

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE**

The August 18, 2015, Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas at 7:01 p.m.; Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Staff members present: Brazel, Farrell, Feilberg, Nelson, Osaki, Quenzer, and Smoot; City Attorney Lell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Goering.

Mayor Thomas noted, without objection, the excused absence of Councilmember Kamp. No objections were noted.

Mayor Thomas noted, without objection, the re-ordering of the scheduled presentations on the agenda. No objections were noted.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS<sup>1</sup>**

1. Proclamation: 2015 Monroe Fair Days

Mayor Thomas read the proclamation into the record, encouraging residents, businesses, and visitors to participate in the Evergreen State Fair and the Monroe Fair Days Parade (August 29, 2015) during Monroe Fair Days, August 27, through September 7, 2015; and presented the proclamation to representatives from the Monroe Chamber of Commerce and Snohomish County.

2. Presentation: Senator Kirk Pearson

Senator Kirk Pearson, Washington State Legislature, House of Representatives, 39<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, spoke regarding the following topics: highlights of sponsored bills passed the previous legislative session (SB5631, SB5088, SB5881, SB5761, SB5887), and educational funding.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

The following persons spoke regarding the State Lobbyist/Public Affairs Representative RFP and lobbying: Mr. Lowell Anderson, Ms. Donnetta Walser, Mr. Fred Walser, and Mr. Mike Armstrong.

The following person spoke regarding the proposed Flag Policy, the flagpole on Main Street, the Lobbying RFP, and Fireworks: Mr. Brian Lipsy.

Councilmember Cudaback moved to add a discussion on the Lobbyist RFP to the agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gamble.

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<sup>1</sup> CLERK'S NOTE: Announcements/Presentations Nos. 1 and 2 were switched in order at the time of the meeting.

General discussion ensued regarding the time and date for discussion.

On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

Mayor Thomas noted the item would be added to the agenda as New Business No. 4.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of the Minutes; August 11, 2015, Regular Business Meeting
2. Approval of AP Checks and ACH Payments (*Check Nos. 86141 through 86169 and ACH Payments in a total amount of \$654,327.17*)

Councilmember Cudaback moved to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen. On vote,  
Motion carried (6-0).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. AB15-143: 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update

Mr. David Osaki, Community Development Director, provided an update on the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update process and timeline; and specifically noted the Planning Commissions progress on the final review/modifications to the Draft Comprehensive Plan – five chapters have been completed, with five remaining. Planning Commissioner Steve Jensen provided a report on behalf of the Commission regarding the extent of their review of the draft and key issues addressed/discussed.

General discussion ensued regarding the work of the Planning Commission; and Councilmembers thanked the Commissioners for their service.

2. AB15-144: Discussion: Proposed H3O Contract Amendments

Mr. Gene Brazel, City Administrator, presented background information on AB15-144, including the proposed amendments to the Concessionaire Agreement with H3O for a Cable Park at Lake Tye, and presented three options for Council's consideration for next steps in the process.

General discussion ensued regarding the three alternatives presented (terminate agreement; amend agreement and keep as one phase; and amend agreement and divide into two phases); the timeline provided encompassing the current and proposed contracts, and the obtained permits and potential for extension(s); and the potential to continue discussion on this item at the August 25, 2015, Council Meeting.

Mayor Thomas noted that, without objection, AB15-144, discussion on the proposed H3O contract amendments would be postponed to a time certain of Tuesday, August 25, 2015. No objections were noted.

3. AB15-145: Discussion: Utility Rates

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director, presented background information on AB15-145 and proposed changes to utility rates and system development fees.

General discussion ensued regarding recommended increases to utility rates, and the potential to continue discussion on this item at the August 25, 2015, Council Meeting.

Mayor Thomas noted that, without objection, AB15-145, discussion on utility rates would be postponed to a time certain of Tuesday, August 25, 2015. No objections were noted.

4. Discussion: Lobbyist RFP *(added at the time of the meeting)*

Councilmember Cudaback moved to re-open the RFP process<sup>2</sup>; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford.

