

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

- Call to Order Mayor Lemon called the Regular Meeting of the Union Gap City Council to order at 7:01 p.m.
- Council Members Present Council Members David Butler, Dan Olson, Glenn Bateman, Dan Vanover, Roger Wentz, Dave Matson, and James Murr (7:10 p.m.) were present.
- Staff Present 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 Renee Biles, Madelyn Carlson, Al Coyner, Ron Davis, Dawn & Erika Lemon, Mary Ann Lockhart, Evonne Goeken, Jo Collier, Robert Fawcett, Nancy Krause, Debbie Matson, Andrea Vasquez, Jerry Baldoz, Heather Kelley, Ray Kempf, Michael Murr, Stephanie Korn, John Hodgkinson, Erin Snelgrove, Mike Brown, and others were present.
- Pledge of Allegiance Council Member Olson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Special Award Presentation Mayor Lemon presented a certificate to the Police Chief for Eric Turley, Police Officer, for 5 years of service to the City.
- Consent Agenda Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Olson to approve the consent agenda, as follows:
- Approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, dated June 23, 2008, as sent out on pages 4807 through 4813 of the Minute Book.
- Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 72184 through 72217 in the amount of \$272,798.83 dated June 30, 2008 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund.
- Approve Payroll Voucher Nos. 31714 through 31802 in the amount of \$160,435.39, dated June 30, 2008 and transfer from the operating funds to the Payroll Fund. Voucher No. 31645 in the amount of \$306.46 was voided.
- Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 72218 through 72294, in the amount of \$380,688.38 dated July 14, 2008 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund.
- Approve underpaid out-of-classification overtime wages for affected Fire Department personnel from January 1, 2006 through June of 2008 in the amount of \$4,646.87.
- Authorize Line Item Budget Transfers as follows: \$126.73 from 001.528.80.48 to 001.521.10.48; \$127.66 from 115.594.21.64 to 001.521.22.31; \$127.66 from 123.594.21.64 to 001.521.22.31; \$183.08 from 115.594.21.64 to 001.521.22.31; \$183.08 from 123.594.21.64 to 001.521.22.31; \$2,916 from 001.521.21.48 to 001.521.22.48; \$1,200 from 001.521.50.45 to 001.521.50.47; \$50.00 from 001.521.21.49 to 001.521.40.49; \$32,052.16 from 001.528.60.51 to 001.521.10.51; \$18,432.31 from 001.523.20.51 to 001.521.10.51; \$91.00 from 001.518.20.31 to 001.518.20.45; \$337.00 from 001.514.23.49 to 001.514.23.46; \$1,292.00 from 001.300.522.10.21 to 001.300.522.10.46; \$100.00 from 001.300.512.50.43 to 001.300.512.50.48; \$72.59 from 001.300.512.50.44 to 001.300.512.50.48; \$37.81 from 001.518.20.31 to 001.518.20.45; \$600.00 from 001.572.50.48 to 001.572.20.51; \$223.01 from 001.572.50.49 to 001.572.20.51; \$33.00 from 001.518.31.41 to 001.518.31.46; \$97.92 from 001.518.88.41 to

001.518.88.49; \$346.27 from 001.511.30.44 to 001.511.60.44; \$500.00 from 001.518.31.41 to 001.518.31.32; \$225.00 from 001.514.30.44 to 001.514.30.46; \$1,000 from 001.574.21.49 to 001.518.20.47; \$183 from 001.574.21.41 to 001.574.21.44 (\$50) and 001.574.21.46 (\$133); \$237 from 001.576.80.41 to 001.574.21.46; \$163 from 001.576.80.46 to 001.574.21.46; \$16.97 from 132.573.93.31 to 132.573.90.45; \$19.70 from 001.512.50.49 to 001.512.50.48; \$40,400 from 001.521.92.46 to 001.521.10.46; \$500 from 001.513.10.43 to 001.513.10.32.

Res No. 726 – Free  
Parking at Ahtanum  
Youth Park for City  
Related Functions

Adopt Resolution No. 726, A Resolution providing that there be no parking fee for persons participating in City sponsored or City business related events at the Ahtanum Youth Activities Park.

Ord. No. 2571 –  
Amending 2008 Budget  
Repayment of \$90,040  
to the Municipal Capital  
Improvement Fund

Adopt and publish Ordinance No. 2571, An Ordinance amending the 2008 Budget authorizing the repayment to the Municipal Capital Improvement Fund (118), for the costs associated with the purchase of the property at 3111 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, using money from the City Hall Building Reserve Fund (116) as it becomes reimbursed by the Public Transportation Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Line Item Budget Transfers. Council Member Olson questioned why there is no date and signature on the line item budget transfer forms.

Mayor Lemon informed these forms are being completed to stay in compliance with the State auditors. Now that the Council has approved the transfers, the forms will be signed and dated. He explained the auditor said the Mayor has the authority to move money from one line item to another within the same fund, but Council approval is necessary if a department is asking to spend more money than is budgeted. Mayor Lemon stated, at this time, he is asking for Council approval to authorize the line item budget transfers even though Municipal Research & Services Center says the Mayor has the authority to make these transfers.

