

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Council Chambers, City Hall
Union Gap, Washington
January 14, 2008

- Call to Order Mayor Lemon called the Regular Meeting of the Union Gap City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Council Members Present Council Members David Butler, Dan Olson, Glenn Bateman, Roger Wentz, Dave Matson, and James Murr were present.
- Staff Present Robert Noe, City Attorney; Dennis Henne, Public Works Director; William Rathbone, Development Coordinator; Robert Almeida, Police Chief; Keith Yamane, Fire Chief; Karen Clifton, City Treasurer; and Kathryn Thompson, City Clerk were present.
- Audience Present Debbie Matson, Tony Reise, Michael & Joshua Murr, Stephanie Korn, Phil Salzman, John Hodkinson, Carla Woolen, David Hansen, Bob & Kathy Lundberg, Bill & Lea Driskill, Ray & Pat Jones, Don Mayo, Larry Briggs, Dave Zable, Erin Snelgrove, Jim E. Lemon, Bob & Mary Ann Lockhart, and others were present.
- Presentation of Special Awards Mayor Lemon presented certificates to Kathy Lundberg, Police Clerk, and Pat Jones, Court Clerk, for 15 years of service to the City.
- Consent Agenda Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Butler to approve the consent agenda, as follows:
- Approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, dated December 10, 2007, as sent out on pages 4741 through 4748 of the Minute Book.
- Approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes, dated January 7, 2008, as sent out on pages 4749 through 4751 of the Minute Book.
- Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 70656 through 70755 in the amount of \$228,003.67 dated December 24, 2007 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund.
- Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 70756 through 70780 in the amount of \$254,271.88 dated December 31, 2007 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund.
- Approve Payroll Voucher Nos. 31228 through 31319 in the amount of \$141,496.09, dated December 31, 2007 and transfer from the operating funds to the Payroll Fund.
- Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 70781 through 70871 in the amount of \$105,947.06, dated January 14, 2008 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund.
- Ord. No. 2547 - Amending 2008 Budget Bulletproof Vests Adopt and publish Ordinance No. 2547, An Ordinance amending the 2008 Budget authorizing the expenditure of \$12,000 from the Current Expense Fund.
- Motion carried unanimously; Council Member Vanover absent.
- Discuss Funding of the Public Transportation System Motion by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Bateman to table the discussion of the funding of the public transportation system to the January 28, 2008 meeting. Motion carried unanimously; Council Member Vanover absent.

Council Member Olson requested the City Treasurer explain the additional information she found.

The City Treasurer informed she spoke with Jack McGlothlen about the possibility of borrowing a tax anticipation note at 5 to 5.5 percent interest with a fee of approximately \$5,000. Mr. McGlothlen recommended the City use an interfund transfer because the rate is 4.5 percent interest and there are no extra fees, but he agreed to look into this matter further.

Consider declaring projects complete and approving acceptance of the 2007 Street Improvement Project & 2007 BST Project

Motion by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Wentz to declare the 2007 Street Improvement Project and the 2007 BST Project as complete and approve acceptance of the projects. Motion carried unanimously; Council Member Vanover absent.

Consider awarding bids on acquired Valley Mall Boulevard right of way surplus structures

Council Member Olson questioned if the City received the deposit.

The Public Works Director stated all the paperwork is in order to award these bids, but Mr. Briggs needs to have a plan approved by the Development Coordinator for the removal of the structures.

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Olson to award bids to the highest responsible bidder, Larry Briggs, as follows: 2302 So. 3rd Avenue \$3,333.00; 402 Pioneer Street \$2,622.00; 2301 So. 5th Avenue (House) \$1,056.00; 2301 So. 5th Avenue (Garage) \$626.00; and 308 Pioneer Street \$1,616.00. Motion carried unanimously; Council Member Vanover absent.

