

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Council Chambers, City Hall
Union Gap, Washington
February 8, 2010

- Call to Order Mayor Lemon called the Regular Meeting of the Union Gap City Council to order at 7:08 p.m.
- Council Members Present Council Members David Butler, Dan Olson, Dan Vanover, Roger Wentz, Dave Matson, James Murr and Chad Lenz were present.
- Staff Present Robert Noe, City Attorney; Dennis Henne, Public Works Director; Bill Steele, Fire Chief; Robert Almeida, Police Chief; Mark Reynolds, Development Coordinator; and Kathryn Thompson, City Clerk were present.
- Audience Present Shawn Riley, Michael & Joshua Murr, Joe & Linda Jackson, Debbie Matson, Aubrey Reeves, Mark Carney, Clarence Barnett, and others were present.
- Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Lemon led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Consent Agenda Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Butler to approve the consent agenda, as follows:
- Approve the Study Session Council Meeting Minutes, dated January 25, 2010, as sent out on page 5024 of the Minute Book.
- Approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, dated January 25, 2010, as sent out on pages 5025 through 5027 of the Minute Book.
- Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 76444 through 76476, in the amount of \$263,936.76 dated January 28, 2010 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund.
- Approve Payroll Voucher Nos. 33196 through 33265, in the amount of \$139,552.04 dated January 28, 2010 and transfer from the operating funds to the Payroll Fund.
- Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 76477 through 76558, in the amount of \$173,883.65 dated February 8, 2010 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund.
- Approve Petty Cash Check No. 1580, issued and paid in the month of December 2009, in the amount of \$72.00.
- Approve Municipal Court Check Nos. 3259 through 3266, issued and paid in the month of December 2009, in the amount of \$104,069.49.
- There were no Advanced Travel Checks issued and paid in the month of December 2009.
- Approve Treasurer's Check No. 10212, issued and paid in the month of December 2009, in the amount of \$606.77.
- Adopt and Publish Ordinance No. 2657, An Ordinance of the City of Union Gap providing that the City may buy back vacation leave from employees under certain circumstances, up to a maximum of eighty (80) hours, and amending the City's Personnel Policies Handbook to provide for the same.
- Adopt and Publish Ordinance No. 2658, An Ordinance amending the adopted 2010 Budget to include budget sheet information relating to Fund No. 114, the Senior Activities Fund.
- Confirm Appointment of Andrea Vasquez to the Citizens For Union Gap's

Future Committee.
Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing –
Construction & Post-
Construction
Stormwater Ordinances

Mayor Lemon announced this is a public hearing on the proposed Stormwater ordinances and informed written comments from the Central Washington Home Builders Association (CWHBA) have been distributed.

At 7:09 p.m. Mayor Lemon opened the public hearing.

The Public Works Director informed Ordinance Nos. 2659 and 2660 adopting new municipal code chapters for construction and post-construction stormwater management and control are being considered tonight. He explained these ordinances meet the minimum requirements placed on the City under the Eastern Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit, and the City is required to adopt these ordinances by February 16, 2010. He informed the written comments from the CWHBA were the only comments he received prior to the hearing. He explained he met with the Mayor, City Attorney, and the CWHBA representative and went over the comments prior to this meeting.

The City Clerk reported no other comments have been received.

Clarence Barnett, CWHBA representative, stated he has no further comments other than what was submitted.

At 7:13 p.m. Mayor Lemon closed the public hearing.

Ordinance Nos. 2659 &
2660 – Adopting New
Municipal Code
Chapters 14.30 & 14.40
“Stormwater
Management and
Control Standards for
Construction & Post-
Construction
Stormwater
Management and
Control”

Council Member Wentz commented the CWHBA has requested the non-refundable application fee be re-visited.

Mayor Lemon informed the CWHBA was concerned about the 5 percent application fee because they thought it applied to the total project, however, the 5 percent application fee is intended to be for the stormwater project only. He recommended that section be clarified and the CWHBA comments be incorporated into the ordinances.

Council Member Vanover stated he would like Section 6.1.4.1 in Ordinance 2659 to remain the way it is written. He commented the consumer price index may go down, but the City's costs do not go down.

Mayor Lemon commented if there is no cost increase, the price should not go up.

Council Member Vanover questioned the point of Section 2.2.2.5.5 in Ordinance No. 2660.

The Public Works Director informed that what the CWHBA is recommending is already covered in an existing document. He stated the purpose of Section 2.2.2.5.5 is to give an example of a formula that could be used by a small developer that does not want to hire a geotechnical engineer. He informed the CWHBA is okay with this language now that they know this is only an example.