General discussion ensued regarding the Request for Proposals process, timeline, noticing, and one proposal received; comments received from citizens on the process; the desire to have a larger pool of applicants; and the importance of a lobbyist.

On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

## NEW BUSINESS

1. AB15-146: Discussion: Fireworks Regulations [MMC 9.26]

Police Chief Tim Quenzer presented background information on AB15-146 and Monroe Municipal Code 9.26, Fireworks; including information on the State Fireworks Law, and examples of the Douglas and San Juan County Codes, who have adopted emergency provisions for fire danger.

General discussion ensued regarding emergency provisions for fire dangers, timeline for code amendments due to the State Fireworks Law, aerial fireworks regulations, fireworks incidents/accidents, and timeframe for a continued discussion on this topic.

Mayor Thomas noted a discussion on fireworks would be scheduled for January 2016.

## COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Goering commented on the summer concerts and movies series at Lake Tye Park.

Councilmember Gamble commented on Monroe Youth and High School Football programs, and on the wildfires in the Chelan area.

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<sup>2</sup> CLERK'S NOTE: City Administrator Brazel clarified that in order to re-open the RFP, the City would reject all proposals previously received in response to the RFP, and start the process over by reissuing the RFP.

Councilmember Rasmussen commented on a recent trip to Twin Falls, Idaho, the summer concerts and movies series at Lake Tye Park, and downtown construction.

Councilmember Cudaback commented on the upcoming Main Street Plaza Ribbon-Cutting event (Saturday, August 22, 2015, 11a.m.).

Councilmember Hanford commented on the summer concerts and movies series at Lake Tye Park, and acknowledged a family friend who recently passed away.

**STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Mr. Mike Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director, reported on the summer concerts and movies series at Lake Tye Park, and the upcoming Main Street Plaza Ribbon-Cutting event.

Chief Quenzer commented on the upcoming Police versus Fire flag football game (September 19, 2015).

Mr. Feilberg reported on downtown construction and the Tjerne Place project.

**MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

1. Monroe This Week (*August 14, 2015, Edition No. 9*)

Mayor Thomas reported on meetings held and events attended the previous week, and noted upcoming events.

2. Draft Agenda for August 25, 2015, Regular Business Meeting

Mr. Brazel reviewed the draft agenda for the August 25, 2015, Regular Business Meeting, the extended agenda, and additions thereto.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Potential Litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii)] (*20 minutes*)

Mayor Thomas stated that the Council would recess into Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii)] for approximately 20 minutes and read the appropriate citation into the record.

*The meeting recessed into executive session at 9:06 p.m., the session was extended for an additional 25 minutes, and the meeting reconvened at 9:53 p.m.*

Councilmember Hanford moved to extend the meeting past 10 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen.

Mayor Thomas noted that Councilmember Goering had departed the meeting during the executive session.

On vote,

Motion carried (4-1);  
Councilmember Cudaback opposed.

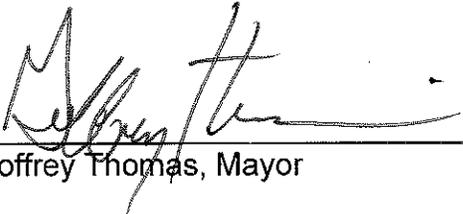
Mayor Thomas noted that the Council would recess into Executive Session to continue conversation on the item previously noted for an additional 10 minutes.

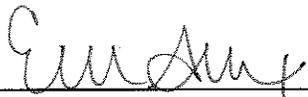
*The meeting recessed into executive session at 9:55 p.m., the session was extended for an additional 6 minutes, and the meeting reconvened at 10:11 p.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Hanford and seconded by Councilmember Cudaback to adjourn the meeting. On vote,  
Motion carried (5-0).

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:12 p.m.**

  
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Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

  
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Elizabeth M. Smoot, MMC, City Clerk

*Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of August 25, 2015.*