Discuss Legislative Priorities for 2008 Legislative Action Conference in Olympia

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Olson to authorize staff to prepare a letter addressing the following legislative priorities: 1) Help with Department of Ecology on Water Rights Acquisitions; 2) Petition for other funding sources for low income people to obtain water and sewer extensions; and 3) Valley Mall Boulevard Phase IV and the South end Interchange projects. Motion carried unanimously; Council Member Vanover absent.

Discuss Legislative Priorities for 2008 National League of Cities Conference

Motion by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Wentz to authorize staff to prepare a letter supporting the same legislative issues as the Olympia trip, except making Valley Mall Boulevard Phase IV and the other projects TransAction is supporting as the number one priority. Motion carried unanimously; Council Member Vanover absent.

Confirm Appointment - Planning Commission

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Butler to confirm the appointment of Dave Hansen to the Planning Commission to fill the six-year term of Position No. 3 that expires January 2, 2011. Motion carried: Council Members Butler, Wentz, Matson, and Murr voting in favor; Council Members Olson and Bateman voting no. Council Member Vanover absent.

Select Mayor Pro Tem for 2008

Council Member Butler commented he believes it is important for the Mayor Pro Tem to get along well with the Mayor.

Motion by Council Member Butler, seconded by Council Member Wentz to appoint Council Member Wentz as Mayor Pro Tem for 2008. Motion failed: Council Members Olson, Bateman, Matson, and Murr voting no; Council Members Butler and Wentz voting in favor. Council Member Vanover absent.

Council Member Matson stated it is not that he thinks Council Member Wentz would do a bad job but he is inclined to go with experience and wants Council Member Olson to be Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion by Council Member Matson, seconded by Council Member Bateman to appoint Council Member Olson as Mayor Pro Tem for 2008. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Vanover absent.

Discuss 2008 Council
Committee
Assignments

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that the 2008 committees would be as follows:

Finance – Council Members Vanover, Butler, and Olson.

Capital Facilities – Council Members Wentz, Olson, and Murr.

Public Safety – Council Members Vanover, Wentz, and Matson.

Public Works – Council Members Olson, Butler, and Vanover.

Community Development – Council Members Bateman, Olson, and Murr.

Intergovernmental Committee – Council Members Wentz, Vanover, and Olson.

Negotiation Committee - Council Members Olson, Bateman, and Wentz.

Youth Council Committee – Council Members Wentz, Olson, and Bateman.

Items from the
Audience

Valley Mall Boulevard. John Hodkinson requested an update of the Valley Mall Boulevard Phase III project.

The Public Works Director informed the project went to ad today and will be advertised five times in four newspapers with the bid opening scheduled for February 19, 2008.

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 – December 2007; Code Enforcement Activity Report – December 2007; Police Department Status Report – November 2007; New Businesses Report – November/December 2007; Fire Department Status Report – December 2007; and Treasurer’s Report – November 2007.

Mayor Lemon pointed out a memorandum regarding the purchase of two new police cars was distributed to the Council tonight.

Council Member Bateman questioned when the police department last purchased vehicles.

The Police Chief stated last year, and commented one of these vehicles will be from the 3 tenths of a percent sales tax money and one is from the General Fund.

There were no additions to the January 28, 2008 Council meeting.

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Communications/
Questions/Comments

Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Olson questioned the timeframe to finish the Comprehensive Plan and future land use map.

The Development Coordinator stated there is a Planning Commission Study Session tomorrow night and then the Planning Commission needs to hold a public hearing on the emergency comprehensive plan amendment. He stated the public hearing will likely be in February and this issue will be to the Council in early March.

Invocation. Mayor Lemon informed that Rev. David Dalton is no longer

pastoring a church and won't be delivering the Council invocation anymore. He requested the Council let him know their thoughts about future invocations.

At 7:33 p.m., Mayor Lemon adjourned the Regular Council meeting.

Adjournment

These minutes dated January 14, 2008 were approved at the Regular Council Meeting of February 11, 2008.

Jim Lemon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathryn Thompson, CMC, City Clerk