

**CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2012**

The Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was held on December 18, 2012, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Robert Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Councilperson absent: Hanford.

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

Staff member absent: Nelson.

Student Representative Harano was present.

City Attorney Zach Lell was also present.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Zimmerman recognized the tragedy in Connecticut and the 28 lives lost, including 20 children. In the spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood, one city to another, he asked for a moment of silence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

1. Confirm Mayor's Appointments/Dian Duerkson and Wayne Rodland, Planning Commission; and James Donner, Board of Ethics

Mayor Zimmerman stated that there are three individuals who have accepted re-appointment to either the Planning Commission or the Board of Ethics, and asked for Council's support by confirming his appointments.

The motion was made by Councilperson Kamp and seconded by Councilperson Cudaback, to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Dian Duerkson and Wayne Rodland to the Planning Commission, and James Donner to the Board of Ethics. On vote,

Motion Carried 6/0.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Nancy Truitt-Pierce, reported that it was commented in a meeting with parents at Park Place Middle School that they appreciate the great response from police and how they work with the schools. She also apologized for her error in pointing out what she thought were school mitigation fee errors in the fees resolution during the Council meeting last week, as she has since discovered she was wrong.

Annique Bennett, 108 E. Main #206, Monroe, thanked Council for their continued support of the Chamber and their consideration of the Chamber's lodging tax funding request. The Chamber of Commerce will do all they can to further Monroe businesses.

James Donner, Stanwood, addressed Council to compliment them on the things that are going well in Monroe and commends Council on the way they are handling things. With him was Karen Hobson, the 39th District Chair.

It is noted in this record that a letter from Vickie Mullin dated 12/18/12 was received and placed in the permanent record.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilperson Gamble asked that Consent Agenda item #2 (Bills) be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

- 1. Minutes**
 - A. December 4, 2012 Business Meeting**
 - B. December 11, 2012 Study Session**
- 2. Accounts Payable & Payroll**
 - B. Payroll: Checks #32037 – #32119, in the amount of \$943,684.24.**
- 3. Ordinance Amending MMC Chapter 18.10, North Kelsey Design Guidelines/2nd & Final Reading (ZCA 2012-01)**
- 4. Authorize Mayor to Sign Attorney Services Contract**
- 5. Release Retainage/Ingraham Transmission Main**

The motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Cudaback, to approve Consent Agenda items #1, #2B, #3, #4, and #5. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

Councilperson Gamble recused himself from voting on Consent Agenda item #2A, since it contains a bill from his employer; he departed Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m.

- 2. Accounts Payable & Payroll**
 - A. Bills: Checks #83098 – #83135, in the amount of \$1,060,191.66.**

The motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Cudaback, to approve Consent Agenda item #2A. On vote,

Motion carried 5/0.

Councilperson Gamble returned to Council Chambers at 7:16 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. 2013 Lodging Tax Fund Recommendations**

Economic Development Manager gave a brief overview explaining the process

and the ranking sheet that determined how the funds would be distributed. Legislators are allowing funding to be used for operational purposes, too. However, that allowance sunsets on July 1, 2013. They may do another fund offering in the spring.

Mayor Zimmerman explained that Councilperson Kamp sat in for him at the recommendation meeting.

After discussion, the motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Cudaback, to approve the Lodging Tax Fund Committee recommendations, and authorize the Mayor to sign contracts with the Lodging Tax fund recipients. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

2. Ordinance Approving Change of Banking Services to Key Bank/1st Reading

In the absence of Finance Manager Nelson, City Administrator Brazel gave a brief overview explaining the process and reasons for changing banking services from Bank of America to Key Bank.

After discussion, the motion was made by Councilperson Williams and seconded by Councilperson Gamble, to approve as first reading the ordinance approving of the change of banking services to Key Bank. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Zimmerman explained that of the three executive sessions, they only need one. He moved the executive session and Final Action #1 to later on the agenda, to move other things along more quickly.

FINAL ACTION

2. Resolution Adopting 2013 Fee Schedule

City Administrator Brazel explained the changes to the appeal hearing fees and the comparison to other municipalities.

After discussion, the motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Williams, to adopt Resolution #2012/032, establishing fees, fines, penalties, interest, and charges for 2013.

After further discussion, the motion was on the floor to adopt the Fee Schedule for 2013. On vote,

Motion carried 4/2.

Councilperson Cudaback and Gamble were opposed.

3. Resolution Supporting Paine Field Commercial Air Travel

Economic Development Manager Sax gave a brief overview explaining that the resolution was as a result of a council request. It would be good for the City of Monroe. FAA rules state that Snohomish County must provide commercial air service, if asked for, which Allegiant Air has done.

After discussion, the motion was made by Councilperson Gamble and seconded by Councilperson Davis, to adopt Resolution #2012/033 expressing support for scheduled commercial air service at Paine Field, as read into the record by City Attorney Lell.

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

Motion carried 6/0.

Mayor Zimmerman read the full resolution into the record.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Kamp reported on the meeting that he had attended with other staff members with a Chinese delegation interested in First Air. He complimented staff for the well run meeting.

Councilperson Gamble reported that Comcast has changed their logo.

Councilperson Williams requested that staff give an update on the ice rink.

Councilperson Kamp mentioned the article in the Monroe Monitor about Student Representative Harano.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF REPORTS

Chief Quenzer noted the letter from the Wilson family he had left on Council table thanking the Police Department and SWAT team for protecting them and others in their neighborhood during a stand-off incident with a man who had a gun.

Economic Development Manager Sax reported that he hasn't heard from the ice arena people for a while. The brick plant is for sale and the building is empty. He also reported further on the meeting with the Chinese developers and explained the EB5 program that would support the proposed airport project. He gave details on the plans that are in the works for the airport in Monroe. Councilperson Kamp commented that they were questioned by the Chinese delegation about Monroe's proximity to Boeing and Microsoft.

Councilperson Goering commented on the sister city program.

1. Draft Agenda/January 8, 2013

City Administrator Brazel presented the draft agenda for January 8, 2013.

Mayor Zimmerman reported on the two goals reports that will be presented on January 15th by Chief Quenzer and Parks & Recreation Dept. Director Farrell. He also reported that his jury duty obligation is over.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Executive Session: Potential Litigation.

Mayor Zimmerman explained that there was a need to go into an executive session for the purposes of discussing potential litigation with legal Council pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i), as read into the record by City Attorney Lell. The executive session will last approximately 10 minutes, after which Council may take action in open session.

MEETING RECESSED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:18 p.m.
MEETING RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION: 8:28 p.m.

See Final Action #1 for action after the executive session.

FINAL ACTION

1. Consideration of Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Cable Park Shoreline Conditional Use Permit (SLCU201201)

The motion was made by Councilperson Cudaback and seconded by Councilperson Gamble, to table this item until the January 15, 2013 meeting. On vote,

Motion Carried 6/0.

Councilperson Cudaback wished everyone Happy Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried 6/0.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:39 p.m.


Eadye Martinson, Deputy City Clerk


Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor