



MONROE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Business Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 9, 2020, 7:00 P.M.
Zoom Online Meeting Platform

Mayor
Geoffrey Thomas

Councilmembers
*Ed Davis, Mayor Pro Tem;
Patsy Cudaback; Kevin Hanford;
Jason Gamble, Jeff Rasmussen;
Kirk Scarboro, & Heather Rousey*

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

1. Virtual Participation Information

The City Council meeting was held virtually via Zoom Meeting. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and Proclamation 20-28.4 issued by Governor Jay Inslee, in-person attendance is not permitted at this time.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:

Davis, Cudaback, Hanford, Gamble, Rasmussen, Scarboro, and Rousey

Staff Present:

Pfister, Knight, Peterson, Marrero, Swanson, Warthan, Feilberg, Jolley, Roberts, Farrell, Huebner, Restall, Christian, Gardner, Klinkers, Johns, and City Attorney Lell.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Hanford.

Councilmember Cudaback moved to add the joint statement that Mayor Thomas drafted and entitled "Joint Statement of Mayor Geoffrey Thomas and the Monroe City Council Condemning and Standing against Racism, Discrimination, and Hatred" for discussion and consideration to this evening's City Council meeting under New Business as Item 4. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote, motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. AB20-071: 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Plan (S. Peterson)

Mr. Scott Peterson, Deputy City Engineer, provided background information on AB20-071, the proposed ordinance, required public hearing, and led Council through a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Thomas opened the public hearing; there were no persons present wishing to speak during the public hearing.

Councilmember Hanford moved to close the public testimony portion of the public hearing; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Scarboro. On vote, motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Scarboro moved to close the public hearing; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote, motion carried (7-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

This time is set aside for members of the public to speak to the City Council on any issue related to the City of Monroe; except any quasi-judicial matter subject to a public hearing. Three minutes will be allowed per speaker.

There were no comments from the public.



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CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes: May 12, 2020, Regular Business Meeting
2. Approval of AP Checks and ACH Payments
3. Approval of Payroll Warrants and ACH Payments
4. AB20-072: Authorize Mayor to Sign Contract with Lakeside Industries, Inc. for 2020 Annual Road Maintenance Project (S. Peterson)
5. AB20-073: Authorize Mayor to Execute Extension of the Interlocal Agreement with French Slough Flood Control District for Conveyance of Stormwater (J. Roberts)
6. AB20-074: Accept Project/Begin Lien Period for the Kelsey Street & Blueberry Lane Intersection Improvement Project (S. Peterson)
7. AB20-075: Ordinance 004/2020 Amending Chapter 14.01 MMC, Flood Hazard Area Regulations; Final Reading (A. Marrero)
8. AB20-076: Approve Purchase and Authorize the Mayor to Sign Right-of-Way Deed, Easements, and Associated Documentation of Parcel 17, for Chain Lake Road Phase 2a (Non-Motorized Pedestrian Path) (S. Peterson)

Councilmember Hanford moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scarboro. On vote, motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. AB20-077: Interim Development Regulations in Chapter 22.90 MMC, Temporary Encampments, Emergency Ordinance 005/2020 (S. Restall)

Ms. Shana Restall, Principal Planner, provided background information on AB20-077; the proposed Ordinance; types of encampments; and reviewed HB1754.

Discussion ensued regarding a permanent ordinance; and being compliant with state regulations.

Councilmember Cudaback moved to adopt Ordinance 005/2020, adopting interim zoning amendments to Chapter 22.90 MMC, Temporary Encampments; updating the City's provisions regulating temporary homeless encampments in order to reflect current state law; setting forth preliminary supportive findings; requiring a post-adoption public hearing; providing for severability; declaring a public emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scarboro. On vote, motion carried 7-0.

2. AB20-078: Ordinance 006/2020, Amending MMC 3.54.130, Transportation Impact Fees, First Reading (S. Peterson)

Mr. Scott Peterson, Deputy City Engineer, provided background information on AB20-078; and noted the amendments are to coincide with the City's annual adoption of its six-year transportation improvement plan and fees resolution.

Councilmember Hanford moved to accept as first reading Ordinance 006/2020, amending Chapter 3.54.130 MMC, Transportation Impact Fees; updating the City's codified transportation impact fee schedule pursuant to MMC 3.54.130; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen. On vote, motion carried 7-0.



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3. AB20-079: Approval of a Contract between the City of Monroe and the Washington State Department of Commerce for Receipt of Coronavirus Relief Funds (R. Huebner)

Mr. Rich Huebner, Management Analyst, provided background information on AB20-079; briefed Council on monies awarded to the City; reviewed six primary cost categories in which eligible expenses may accrue; and reviewed timelines provided by the Department of Commerce.

Discussion ensued related to the following topics: grant award process; review committee; facilities; and earmarked monies.

Councilmember Cudaback moved to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce for receipt by the City of \$577,500 in funds allocated by the State from its Coronavirus Relief Funds. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rousey. On vote, motion carried 7-0.