Motion by Council Member Vanover, seconded by Council Member Wentz to amend Ordinance No. 2659 to include the comments from the CWHBA with the exception of the recommended changes to Section 6.1.4.1. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Butler questioned where the 5 percent figure came from.

The Public Works Director informed it is the same percentage used in the water and sewer manuals and it is enough to cover the City's cost for plan reviews done in house or by our consultants.

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Vanover to adopt and publish Ordinance No. 2659, An Ordinance adopting a new Chapter 14.30 of the Union Gap Municipal Code entitled “Stormwater Management and Control Standards for Construction” within the City of Union Gap, as amended to include the comments of the CWHBA with the exception of the comment regarding Section 6.1.4.1. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Vanover to amend Ordinance No. 2660 to include the comments from CWHBA with the exception of the recommended changes to Section 2.2.2.5.5. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Vanover to adopt and publish Ordinance No. 2660, An Ordinance adopting a new Chapter 14.40 of the Union Gap Municipal Code entitled “Post-Construction Stormwater Management and Control” within the City of Union Gap, as amended to include the comments of the CWHBA with the exception of the comment regarding Section 2.2.2.5.5. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wentz commented he read through the material and it appears there is no cost to the City if awarded.

Resolution No. 848 –
Authorizing Submittal
of Community Police
Partnership Awards
Grant through MetLife
Foundation

Mayor Lemon stated there is no cost to the City and this grant is awarded to five communities. He informed this was a Park Board recommendation and the Police Chief will be working with the committee members to submit for this grant.

Council Member Wentz questioned if this request would be for one park.

Mayor Lemon informed this would probably be used to enhance the graffiti program in all areas of the City.

The Police Chief stated if the City is lucky enough to get this grant portable cameras can be moved around the City to areas with issues and this would be a good enhancement for prosecution purposes.

Motion by Council Member Vanover, seconded by Council Member Wentz to adopt Resolution No. 848, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit an application through the MetLife Foundation and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation for a Community-Police Partnership Awards grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Butler questioned if the cameras require power.

Mayor Lemon stated they operate with a battery pack.

Resolution No. 849 –
Interlocal Agree. with
Washington State
Department of
Transportation for
Maintenance of City-
owned Traffic Signal
Systems

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Vanover to adopt Resolution No. 849, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement for State Maintenance of City Owned Traffic Signal Systems with the Washington State Department of Transportation. Motion carried unanimously.

Award of Bid – Valley
Mall Blvd. Phase IV
Construction

Mayor Lemon announced this item is being tabled to the next Council meeting.

Confirm Appointment of Mark Carney to the Union Gap Planning Commission

Mayor Lemon informed this appointment replaces Mel Mathis who resigned at the last Council Meeting.

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Butler to confirm the appointment of Mark Carney to position number 2 on the Planning Commission for a six year term to expire on January 2, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Items from the Audience

Mayor Lemon introduced Shawn Riley, the City's parks maintenance worker assigned to litter and graffiti cleanup.

Shawn thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to work for the City and stated litter and graffiti is a full time job in the parks, alleys, streets, etc.

Mayor Lemon stated it is nice that Shawn lives in Union Gap, and he has done an amazing job keeping our town looking good.

Develop Agenda for Feb. 22, 2010 Council Meeting

There were no additional items for the February 22, 2010 Council agenda.

Departmental Reports

Mayor Lemon informed the following reports are in the packet and questioned if the Council has any questions of the departments: Building/Mechanical & Plumbing Report – January 2010; Tourism Promoter Status Report – January 2010; and Fire Department Status Report – January 2010.

Complaint. Council Member Vanover stated he received a call from a resident stating a manufactured home on the sales lot at Mead Avenue and Rudkin Road is blocking visibility on Rudkin Road. He requested the Development Coordinator check on this complaint.

Mayor Lemon commented nuisance abatement is still with the Community Service Officer (CSO), so if abatement is necessary the complaint will be handed off to the CSO.

Communications/ Questions/Comments

Mayor Lemon requested Council Members Wentz and Olson report on their recent trip to Washington D.C.

Council Member Wentz stated they met with TransAction and had a meeting with Senators Cantwell and Murray and Representative Hastings. He stated the representatives appreciated the united effort of the group, and Union Gap's water and sewer issues were also discussed and the representatives were very supportive.

Mayor Lemon commented that sending City representatives last year brought back ½ million dollars so it is worth the cost of the trip.

Adjournment

At 7:40 p.m., Mayor Lemon adjourned the Regular Council meeting.

These minutes dated February 8, 2010 were approved at the Regular Council Meeting of February 22, 2010.

Jim Lemon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathryn Thompson, CMC, City Clerk