



MONROE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Business Meeting
Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
Zoom Online Meeting Platform

Mayor
Geoffrey Thomas

Councilmembers
*Heather Rousey, Mayor Pro Tem;
Patsy Cudaback; Kevin Hanford;
Jason Gamble, Jeff Rasmussen;
Ed Davis, & Kirk Scarboro*

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council meeting was held virtually via Zoom. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and Proclamation 20-28 issued by Governor Jay Inslee, in-person attendance is not permitted at this time.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present:

Rousey, Hanford, Davis, Gamble, and Scarboro

Councilmembers Cudaback and Rasmussen were excused with no objections.

Staff present:

Knight, Hasart, Swanson, Feilberg, Warthan, Jolley, Criswell, Roberts, Peterson, Huebner, Christian, Marrero, City Attorney Lell, Economic Development Consultant Palmer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Scarboro.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

- 4.1. Mayor Thomas read a Proclamation declaring March Women's History Month and March 8th International Women's Day (proclamation included in packet materials).
- 4.2. Ms. Carrie Parker, Assistant Director for Prevention Services with Snohomish Health District, presented information about the Health District and its recent activities (PowerPoint included in packet materials).

Mayor Thomas expressed his appreciation for the update and thanked the District for all the work being done around vaccinations.

PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance No. 001/2021, Amending Monroe Municipal Code Chapters 22.14, 22.26, and 22.42, Zoning Map Amendment, and Amending the North Kelsey Plan Design Guidelines; Public Hearing and Final Reading.

Ms. Marrero gave an overview via PowerPoint (included in packet materials) regarding the proposed ordinance after which Mayor Thomas opened the public hearing.

There were no public comments received.

Councilmember Scarboro asked about the agency comment received on this matter. Ms. Marrero stated it was from Snohomish County Parks regarding noise from the fairgrounds. This comment was not relevant for tonight's action but would become more relevant when development occurs.



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Motion: Move to close the public testimony portion of the public hearing. Councilmember Scarboro moved. Councilmember Hanford seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion: Move to close the public hearing. Councilmember Scarboro moved. Councilmember Hanford seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion: Move to accept as final reading Ordinance No. 001/2021, amending Monroe Municipal Code Chapters 22.14, 22.26, and 22.42, Zoning Map Amendment, and amending the North Kelsey Plan Design Guidelines; setting forth legislative findings; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Scarboro moved. Councilmember Hanford seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 7.1. City Council Meeting Minutes for 02/02/2021
- 7.2. City Council Meeting Minutes for 02/09/2021
- 7.3. City Council Meeting Minutes for 02/16/2021
- 7.4. AP/ACH Payment Approvals 02/09/2021
- 7.5. AP/ACH Payment Approvals 02/16/2021
- 7.6. Interlocal Agency Agreement for public works mutual aid during a local agency emergency.
- 7.7. Approval of Council Committee Workplans for 2021
- 7.8. Approval of Request for Proposal (RFP) for the 2021 Human Services Needs Assessment
- 7.9. Adopt 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

Motion: Move to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Hanford moved. Councilmember Rousey seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business this evening.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Hanford provided a report about the recent Legislative Affairs Committee meeting.

Councilmember Gamble provided a report about the recent Finance/HR Committee meeting.

Councilmember Rousey gave an update on the P3 committee meeting.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- 9.1. Finance Report – Ms. Hasart presented the report as included in the meeting packet.
- 9.2. HR/IT Report – Mr. Christian presented the report as included in the meeting packet.
- 9.3. Police Department Report – Chief Jolley presented the report as included in the meeting packet. Councilmember Scarboro thanked the Chief for the report on the officers.



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- 9.4. Economic Development Report – Mr. Huebner gave an update on the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) activities, updated on the City’s recent efforts related to the Paycheck Protection Plan program, and informed about the change in publisher for the City’s Choose Monroe magazine, expected to be distributed during April. Mr. Palmer reviewed the contents of the Economic Development newsletter as provided in the packet materials.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Administrator Update. Ms. Knight reviewed the extended agenda as presented in the meeting packet. Ms. Knight inquired about cancelling the March 2, 2021 Council Study Session.

Motion: Move to cancel the March 2, 2021 City Council Regular Study Session. Councilmember Scarboro moved. Councilmember Hanford seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Knight provided an update regarding a Hospitality Task Force. This task force will consist of chefs and restaurant owners to help the City be able to accommodate and encourage more restaurants to locate here. Ms. Knight also updated on Imagine Monroe activities to date.

Ms. Knight provided a legislative update to include information on cut off schedules and information on the status of House Bill (HB) 1054 Police Tactics and Equipment and HB 1203 Police Oversight Boards. Ms. Knight outlined the amendments made to date on HB 1203. Ms. Knight also mentioned HB 1152 which proposes changes to how public health is provided in the state. The Association of Washington Cities is monitoring this bill closely.

Ms. Knight referred to the IT staff report and highlighted that many of the current projects being completed were necessitated by the 2020 COVID mitigation efforts and paid for with the City’s CARES Act allocation. Ms. Knight thanked Mr. Warthan and Mr. Christian and all those involved with IT for their hard work.

Councilmember Scarboro inquired about HB 1091 regarding greenhouse gas emissions. Staff did not have an update but will follow up on this issue.

Mayor Thomas invited Mr. Feilberg to provide an Emergency Management Report at this time. Mr. Feilberg gave an update on vaccination efforts as of February 20th: 92,235 vaccines had been distributed in the County of which 28,694 of those have had both shots. Case rates have declined to 119 per 100,000 and hospital utilization rates continue improving. Mr. Feilberg also informed that Pharm A Save was partnering with the Monroe Senior Center to assist seniors with obtaining their vaccinations.

Mayor’s Report. Mayor Thomas provided information about last week’s Mayor’s meeting. The group, to include County Councilmember Sam Low, has signed and sent a letter to the state legislature advocating for Highway 522 improvements. A letter will also be sent to our federal delegation.

Mayor Thomas attended last Thursday’s Community Human Services Advisory Board (CHSAB) meeting. He praised the board for doing a great job in helping those in need in our community and expressed appreciation to the Council for its support of this board and appreciation for the staff’s work in supporting the CHSAB.



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ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Move to adjourn. Councilmember Hanford moved. Councilmember Scarboro seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:30 p.m.

Geoffrey Thomas (Mar 10, 2021 12:34 PST)

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

Rabecca R. Hasart, Interim City Clerk









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