

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The July 14, 2015, Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas at 7:00 p.m.; Council Chambers, City Hall.

Councilmembers present: Cudaback, Davis, Gamble, Goering, Hanford, Kamp, and Rasmussen.

Staff members present: Brazel, Feilberg, Lande, Nelson, Osaki, Quenzer, Smoot, and Warthan.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Rasmussen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation: Representative Elizabeth Scott

Representative Elizabeth Scott, Washington State Legislature, House of Representatives, 39th Legislative District, spoke regarding the following topics: the previous legislative session, budget; tax packages, programs funded, other bills passed of note, Monroe-related items, and the upcoming 2016 session. The Mayor and Council thanked Representative Scott for her service and presentation.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

The following persons spoke regarding Amateur Radio Week: Mr. John Henry.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes; July 7, 2015, Regular Business Meeting
2. Approval of AP Checks and ACH Payments (*check nos. 85998 through 86056 and ACH payments in a total amount of \$645,057.54*)
3. Approval of Payroll Warrant and ACH Payments (*check nos. 34197 through 34251 and ACH payments in a total amount of \$1,076,292.67*)
4. AB15-122: Authorize Mayor to Sign Interagency Agreement with Department of Enterprise Services for Energy/Utility Conservation Project Management and Monitoring Services, Phase II

Councilmember Hanford moved to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,
Motion carried (7-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. AB15-123: Discussion: 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update

Mr. David Osaki, Community Development Director, provided an update on the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update process, and timeline; and specifically reviewed the 'action items' as determined by the Planning Commission, the Commission's schedule for

further review and action on the Plan, a forthcoming resolution extending the estimated date for the Plan's completion/adoption, and the status of other Washington cities regarding completion/adoption of their Plans.

General discussion ensued regarding the action items and any time constraints thereto. Mr. Osaki confirmed there are none.

FINAL ACTION

Mayor Thomas noted that, without objection, the Final Action section of the agenda would be addressed next in the course of business. No objections were noted.

1. AB15-126: Ordinance No. 012/2015, Regarding Bond Delegation; Final Reading

Ms. Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, provided background information on AB15-126, the proposed ordinance regarding the reissuance of general obligation bonds (covering debt owed on the land known as the North Kelsey area) as a new debt to extend the maturity date, and noted first reading of this ordinance was accepted on July 7, 2015.

Councilmember Rasmussen moved to adopt Ordinance No. 012/2015, an ordinance of the City of Monroe, Washington, relating to contracting indebtedness; providing for the issuance, sale and delivery of not to exceed \$4,300,000 aggregate principal amount of taxable limited tax general obligation refunding bonds to provide funds to refund certain outstanding limited tax general obligation bonds of the city and to pay the costs of issuance and sale of the bonds; fixing or setting parameters with respect to certain terms and covenants of the bonds; appointing the city's designated representative to approve the final terms of the sale of the bonds; and providing for other related matters; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

1. AB15-124: Authorize Mayor to Sign Consultant Agreement for Professional Planning and Plan Review Services with H.W. Lochner

Mr. Osaki provided background information on AB15-124, the Request for Proposals (RFP) process utilized, and the selection of H.W. Lochner to provide Professional Planning and Plan Review Services.

Councilmember Goering moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Consultant Agreement for Professional Planning and Plan Review Services with H.W. Lochner; and expressly authorize further minor revisions as deemed necessary or appropriate; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

2. AB15-125: Discussion: Garbage Contract

Ms. Nelson provided background information on AB15-125, the current contract for garbage services (expiring September 2017), and the solid waste options for future service.

General discussion ensued regarding customer service surveys, complaints received, the RFP process, the contract renewal/renegotiation process, costs, comments/concerns with the current contract/services, utility versus franchise options, and mandatory versus non-mandatory options. Mayor Thomas noted that staff will research requested items and bring information back to the full Council for discussion at a future meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

1. Transportation/Planning, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, and Public Safety Committee

Councilmember Rasmussen reviewed the items discussed at the July 14, 2015, Transportation & Planning, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, & Public Safety Committee meeting, including panhandling regulations.

Councilmember Goering commented on his recent vacation.

Councilmember Gamble commented on his recent vacation, the opening of the Route 2 Taproom and Grazing Place, local little league baseball events, and the groundbreaking ceremony at the Monroe High School softball fields.

Councilmember Davis noted his absence from the upcoming Council meeting on July 21, 2015; and cancellation of the July Legislative Affairs Committee meeting.

Councilmember Rasmussen commented on the opening of the Route 2 Taproom, Downtown Monroe Clean-Up event, and Music in the Park event.

Councilmember Hanford commented on the opening of the Route 2 Taproom.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Osaki reported on two pre-application meetings.

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director, provided an update on the following items: Tjerne Place Extension project and pedestrian flags in Downtown Monroe. In addition, Mr. Feilberg presented design options for banners in the downtown area, and cost estimates. General discussion ensued regarding design features, seasonal banners, and cost. Mayor Thomas noted staff will work on finalizing five design concepts for the downtown area and bring back for Council's consideration at a future Council meeting.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Thomas reported on meetings held and events attended the previous week, and noted upcoming events. General discussion ensued regarding the upcoming Tjerne Place Extension groundbreaking event, and noticing thereto.

City Administrator Gene Brazel commented on the groundbreaking ceremony at the Monroe High School softball fields.

- 1. Draft Agenda for July 21, 2015, Regular Business Meeting

Mr. Brazel reviewed the draft agenda for the July 21, 2015, Regular Business Meeting; the extended agenda; and additions thereto. Councilmembers Kamp and Goering requested a discussion on Planning Commission compensation be added to a future Council meeting.

- 1. Cancellation of August 4, 2015, Regular Business Meeting

Councilmember Rasmussen moved to cancel the August 4, 2015, Regular Business Meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,

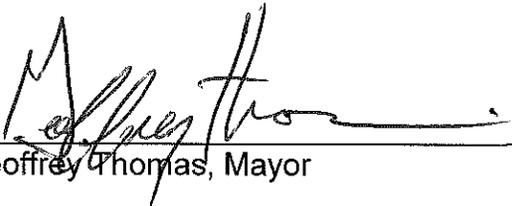
Motion carried (7-0).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Cudaback and seconded by Councilmember Kamp to adjourn the meeting. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:35 p.m.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



Elizabeth M. Smoot, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of July 21, 2015.