4. Joint Statement of Mayor Geoffrey Thomas and the Monroe City Council Condemning and Standing against Racism, Discrimination, and Hatred (Mayor Thomas)

Mayor Thomas presented a joint statement for consideration; commented on the Justice for George Floyd March and rally on June 4; discussion with March organizers; and the Proclamation issued June 4 condemning and standing against racism, discrimination, and hatred.

Councilmember Cudaback moved to approve the [joint statement](#) as presented by Mayor Thomas entitled Joint Statement of Mayor Geoffrey Thomas and the Monroe City Council Condemning and Standing against Racism, Discrimination, and Hatred; consistent with his Proclamation issued Thursday, June 4, 2020. Councilmember Gamble seconded the motion. On vote, motion carried 7-0.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Cudaback commented that she is looking forward to Phase 2.

Councilmember Rasmussen commented that he is also looking forward to Phase 2.

Councilmember Rasmussen thanked Mayor Thomas, Councilmember Cudaback, Councilmember Hanford, and city staff that attended the Justice for George Floyd March on June 4; and commented on prior positive interactions with March organizer, Isaiah Cole.

Councilmember Scarboro noted that he will not be available for the July 14, 2020 Council meeting.

Councilmember Gamble reported that he was not able to attend the March due to his work schedule, but was able to see videos on social media.

Councilmember Gamble commented on the joint statement approved earlier in the evening and encouraged Council to attend the next Monroe Equity Council meeting.

Councilmember Gamble reported on the recent Snohomish County Economic & Workforce Recovery Task Force meeting he attended.

Councilmember Gamble thanked the community for recognizing and supporting the 2020 Monroe High School graduates.

Councilmember Rousey noted that she was unable to attend the March.

Councilmember Rousey reported on the recent Snohomish County Tomorrow Steering Committee meeting.

Councilmember Hanford commented on the March, and noted that it was very emotional.



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STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Parks & Recreation (M. Farrell)

Mr. Mike Farrell, Director of Parks & Recreation, noted the report included in the meeting materials and provided an update on the parks reopening plan that aligns with Phase 2 of the Governor's Safe Start Washington Plan.

2. Police Department (J. Jolley)

Chief Jolley thanked Mayor Thomas for speaking at the Justice for George Floyd rally, and reported on the following topics:

- Significant cases
- Local protests
- 911 calls for service
- Department statistics
- Detective Buzzell retirement
- Officer Southard promotion

3. Public Works (B. Feilberg)

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Director of Public Works, noted the report included in the meeting materials and provided an update on overlay projects; emergency management meetings; and the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) CARES Act funding.

4. Human Services/We are Monroe (D. Knight)

Ms. Deborah Knight, City Administrator, noted the Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee (HPAC) report included in the meeting materials and presented the 'We are Monroe Campaign' plan to Council. Ms. Knight thanked HPAC Project Management consultant Rachel Adams, and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for their efforts in helping to launch the Campaign.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. City Administrator Update (D. Knight)

- AWC Annual Conference and Business Meeting Voting Delegates

Ms. Knight commented/reported on the following topics:

- AWC Annual Conference and business meeting voting delegates. Councilmembers Rousey and Hanford will be the City's voting delegates.
- The June 16 draft Council meeting agenda.
- Cancellation of the June 23 P3 committee meeting.
- Thanked those involved for a touching rally following the Justice for George Floyd March.
- Thanked Mr. Farrell for his department's preparation efforts to reopen parks.
- Walk the Heart.
- AV Club's recent social media videos.



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2. Mayor’s Update/Monroe This Week (June 5, 2020, Volume 6, Edition 21)(Mayor Thomas)

Mayor Thomas commented/reported on the following topics:

- Joint Mayors letter to Governor Inslee regarding moving to Phase 2.
- Justice for George Floyd March and Rally.
- June 8 school board meeting.
- June 9 Monroe Equity Council meeting.
- Evergreen Fairgrounds COVID-19 isolation quarantine site.
- Thanked the AV Club for their efforts on social media videos.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. To discuss property acquisition pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)

Mayor Thomas noted the need for an executive session and read the following statement:

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), the City Council will now convene an executive session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition. The executive session will last until approximately 9:15 p.m., after which the Council will not take any additional open session action. For purposes of the executive session, the Council will terminate the current, publicly accessible Zoom meeting and will join a new Zoom meeting, the dial-in information for which has been separately provided to the Council Members. Both the current, publicly accessible Zoom meeting and the executive session Zoom meeting are each part of the same regular City Council meeting. I will notify the City Clerk when the executive session has ended so she can enter that information in the official minutes.

Councilmember Rasmussen moved to approve the above read statement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scarboro. On vote, motion carried 7-0.

The meeting recessed to executive session at 8:38 p.m. and concluded at 9:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

Gina Pfister, Deputy City Clerk