

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

- 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, Roger Wentz, 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 Stephanie, Michael & Joshua Murr, Mary Ann Lockhart, Ted Lemon, Aubrey Reeves, Fred Thomson, John Hodgkinson, Ron Davis, Jim Lemon, Mark Brown, Mark Carney, Erika Lemon, Mike Moore, Sue Scott, and others were present.
- Pledge of Allegiance Council Member Murr 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 February 22, 2010, as sent out on page 5032 of the Minute Book.
- Approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, dated February 22, 2010, as sent out on pages 5033 through 5035 of the Minute Book.
- Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 76656 through 76690, in the amount of \$259,984.63 dated February 25, 2010 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund.
- Approve Payroll Voucher Nos. 33266 through 33337, in the amount of \$142,409.82 dated February 25, 2010 and transfer from the operating funds to the Payroll Fund.
- Approve Claim Voucher Nos. 76691 through 76773, in the amount of \$144,934.96 dated March 8, 2010 and transfer from the operating funds to the Claims Fund.
- Motion carried unanimously; Council Members Matson and Vanover absent.
- Excusing Council Members Mayor Lemon informed Council Members Matson and Vanover are ill tonight.
- Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Murr to excuse Council Members Matson and Vanover from tonight's Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously; Council Members Matson and Vanover absent.
- Presentation from Ron Davis, T.C. Transportation & Request to Set Public Hearing for 6-year Transit Plan for 3/22/10 Ron Davis, T.C. Transportation, distributed the draft of the 6-year transit development plan and informed last year we were one of two agencies in the state to turn our plan in on time. He informed the revenues are looking great and the 2009 actual figures were great.
- Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Butler to set the public hearing for the 6-year Transit Plan for March 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously; Council Members Matson and Vanover absent.
- Confirm Appointments to the Citizens for Union Gap's Future Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Lenz to confirm the appointments of Delta Vincent, Ray Kempf, and Brittani Creach to the Citizens For Union Gap's Future Committee. Motion carried unanimously;

Committee

Discussion Regarding  
Billboards

Council Members Matson and Vanover absent.

Mike Moore, Planning Commission member, informed the Planning Commission has been working on the issue of limiting billboards in the City to keep Union Gap from looking like Las Vegas.

Council Member Olson commented he knew the previous Development Coordinator was working on this issue, but did not know the status.

Mike Moore informed the Planning Commission is still working on the issue with the current Development Coordinator. He stated the commission has had discussions and does not want to see billboards on Valley Mall Boulevard.

Council Member Olson commented there are already two on Yakima's side of Valley Mall Boulevard. He stated the previous Development Coordinator was working with Joan Davenport at City of Yakima on this issue and this issue is also being addressed in the West Valley plan. He stated we need to be careful what we allow because some of the billboards are 99-year contracts; and the two new billboards on Valley Mall Boulevard are in the City of Yakima.

Mayor Lemon questioned if Council Member Olson has spoken to the City of Yakima regarding this issue.

Council Member Olson stated no.

John Hodkinson, Regional Planning Commission member, stated the Regional Planning Commission has reviewed the billboard situation in the West Valley plan, and they are planning to eliminate billboards from the plan. He informed there are some grandfather issues to review with long term leases.

The Development Coordinator informed the Planning Commission met for the first time last month since last May or June. He stated it is going to take a couple more meetings for the commission to set their priorities. He also informed he met with Yakima County and City of Yakima today to discuss the airport overlay.

Mayor Lemon informed the airport overlay issue needs to go before the Union Gap Planning Commission.

Resolution No. 859 –  
Extending Contract  
with Yakima Valley  
Bicycle Motocross  
(BMX) Association

Motion by Council Member Wentz, seconded by Council Member Olson to adopt Resolution No. 859, A Resolution extending the Contract with YAKIMA VALLEY BICYCLE MOTOCROSS (BMX) ASSOCIATION. Motion carried unanimously; Council Members Matson and Vanover absent.

Resolution No. 860 –  
Renaming the Citizens  
For Union Gap's Future  
Committee to the Union  
Gap Special Events  
Committee

Motion by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Butler to adopt Resolution No. 860, A Resolution renaming the Citizens For Union Gap's Future Committee to the Union Gap Special Events Committee. Motion carried unanimously; Council Members Matson and Vanover absent.

Items from the  
Audience

Golf Carts on City Streets. Fred Thomson informed he heard on the radio that the legislature had passed a bill allowing golf carts on City streets.

Develop Agenda for  
March 22, 2010 Council  
Meeting

Council Member Wentz commented there are four public hearings on the next agenda and it appears to be a full meeting. He suggested no other items be added to this 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 – February 2010; Tourism Promoter Status Report – February 2010; and Tax Revenue Report – January 2010.

Building/Planning. The Development Coordinator informed he included a staff recommendation in Council information regarding code enforcement. He also informed there are four public hearings on the next agenda, but the most important are the annexation and the development agreement with Clary. He then questioned the swearing in of Planning Commission members.

Mayor Lemon asked the City Clerk if Planning Commission members are sworn in.

The City Clerk stated Planning Commission members are appointed by the Mayor and Council; they are not sworn in.

Communications/  
Questions/Comments

Washington D.C. Mayor Lemon informed Council Members Olson and Wentz and the Development Coordinator are going to Washington D.C. for National League of Cities.

Council Member Olson stated the most important part of the trip is seeing the legislators in an attempt to continue receiving funding for our projects.

Council Member Wentz informed the City is pushing for money for water and sewer projects for areas that are under served or not served by water and sewer.

Adjournment

At 7:20 p.m., Mayor Lemon adjourned the Regular Council meeting to a 15-Minute Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining. Attending the executive session were the Mayor, Council Members, and City Attorney; Council Members Matson and Vanover absent.

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

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Jim Lemon, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathryn Thompson, CMC, City Clerk