson & Associates, Inc., for engineering services related to the W. Ahtanum Road School Crossing Pedestrian Traffic and Sidewalk Improvements project. Motion carried unanimously; Council Member Wentz absent.
<u>Acquisition of Properties for Valley Mall Blvd., Phase II</u>	Council Member Vanover questioned what the statute of limitations is on property acquisition. The City Attorney informed the statute of limitations is 10 years for real property. Council Member Vanover stated it has been about 7 years since this was done so we are still within the statute of limitations, and questioned if there is any money left in Valley Mall Boulevard Phase II.

The Public Works Director stated there is no money left in Valley Mall Boulevard Phase II, and Phases II and III have been closed out. He stated there are some remnant pieces of property acquired for Valley Mall Boulevard Phase III that were not needed and can now be sold. If those pieces are sold, that money could be used to acquire this property and that is why he is asking the Council for permission for the Mayor and staff to negotiate and then the Council can review the negotiations as property acquisition in executive session.

Council Member Vanover stated he believes the Mayor has full authority to negotiate without Council authorization.

Mayor Lemon agreed and stated the City will begin negotiation with the property owner.

Development of 8/22/11
Council Agenda

There were no additional items for the August 22, 2011 Council meeting.

Items from the
Audience

There was no one present wishing to speak.

Departmental Reports

Mayor Lemon informed the following reports are in the packet and questioned if the Council has any questions of the departments: Tax Revenue Reports – July 2011; Treasurer’s Report – June 2011; and Tourism Promoter Status Report – July 2011.

Finance. Council Member Vanover requested a printout of the budget versus actual figures year to date.

Mayor Lemon requested Council Member Vanover ask the City Treasurer for the printout. Mayor Lemon then pointed out that last year at this time we were falling behind 10 percent in tax revenue, but this year we are 112 percent based on last year’s actual figures. The fear was that we weren’t going to meet the \$3.6 million projected this year but we are 14 percent ahead and it looks like we will make the \$3.6 million easy. He then informed he met with Mr. Bruning and Mr. Bruning has closed on the old Costco site and has a couple of big department stores coming in, as well as a number of smaller stores. Mayor Lemon informed there is another meeting coming up with Curtis King, Norm Johnson, and Mr. Bruning.

Budget. Mayor Lemon stated the Council may start having budget workshops on Friday nights.

Council Member Vanover requested alternate Monday nights from the Council meetings so he can attend.

Mayor Lemon stated alternate Monday nights will work for him.

Communications/
Questions/Comments

There were no Communications/Questions/Comments.

Adjournment

At 7:15 p.m., Mayor Lemon adjourned the Regular Council meeting.

These minutes dated August 8, 2011 were approved at the Regular Council Meeting of August 22, 2011.

Jim Lemon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathryn Thompson, CMC, City Clerk