

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The May 9, 2017, Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Geoffrey Thomas at 7:00 p.m.; Council Chambers, City Hall.

Councilmembers present: Cudaback, Davis¹, Gamble, Kamp, Rasmussen, and Scarboro.

Staff members present: Adkisson, Farrell, Feilberg, Ginnard, Hasart, Moseley, Quenzer, Sherwood, Swanson, and Warthan.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Rasmussen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation: Building Safety Month 2017

Mayor Thomas read the proclamation into the record, recognized May 2017 as Building Safety Month, and encouraged the citizens of Monroe to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Month activities. The proclamation was presented to Mr. Jim Sherwood, Building Official, and Mr. Ben Swanson, Community Development Director.

2. Proclamation: Mother's Day 2017

Mayor Thomas read the proclamation into the record, recognized Sunday, May 14, 2017, as Mother's Day, and encouraged Monroe's residents and businesses to honor and express love and gratitude to mothers everywhere.

3. Presentation: Snohomish County Tourism Bureau

Ms. Amy Spain, Snohomish County, presented information on the Snohomish County Tourism Bureau and Sports Commission; including: purpose – economic development; establishment of the combined Snohomish County Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department; the Tourism Bureau; internal and external strategies; tourism marketing budget; budget and economic impact comparisons; lack of a state tourism office; competitor's budgets (nearby states and Canada); impact of travel to local economy; impact of tourism; tourism in Snohomish County (visitor spending; effect on jobs/payroll/local and state taxes); stats at-a-glance; convention, sports and group tour sales and service; impact to Monroe; visitor services (partnerships, digital kiosks, mobile VICs); and results.

¹ CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Davis arrived at approximately 7:14 p.m. during Presentation #3.

General discussion ensued regarding sports programs and partnerships with the Monroe School District, Monroe ballfields/usage, TriMonroe, potential to have an Amtrak stop in Monroe, and Evergreen State Fair marketing/packages.

Mayor Thomas thanked Ms. Spain and all the representatives from the Snohomish County Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department in attendance for their presentation.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

There were no persons present wishing to address City Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes; April 25, 2017, Regular Business Meeting
2. Approval of Payroll Warrants and ACH Payments

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. AB17-078: Ordinance No 011/2017, Amending Decision Makers Code Regulations; First Reading

Mr. Swanson provided background information on AB17-078 and the proposed amendments to the Monroe Municipal Code regarding decision-making regulations.

Councilmember Gamble moved to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 011/2017, amending Monroe Municipal Code Title 14 (Floodplain Regulations), Title 17 (Subdivisions), Title 18 (Planning and zoning), and Title 21 (Development review procedures); updating, streamlining, and clarifying the City's land use permit processing regulations to reflect the City's intent and modern practices; eliminating obsolete and/or redundant land use approval procedures and requirements; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen.

General discussion ensued regarding City Council, Planning Commission, and Hearing Examiner involvement in the decision-making process; effect on Comprehensive Plan amendments and rezones (none); and appellant bodies.

On vote, Motion carried (6-0).

Mayor Thomas thanked the Planning Commission for their work on these proposed amendments.

2. AB17-079: Discussion: Repeal/Replacement of Development Regulations with Unified Development Regulations

Mr. Swanson provided background information on AB17-079 and the proposed repeal/replacement of current development regulations with unified development regulations, including the Planning Commission's recommendations regarding the project scope of work.

General discussion ensued regarding development agreements, shadow lots, open space thresholds, design standards, and, in general, keeping the unified development regulations simple to understand and the inclusion of helpful images/matrices/flow charts/etc. City Council consensus was to proceed with all of the Planning Commission's recommendations.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

- ~~1. City Council Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting - **CANCELLED**~~

Mayor Thomas noted the cancellation of the City Council Legislative Affairs Committee meeting.

2. Snohomish County Tomorrow Steering Committee

Councilmember Scarboro reported on the items discussed at the April 26, 2017, Snohomish County Tomorrow Steering Committee Meeting, including: the Snohomish County Tomorrow Draft Strategic Plan and Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC) Vision 2040.

3. Community Transit Board of Directors Meeting

Councilmember Cudaback noted she did not attend the most recent meeting of the Community Transit Board of Directors due to a work conflict.

4. Snohomish Health District – Board of Health Meeting

Councilmember Rasmussen reported on the items discussed at the May 9, 2017, Snohomish Health District Board of Health Meeting, including: enterprise fleet management program proposal, health officer search, and annual awards.

2. Individual Reports

Councilmember Gamble wished all a 'Happy Mother's Day.'

Councilmember Kamp wished all a 'Happy Mother's Day,' and commented on attendance at the Monroe Arts Council meeting, and upcoming Spring Clean-Up event.

Councilmember Rasmussen commented on attendance at the Monroe Lip Sync, the Mayor's 'State of the City Address' at the Monroe Chamber of Commerce luncheon, and

Snohomish County Council Meeting where a small capital grant was awarded for Sky River Park.

Councilmember Scarboro commented on the decorative lighting in Downtown Monroe.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Police Update

Deputy Police Chief Ken Ginnard noted the update included in the meeting materials, and reported on encampments, body cameras, Lexipol – Department Policy Manual distribution, Coffee with a Cop – May 16th, Special Olympics Circle of Honor – Bronze Awards Winners, and staff/officer fitness.

2. Public Works Update

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director, noted the update included in the meeting materials, and reported on overlay projects and the upcoming Chain Lake Road closure. Discussion ensued regarding the upcoming road closure and public comments received.

3. Individual Reports

Mr. Mike Farrell, Parks & Recreation Director, reported on the distribution of the Parks and Recreation summer events guide; the small capital grant awarded for outdoor exercise equipment at Sky River Park; playground installation at Lake Tye Park; attendance at the YMCA's Healthy Kids Day event; and issuance of the RFP for master planning of the Cadman site and Lake Tye Park.

Ms. Becky Hasart, Finance Director, provided information on the upcoming Spring Clean-Up event.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Monroe This Week (*May 5, 2017, Edition No. 18*)

Mayor Thomas noted the inclusion of Monroe This Week, VIII, Edition No. 18, in the agenda packet and reported on the followings items: the State of the City address, community awards, naming of Sergeant Brian Johnston as the Monroe Fair Days Parade Grand Marshall, and wished all a 'Happy Mother's Day.'

2. Lobbyist Report – Green Light Strategies

Mr. David Moseley, Interim City Administrator, noted the legislature is still in budget negotiations, and updates will be provided as received.

3. Draft Agenda for May 16, 2017, Regular Business Meeting

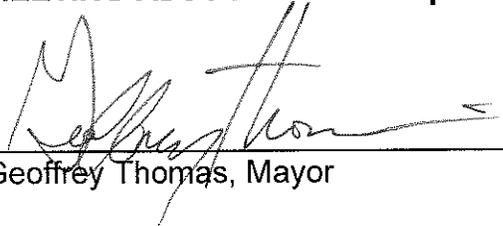
Mr. Moseley reviewed the draft agenda for the May 16, 2017, Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting, the extended agenda, and additions/edits thereto. Councilmembers Cudaback and Gamble noted possible absences/lateness on May 16th; and Councilmember Rasmussen noted his absence on May 23rd.

ADJOURNMENT

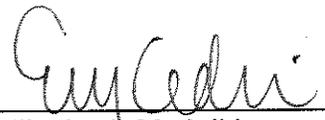
There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Rasmussen and seconded by Councilmember Davis to adjourn the meeting. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:15 p.m.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



Elizabeth M. Adkisson, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of May 16, 2017.