

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The March 8, 2016, 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, Gamble¹, Hanford, Kamp, Rasmussen, and Scarboro.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Thomas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Potential Litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)] (15 minutes)

Mayor Thomas stated there was no longer a need for an executive session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation: Monroe Community Coalition (J. Neigel)

Mr. Joe Neigel presented information on the Monroe Community Coalition, including: community partnerships; Coalition restructuring; federal, state and local prevention funding; what the coalition does; data collected (marijuana use, root causes); Healthy Youth Survey (results from 2012 and 2014); emerging issues (e-cigarette usage, youth depression, anxiety, contemplation of suicide); connections; 2015 Annual Community Survey results; and call to action.

Councilmembers Hanford and Gamble requested the Monroe Community Coalition return to speak at a future Council Meeting and present action recommendations.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

There were no persons present wishing to address the City Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes; March 1, 2016, Regular Business Meeting
2. Approval of Payroll Warrants and ACH Payments (Check Nos. 34609 through 34648 and ACH Payments in a total amount of \$1,068,528.66)
3. AB16-027: Award Bid and Authorize the Mayor to Sign Contract with Oceanside Construction, Inc. for Columbia and Elizabeth Street Watermain Project
4. AB16-028: Accept and Authorize Mayor to Sign Stormwater Quality Capacity Grant from Washington State Department of Ecology (TENTATIVE)

¹ CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Gamble arrived at approximately 7:02 p.m. just following the Pledge.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. AB16-029: Discussion: Strategic Financial Planning - Continued

Mayor Thomas provided background information on AB16-029 and the continued discussion on Strategic Financial Planning; and requested Council's input on what additional information is needed.

General discussion ensued regarding taxing thresholds, high priority positions (all full time employees), funding one police officer position in 2017 and the second in 2018, funding sources, designating the permit tech position as high priority, and downtown parking options. Council requested this item go to the April 5, 2016, City Council Finance and Human Resources Committee Meeting for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

1. AB16-030: Discussion: Downtown Events and Public Art Policies

Mr. Mike Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director, provided background information on AB16-030 and the proposed/draft Downtown Events and Public Arts Policies; including additional edits based on review by the City Attorney.

General discussion ensued regarding the waiver policy, timeline for application and events, current and potential events that might apply for the waivers, eligibility, event road closures, permanent versus temporary art/sculptures, and growth of the art policy as the program progresses. Mr. Farrell stated the policies would be before Council for approval on March 15, 2016.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

1. City Council Legislative Affairs Committee

Councilmember Kamp, Committee Chairperson, reviewed the items discussed at the Tuesday, March 8, 2016, City Council Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting, including: the 2016 Work Plan and proposed amendments to the Council Rules of Procedure. The 2016 Legislative Affairs Committee Work Plan will be presented to the full Council on March 15, 2016.

2. Community Transit Board of Directors Meeting (Councilmember Cudaback)

Councilmember Cudaback reported on the items discussed at the March 3, 2016, Community Transit Board of Directors Meeting, including: proposed services changes planned for September 2016 and March 2017, public meetings/hearings scheduled to gather input on the proposed services changes, and the Transit Development Plan.

3. Individual Reports

Councilmember Gamble commented on baseball season, the upcoming ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Monroe High School ball field, and need for additional lighted fields within Monroe.

Councilmember Rasmussen commented on an upcoming dodgeball tournament.

Councilmember Hanford commented on the upcoming Affordable Housing Breakfast.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Ben Warthan, Human Resources Director/IT Manager, reported on updating Councilmember Outlook passwords.

Mr. Farrell reported on attendance at the Rural Tourism Workshop and potentially setting up a group to regularly meet to coordinate on local tourism activities and marketing.

Mr. Dave Osaki, Community Development Director, reported on the East Monroe GMHB Decision (none received), staffing levels, and a Permit Processing Stakeholders meeting held the previous week and feedback received thereto. Mr. Osaki stated he will provide more information on sub-regional centers via email.

1. Public Works Report

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director, noted the report included in the packet for the meeting; and reported on the following projects: Tjerne Place SE Extension; sidewalks; Columbia and Elizabeth Street watermain replacements; and Rivmont design. General discussion ensued regarding the Tjerne project ribbon-cutting ceremony, potentially to be scheduled in May 2016.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Monroe This Week (*March 4, 2016, Edition No. 9*)

Mayor Thomas reported on meetings held and events attended the previous week and other forthcoming items; including a meeting with Roosevelt Water District, SR522 funding, Permit Processing Stakeholders meeting, and Real Estate Excise Tax (REET).

2. PSRC – Economic Development District Board

Mayor Thomas reported on the items discussed at the March 2, 2016, PSRC – Economic Development District Board Meeting, including an economic strategy for the region on import and export.

3. Lobbyist Report (*Green Light Strategies*)

Mr. Brazel noted information in the agenda packet provided by Green Light Strategies, the City's Lobbying Firm.

3. Draft Agenda for March 15, 2016, Regular Business Meeting

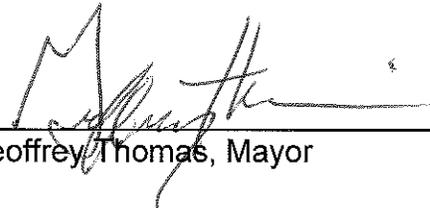
Mr. Brazel reviewed the draft agenda for the March 15, 2016, Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting, the extended agenda, and additions/edits thereto. Councilmember Gamble and Rasmussen noted they would both be late for the meeting. It was noted that the March 15, 2016, City Council Transportation/Planning, Public Works, Parks & Recreation and Public Safety Committee Meeting is cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

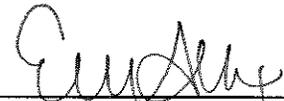
There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Hanford and seconded by Councilmember Kamp to adjourn the meeting. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:56 p.m.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



Elizabeth M. Smoot, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of March 15, 2016.