Resolution No. 727 –  
Valley Mall Blvd.  
Phase IV – WSDOT  
Local Agency  
Preliminary  
Engineering  
Participating Agreement

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Vanover to adopt Resolution No. 727, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the attached Local Agency Preliminary Engineering Participating Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for the Valley Mall Boulevard Phase IV Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wentz questioned how this project will affect the MediCenter.

The Public Works Director stated the right-of-way acquisition process includes taking the MediCenter property.

Resolution No. 728 –  
Valley Mall Blvd.  
Phase IV – Task  
Assignment Agree. with  
WSDOT for Right-of-  
Way Acquisition  
Services

Motion by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Wentz to adopt Resolution No. 728, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the attached Task Assignment Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for right-of-way acquisition services for the Valley Mall Boulevard Phase IV Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Request –  
Parks Dept. Tractor  
Repair/Replacement

Motion by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Bateman to authorize the Public Works Director to shop around and see what else he can find for a replacement tractor.

Council Member Wentz questioned if the Public Works Director needs to shop around more.

The Public Works Director stated yes, he needs more time. He informed the projected ending fund balance of \$14,964 was obligated for a grant, but the City did not receive the grant so he has that money plus some money in the maintenance budget available. He informed he will come back to the Council with proposals of what the department is interested in purchasing.

After discussion, Council Members Olson and Bateman rescinded the original motion and second to authorize the Public Works Director to shop around and see what else he can find for a replacement tractor.

Motion by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Wentz to table this item to the next regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Matson stated since we are practicing being a well City he would like to see an academic program like bowling or baseball offered. He stated in regard to health benefits for elected officials, the information received shows 50 percent of the elected officials have to sign up for health insurance. He stated he would like to see the groundwork in place for future Council Members and Mayors, even if it is not implemented now.

Discuss Medical  
Benefits for Elected  
Officials

Council Member Olson cautioned that the Council cannot increase their wages while in office and even though this is a benefit, it should be researched to see if this would be considered a wage increase.

Council Member Vanover questioned where the money would come from because the premiums are two times what the Council members are being paid.

Council Member Matson stated the money would come from the City.

Mayor Lemon informed the money would have to come from the General Fund and the Reserve Fund balance is pretty meager so if this is to be done, it would need to be included in next year's budget.

Motion by Council Member Matson, seconded by Council Member Wentz to include medical insurance premiums for all elected officials in next year's budget. Motion failed: Council Members Wentz, Matson, and Murr voting in favor; Council Members Butler, Olson, Bateman, and Vanover voting no.

Motion by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Bateman to accept the lowest proposal of T C Transportation for transit services. Motion carried: Council Members Butler, Olson, Bateman, Vanover, and Matson voting in favor; Council Members Wentz and Murr voting no.

Selection of Transit  
Company Proposal

Council Member Wentz informed an open house was held last week, public input was requested, and a number of people asked that the open house not be a waste of time. He stated he tallied the results of the questionnaires that were returned, and the results were: Yakima Transit – 21 votes; People for People – 14 votes; T C Transportation – 4 votes; and A & A Motorcoach – 1 vote.

Mayor Lemon commented it was not clear where some of the people were from because they did not fill out their name and address.

Council Member Wentz stated these were the results from the people that came to the meeting.

Motion by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Wentz to add to the Council agenda termination of contract with Yakima Transit. Motion carried unanimously.

Add to the Agenda –  
Terminate Contract  
with Yakima Transit

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Olson to direct

staff to submit the 120-day notice to terminate the contract with Yakima Transit. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wentz welcomed T C Transportation to Union Gap, and questioned if they are able to match the insurance coverage Yakima Transit has with the Washington State Transit Insurance Pool.

Ron Davis, T C Transportation, stated yes, but because this is the City of Union Gap's transit system, they are hopeful they will be able to purchase the insurance through the Washington State Transit Insurance Pool also.

Mayor Lemon questioned if they will be prepared to take over the system in 120 days, and if they will have a contract relatively soon.

Mr. Davis stated they will be ready to take over the system, and they will work with the City Attorney on the contract language. He also informed he has a meeting with Yakima Transit tomorrow and he will discuss transfer locations with them at that time.

Motion by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Wentz to accept the most qualified, lowest bid submitted by Durand's Inc., for Schedules A, B, and a portion of Schedule C, in the approximate amount of \$87,000 and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the contract documents for the Wide Hollow Creek Pathways Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Award of Bid – Wide Hollow Creek Pathway

Motion by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Wentz to confirm the appointment of Heather Kelly to the Park Board to fill the unexpired term of Carrie Greenough. This term expires June 25, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment to the Park Board

Jerry Baldoz, Yakima County Senior Nutrition Program, informed last year the City provided the use of a section of the Ahtanum Youth Park for the annual Senior Pioneer Picnic. He requested the City provide the same section for their picnic this August.

Items from the Audience

Mayor Lemon requested Mr. Baldoz call him with the information for this to be on the next Council agenda.

The Council reviewed the draft agenda for July 28, 2008, and had no additions for the agenda.

Development of Next Agenda

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 – June 2008; Code Enforcement Activity Report – June 2008.

Departmental Reports

At 7:31 p.m., Mayor Lemon adjourned the Regular Council meeting.

Adjournment

*These minutes dated July 14, 2008 were approved at the Regular Council Meeting of July 28, 2008.*

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Jim Lemon  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathryn Thompson, CMC  
City Clerk