

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE

The July 30, 2019, Special Meeting/Retreat of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas at 5:31 p.m.; Monroe City Hall, Council Chambers.

Councilmembers present: Cudaback, Davis, Gamble, Kamp, and Scarboro.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Davis.

Mayor Thomas noted, without objection, the excused absences of Councilmembers Hanford and Rasmussen. No objections were noted.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. AB19-159: Fund 105 Streets Operations Sustainable Funding and Six Year Financial Projections – Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Utilities

Ms. Becky Hasart, Finance Director, provided background material on AB19-159; sustainable funding options for Fund 105, Street Operations; and six-year financial projections for the water, sewer, and stormwater utilities based on differing rate structures.

Discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding the following topics: staffing levels, taxes, capital needs, projected rate models for all utilities, assumptions utilized for projections, debt service payments, and recommended rate increases. Council consensus was to proceed with staff's recommendations for streets funding and utility rates.

2. AB19-160: Monroe Municipal Campus - Evaluation of Relocation Opportunities

Mr. Jakeh Roberts, Deputy Public Works Director, provided background information on AB19-160, potential off-site locations for a municipal campus, criteria utilized for comparisons, evaluation of general locations, and rating of sites.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Property Acquisition [RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)] – *10 minutes*

Mayor Thomas stated the Council would recess into executive session for approximately ten minutes to discuss Property Acquisition [RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)]; and read the appropriate citation into the record.

The meeting recessed into executive session at 6:16 p.m.; was extended for an additional twenty-five minutes; and reconvened at 6:51 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS - CONTINUED

3. AB19-161: Monroe Municipal Campus – Draft Facilities Report

Mr. Roberts provided background information on the draft facilities report of the current Monroe Municipal Campus, executive summary of three buildings reviewed (Police, Joe’s Shop, and City Hall), and items to be provided in the final draft (schematic/architectural drawings, cost estimates, and collected comments received). The final report will be provided to the City Council in September 2019.

Discussion ensued regarding the following topics: potential relocation areas; preference of one location for all municipal campus services; potential costs of relocation/current site renovations; and gathering public input on potential locations. By Council consensus, staff will continue to look into potential options at the current site; and the final facilities report will be presented to the City Council on September 17, 2019.

4. AB19-162: Police Department Assessment Update

Police Chief Jeff Jolley provided background information on AB19-192 and an update on the Police Department Organization Assessment, including: qualifications of assessment consultant (Matrix); study objectives; methodology; police services in Monroe; patrol services; patrol services - issues; investigations; crime trends (2013-2017); administration; and potential recommendations.

Discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding the following topics: staffing levels, investigations, property crime trends, staff retention, and reporting data. Chief Jolley noted the final assessment will be presented to Council on August 13, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried (5-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:41 p.m.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



Elizabeth M. Adkisson, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of August 13, 2019.