

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

The August 21, 2018, Regular Study Session of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas at 7:00 p.m.; Snohomish Fire District No. 7, Station No. 31 Training Room.

Councilmembers present: Davis, Gamble, Hanford<sup>1</sup>, Kamp, Rasmussen, and Scarboro.

Planning Commissioners present: Bull, Fischer, Jensen, Rousey, Stanger, and Tuttle.

Staff members present: Adkisson, Dickerson, Feilberg, Hasart, Knight, Restall, and Swanson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Gamble.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following person spoke regarding Republic Services garbage and recycling collection: Ms. Rosie Tatel.

The following person spoke regarding fireworks, construction traffic, and drone regulations: Ms. Jill Warner.

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS - NONE.**

**STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS - NONE**

**MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

1. City Administrator Update

Ms. Deborah Knight, City Administrator, noted the distribution of a letter to downtown property owners regarding development guidelines and the continuation of the Economic Advisory Development Board.

2. Mayor's Update/Monroe This Week (*August 17, 2018, Edition No. 32*)

Mayor Thomas noted the inclusion of Monroe This Week, Volume IV, Edition No. 32 in the agenda packet; and reported on an upcoming meet and greet and interviews with a Police Chief candidate.

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<sup>1</sup> CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Hanford arrived at approximately 7:07 p.m.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Councilmember Gamble moved to amend the agenda to address Discussion Item No. 3/AB18-176 first; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Scarboro. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

3. AB18-176: Fireworks

Mr. Larry Dickerson, Interim Director of Public Safety, provided background information on AB18-176, fire related calls for service in the City of Monroe and local communities for the past three years, entities with/without a ban, and enforcement.

Discussion ensued regarding house fires reported, a potential ban within city limits, non-profit fireworks sales, professional fireworks displays/community events, and enforcement. By Council consensus, no action will be taken at this time and fire-related calls for service will be reviewed in July 2019.

1. AB18-174: Unified Development Regulations Project Update

Mr. Ben Swanson, Community Development Director, provided background information on AB18-174 and the Unified Development Regulations Project; focusing on work completed by the Planning Commission to-date; industrial zone regulations; and the airport overlay.

Discussion ensued regarding allowed uses in the industrial zone and densities/regulations in the airport overlay zone. The Mayor and City Council thanked the Planning Commission for their work on the UDR project.

2. AB18-175: Property Tax/Revenue

Mr. Becky Hasart, Finance Director, provided background information on AB18-175 and property taxes and revenues; including: projected 2019 revenues, impacts of a one percent property tax increase, banked capacity, assessed values, new construction, the McCleary decision, and funding recommendations of the Economic Development Advisory Board.

Discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding the relationship of assessed values to property tax, use of banked capacity, and new construction tax revenues.

4. AB18-177: 177: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Forterra for Land Acquisition to Acquire Open Space on Behalf of the City

Mr. Knight provided background information on AB18-177 and a proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Forterra for Land Acquisition to Acquire Open Space commonly known as the East Monroe property; including: property size, funding sources/grants for acquisition, MOU terms, and working with Forterra to acquire the property.

Discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding costs/fees, timeframe, funding sources/grants, and MOU terms.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Gamble and seconded by Councilmember Hanford to adjourn the meeting. On vote,  
Motion carried (6-0).

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:25 p.m.**

  
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Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

  
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Elizabeth M. Adkisson, MMC, City Clerk

*Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of August 28, 2018.*