

**CITY COUNCIL  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
August 21, 2012**

The Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was held on August 21, 2012, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Robert Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilpersons present: Goering, Williams, Kamp, Davis, Gamble, and Hanford.

Councilperson(s) absent: Cudaback.

Staff present: Brazel, Feilberg, Warthan, Nelson, Quenzer, Ginnard, Sax, Popelka, and Martinson.

City Attorney Zach Lell was also present.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Library Board:**

**A. Presentation Regarding Anniversary Event**

**B. Proclamation: Sno-Isle Library Contributions**

Mayor Zimmerman introduced Monroe Managing Librarian, Betsy Lewis. Ms. Lewis gave the history of Sno-Isle Libraries. She invited the Mayor, Council, staff, and citizens to attend the Monroe Branch of Sno-Isle Libraries' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on September 8<sup>th</sup>. They will seal their Time Capsule and are also celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the new Monroe Library building at the event.

Mayor Zimmerman read the proclamation announcing September 8, 2012, as "Sno-Isle Libraries 50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration Day for Monroe, Washington". He then presented the proclamation to Ms. Lewis.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**1. Public Hearing: 2013 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Requests:**

**A. Citizen Testimony;**

**B. Adopt the 2013 Comprehensive Plan Docket and Schedule**

Planning & Permit Manager Popelka gave a brief overview explaining the proposed four Comprehensive Plan Amendments, including text amendments, City Gateway Districts, System Plan Updates, and School Mitigation Fees.

Mayor Zimmerman opened the public hearing.

No citizens wished to testify.

The motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Kamp, to close the citizen testimony portion of the public hearing. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

After discussion, the motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Hanford, to table this item to a date in September to be determined. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

The motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Hanford, to close the public hearing. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

#### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

No citizens wished to address Council.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Minutes**
  - A. August 14, 2012 Study Session**
- 2. Accounts Payable & Payroll**
  - A. Bills**
  - B. Payroll**
- 3. Authorize Mayor to Sign Listing Agreement with Newmark Grubb Knight Frank for North Kelsey**

The motion was made by Councilperson Williams and seconded by Councilperson Hanford, to approve the Consent Agenda (as listed above). On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Discussion: Senior Center Lease**

City Administrator Brazel gave a brief overview explaining that the draft document is before Council for their review. Staff members have discussed selling them the Senior Center. However; they are not considering selling at this time, since it's a new concept. They are also waiting for further comments from the Senior Center regarding the lease agreement.

City Attorney Lell explained that the proposed lease supersedes the previous lease and explained why they went this route.

After discussion, it was determined that the lease would be brought back to

Council for final action. They will discuss a 20- vs. 30-year lease at that time.

Bill Davisson, from the Senior Center, addressed Council, stating that at first glance, they are happy with the lease, except for concerns pertaining to Paragraph 3.2.2, regarding standards. He stated that they would be very interested in purchasing the property and would welcome that discussion, too.

**2. Authorization to Solicit Bids for Hearing Examiner Services**

City Administrator Brazel explained that the current hearing examiner had submitted a request for an increase in his fees. Since this contract has been in effect for many years and compensation adjustment is being requested, he recommended that the City go out for a Request for Proposals (RFPs) and seek other bids.

After discussion, the motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Hanford, to direct staff to send a termination notice to Mr. John Galt per the Personal Services Contract, Item 12, and to direct staff to advertise seeking Request for Proposals, for hearing examiner services.

After further discussion, the motion was on the floor as stated above. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

**FINAL ACTION**

**1. Resolution Adopting Indigent Defense Standards**

Chief Quenzer gave a brief overview of the Supreme Court ruling that was presented to Council on August 14, 2012.

The motion was made by Councilperson Hanford and seconded by Councilperson Goering, to adopt Resolution #2012/024 adopting indigent defense standards and to direct staff to begin the process to evaluate case counts, review standards, and potential additions to or clarification of the standards into public defense contracts. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

**2. Resolution Creating a Council Student Representative Program**

The motion was made by Councilperson Kamp and seconded by Councilperson Goering, to adopt Resolution #2012/023 creating a new appointed position of City Council Student Representative.

After comments, the motion was on the floor to adopt the resolution. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

## **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Councilperson Goering reported that he is participating in the *Citizen Police Academy* and is finding it very informative. He recommends that other Councilmembers attend in the future.

Councilpersons Williams and Davis are also participating and finding it interesting, too.

## **MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF REPORTS**

Economic Development Manager Sax reported on the "Mayor's Cup" race at Evergreen Speedway. He drove for the City of Monroe and came in third place.

Popelka reported that the State has decided not to mandate sprinkler systems for residential properties; however, they are leaving it up to local jurisdiction to make their own decision. This matter will be looked at again next year.

### **1. Draft Agenda/August 28, 2012 Study Session**

City Administrator Brazel suggested and Council agreed that, since there are no items on the draft agenda for August 28, 2012, the meeting should be cancelled.

CA Brazel also reminded Council that the Parade Volunteer Dinner is on August 28, and to pick up their tickets at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Mayor Zimmerman also stated that the opening ceremony for the Fair is on Thursday and will include a luncheon.

### **2. Police Department August Report**

The Police monthly report highlighted significant events for July and August, including the *Night Out Against Crime* event and *Citizens Police Academy*.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 1. Executive Session: Pertaining to Potential Litigation**
- 2. Executive Session: Pertaining to Collective Bargaining**

Mayor Zimmerman explained that there was a need to go into two executive sessions for approximately 40 minutes, for purposes of discussing potential litigation with legal counsel, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 1(i), and to discuss collective bargaining strategy, pursuant to RCW 42.30.140, as read into the record by City Attorney Lell. Council may take action in open session after they reconvene.

MEETING RECESSED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:46 p.m.  
EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS EXTENDED

Councilpersons Goering and Kamp departed Council Chambers during a portion of the Executive Session at 8:27 p.m., and returned to Council Chambers at 8:35 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION: 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Zimmerman stated that Councilpersons Kamp and Goering had stepped out of Council Chambers again for personal reasons at 9:00 p.m.

The motion was made by Councilperson Hanford and seconded by Councilperson Davis, that Council authorize the city attorney to convey a settlement proposal for the AT&T New Cingular Wireless refund claim for the amount recommended in Executive Session. On vote,

Motion carried 4/0.

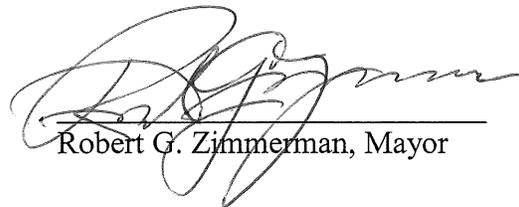
Councilpersons Kamp and Goering returned to Council Chambers at 9:01 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion carried 6/0.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:02 p.m.



Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor



Eadye Martinson, Deputy City Clerk