

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Union Gap, Washington
September 23, 2024, Regular Meeting
MINUTES

Call to Order Mayor Hodkinson called the Regular Meeting of the Union Gap City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council Members Present Council Members Sewell, Galloway, Gonzalez, Schilling and Dailey were present.

Staff Present City Manager Bounds, City Attorney Foltz, Police Chief Cobb, Fire Chief Markham, Public Works and Community Director Cavanaugh, Civil Engineer Dominguez, and Finance & Administration Director Bisconer were present.

Audience Present See attached list.

Pledge of Allegiance Council Member Gonzalez led the pledge of allegiance.

Excuse Council Memer Motion made by Council Member Galloway, second by Council Member Schilling to excuse Council Member Wentz absence. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Motion by Council Member Dailey, second by Council Member Galloway to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Regular Council Meeting Minutes, dated September 9, 2024, as attached to the Agenda and maintained in electronic format

Claims Vouchers – EFT’s, and Check No’s 109126 through 109192 for September 23, 2024 in the amount of \$451,046.58

Payroll Vouchers – EFT’s and Check No’s 109044, 109045 and 109117 through 109125 for the month of August 2024, in the amount of \$482,974.82

Advance Travel Vouchers – Check No’s 1320 through 1322 in the amount of \$866.47

Motion carried unanimously.

General Items

Special Presentation

WSTC – Jim Restucci Jim Restucci, Vice Chair of Washington State Transportation Commission, presented the City with a plaque designating the bridge above Interstate 82 at milepost 38.11 in the City of Union Gap as the Dan C. Olson Memorial Overpass and proceeded to read Washington State Transportation Commission Resolution No. 753 into record.

2025 YVCOG Final Budget – Chris Wickenhagen, Executive Director Chris Wickenhagen, Executive Director of Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG), presented YVCOG’s proposed budget for 2025.

Public Works & Community Development

Public Hearing – Yakima MSA Limited Partnership Franchise Agreement At 6:13 p.m., Mayor Hodkinson opened a Public Hearing in regards to adopting an Ordinance granting Yakima MSA Limited Partnership Franchise Agreement, a non-exclusive franchise to construct, operate, and maintain a telecommunication system within the City of Union Gap. Public Works and Community Development Director Cavanaugh presented a detailed overview of the proposal. With no written or public testimony, Mayor Hodkinson closed the Public Hearing at 6:18 p.m.

Ordinance No. – 3106 – Yakima MSA Limited Partnership Franchise Agreement Motion by Council Member Galloway, second by Council Member Gonzalez to adopt Ordinance No. – 3106 – granting Yakima MSA Limited Partnership, A Delaware Limited Partnership, a non-exclusive franchise to construct, operate and maintain a telecommunications network within the City of Union Gap. Motion carried unanimously.

CANCELLED – Public Hearing – Regional Beltway Benefit Area Sanitary Sewer Public Works and Community Development Director Cavanaugh informed that the Public Hearing had been cancelled, that the City needs to seek further legal counsel to determine how to proceed on the matter, due to an existing Developers Agreement with one of the property owners that essentially omits them from the proposed benefit area.

Resolution No. – 24-84 – Michael Uhlman, HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, gave a

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HLA Task Order 2017-03
Addendum No. 3 Water
Rights Administration Project

detailed overview of HLA Task Order 2017-03 explaining the need for Addendum No. 3, pertaining to the Water Rights Administration Project. Motion by Council Member Dailey, second by Council Member Sewell to approve Resolution No. – 24-84 – authorizing the City Manager to sign Addendum No. 3 to Task Order No. 2017-03 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. as it relates to the Water Rights Administration Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. – 3107 –
Amending UGMC Chapter 17
Electric Vehicles

Motion by Council Member Dailey, second by Council Member Schilling, to adopt Ordinance No. – 3107 – amending Union Gap Municipal Code (UGMC) Title 17 Zoning Chapter; 17.04 Permitted Land Uses to amend 17.04.030 – Table of Permitted Land Uses and 17.04.050 – Accessory Uses to include Electric Passenger Vehicle Charging Stations. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. – 24-85 –
Interlocal Agreement with
City of Yakima for
Stormwater Laboratory
Services

Motion by Council Member Galloway, second by Council Member Dailey, to approve Resolution No. – 24-85 – authorizing the City Manager to sign an Interlocal Agreement between City of Yakima and City of Union Gap for laboratory services. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager

City Manager Bounds gave Council an overview of proposed changes to Section 3.1 of the Criminal Rules for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (CrRLJ 3.1) that would significantly reduce the number of cases that public defenders can take on. Mayor Bounds stated the proposed changes, if adopted would have a significant negative impact to the City financially. Bounds stated she is seeking authorization to send a letter to Washington State Supreme Court stating the City’s opposition regarding the proposed changes. City Attorney Foltz stated the Supreme Court is currently accepting comments on the proposed rules and a Public Hearing on the matter is scheduled for October 2, 2024. Foltz further informed that the Association of Washington Cities would be present on behalf of all the Cities in Washington State that are going to be impacted by the proposed changes, however they are also encouraging cities to submit letters voicing their concerns about the impact to budget and public safety. Police Chief Cobb informed that if the proposed changes are adopted it would make it impossible for most municipalities to prosecute misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor crimes, and would result in a drastic decrease in public safety. Motion by Council Member Sewell, second by Council Member Galloway authorizing the City to send a letter to the Washington State Supreme Court, urging them not to adopt the proposed changes

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to CrRLJ 3.1. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Council Member Schilling informed she received written notification that she has been appointed to the 911 State Advisory Committee. Schilling also stated that she would like to send thank you letters to the guest speakers that were at the September 18, 2024 YVCOG meeting.

Items from the Audience

None.

City Manager Report

City Manager Bounds advised of a Wellness event where City Staff took a field trip to the Ag Museum; post cards for the Grand Opening of the Library & Community Center scheduled for October 9th at 2:00 p.m. have been mailed, and that the event will be advertised so all Council Members can attend.

Communications/Questions/
Comments

None.

Development of next Agenda

None.

Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Hodkinson adjourned the regular meeting at 6:45p.m.



Sharon Bounds, City Manager

ATTEST:



Lynette Bisconer, City Clerk

