



MONROE CITY COUNCIL
Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 6:30 P.M.
Monroe City Hall

2018 Committee
Councilmembers
Ed Davis
Kevin Hanford
Kirk Scarboro

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval Minutes** (March 20, 2018) (Page 2)
- III. Unfinished Business**
- IV. New Business**
 - A. Legislative Agenda/Government Relations (Page 4)
(Administration)
 - B. Washington DC Lobbying Trip (Council)
- V. Other**
- VI. Next Committee Meeting** (June 19, 2018)
- VII. Adjournment**



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MINUTES

I. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Monroe City Council Legislative Affairs Committee was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Councilmember Hanford, Chair, at 6:35 p.m. in the Council Conference Room, Monroe City Hall.

Council Present: Ed Davis¹, Kevin Hanford, and Kirk Scarboro.
Mayor Present: Geoffrey Thomas
Staff Present: Elizabeth Adkisson, City Clerk; and Deborah Knight, City Administrator.
Others Present: Heather Rousey.

II. Approval of Minutes (February 20, 2018)

Councilmember Scarboro moved to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, February 20, 2018, Committee Meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. Motion carried (2-0).

III. Unfinished Business – NONE.

IV. New Business

A. Lobbyist RFP

Ms. Knight provided background information on the Lobbyist Request for Proposals (RFP) process, including: legislative outcomes from 2018 session, current contract with Green Light Strategies, legislative needs and priorities, and the proposed request for proposals process/timeline.

General discussion ensued regarding legislative priorities (SR522 Improvements, Lake Tye Ballfields, Parks & Recreation District options, 191st Extension), upcoming grant application opportunities, the RFP process and timeline.

V. Other

General discussion ensued regarding safe injections sites (potential item for future Committee meeting) and the Police Chief Recruitment process.

¹ CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Davis arrived at approximately 6:38 p.m. during New Business.

VI. Next Committee Meeting (May 15, 2018)

NOTE: April 17, 2018, Committee Meeting – CANCELLED due to the Monroe Transportation Benefit District Meeting that evening at 6:30 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

Councilmember Hanford moved to adjourn the Tuesday, March 20, 2018, Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. Motion carried (3-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.



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SUBJECT:	<i>Legislative Agenda/Government Relations</i>
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DATE:	DEPT:	CONTACT:	PRESENTER:	ITEM:
03/20/2018	Administration	Deborah Knight	Deborah Knight	New Business A.

Discussion: 03/20/2018

Attachments: 1. Draft 2019 State Legislative Agenda

REQUESTED ACTION(S): Review the draft 2019 State Legislative Agenda. Ask questions and provide staff with direction about legislative priorities

DISCUSSION

A legislative agenda is a tool that the Mayor, City Council, and Staff can utilize to support the goals, strategies, and priorities of the City’s strategic priorities. Through the development of a legislative agenda, the City can identify issues and priorities that may be addressed through legislative advocacy. To assure its alignment with the City’s strategic initiatives, the legislative agenda can be reevaluated throughout the year and adjusted as necessary.

Mayor Thomas and City Staff have prepared a draft legislative agenda for 2019 (*Attachment 1*). These are the ongoing projects and emerging issues. There may be additional legislative priorities identified in the coming months. The Council’s final legislative agenda will be adopted in the fourth quarter of 2018 before the start of the legislative session in January 2019. However, Mayor Thomas and Staff are sharing these top priority projects with county, state, and federal representatives.

City Staff recommends the Legislative Committee review the draft priorities and provide staff with direction.

Draft Legislative Priorities

- SR522 – complete practical design assessments. Advance \$10 million in Connecting Washington transportation investment package funds allocation for pre-engineering and design.
- 191st Street Extension – Support capital budget request of \$1,200,000 for right-of-way and permitting.
- Lake Tye All-Weather Fields – Fund \$850,000 State RCO grants through WWRP and YAF
- Boys and Girls Facility Improvements - \$750,000 legislative proviso to make major repairs and improvements to the Monroe Boys and Girls Club.
- Pass legislation to allow park and recreation districts to amend district boundaries
- Remove barriers and support the City’s ability to annex land within the Urban Growth Area.

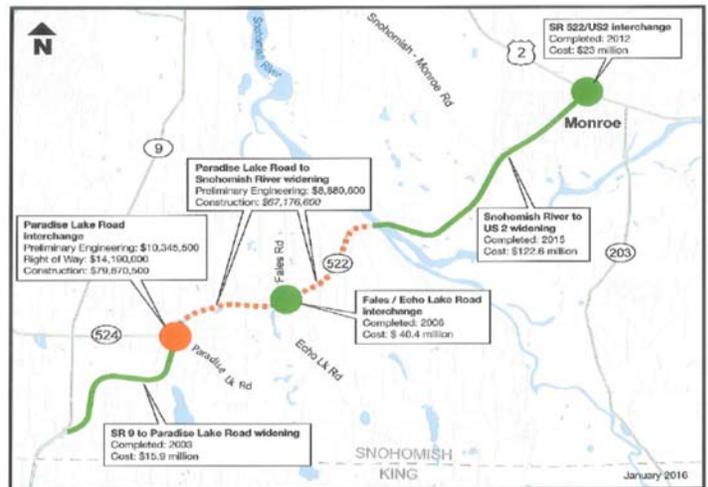


City of Monroe 2019 State Legislative Priorities

Transportation

SR 522: Complete practical design assessments of the SR522 Interchange and Widening projects, in order to produce updated design concepts and accompanying design and construction estimates.

Advance \$10 million in Connecting Washington transportation investment package funds allocated for SR522 pre-engineering and design.



191st Street Extension: Support the city’s efforts to “fast-track” the lease process with WSDOT to access unused WSDOT right-of-way for the vital roadway extension. Support capital budget request for \$1,200,000 for right-of-way and permitting

Monroe's 2019 State Legislative Priorities

Parks & Facilities



Lake Tye Park Athletic Fields: Fund \$850,000 RCO grants to construct all-weather multi-purpose fields for Lake Tye Park, for joint use by the City of Monroe Parks & Recreation Department and the Monroe School District.

Boys and Girls Club Facility Improvements: Request \$750,000 to seal exterior walls; replace worn roofing, windows, HVAC, carpet, lighting and gymnasium flooring. Update restrooms and teen center.



Policy/Fiscal Issues



Human Services/Homelessness/Affordable Housing: Support and improve a strained mental and behavioral health system; and enhance actions to increase affordable housing and to decrease homelessness.

Annexations: Remove barriers and support the city's ability to annex land within the urban growth area consistent with the Growth Management Act.

