

**CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
June 4, 2013**

The Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was held on June 4, 2013, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Robert Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Student Representative Harano was present.

City Attorney Zach Lell was also present.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

1. Swearing in Ceremony/Officer Joe Stark

Chief Quenzer introduced Officer Joe Stark and gave his background. Mayor Zimmerman introduced Judge Steve Clough, who would be giving the Oath to Officer Stark. Judge Clough stated that Monroe has one of the finest police departments. In Washington. He then swore in the new officer. Officer Stark introduced his family and stated that he is happy to have the opportunity to serve the City of Monroe.

MEETING RECESSED FOR 2 MINUTES FOR PHOTOS: 7:07 p.m.
MEETING RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION: 7:09 p.m.

2. Appoint New Board Members:

A. Andrea Freng/Library Board

B. Lara Ramey/Park Board

Mayor Zimmerman gave the background on Andrea Freng and asked the Council to affirm his appointment.

The motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Gamble, to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Andrea Freng to the Library Board. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

Mayor Zimmerman noted the great viewpoints from Lara Ramey for City Parks and asked Council to confirm his appointment.

The motion was made by Councilperson Hanford and seconded by Councilperson Davis, to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Lara Ramey to the Park Board. On Vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

3. **Recognition: Student Representative Harano's Participation in Council**
Councilperson Kamp explained the background for having a Student Representative, and presented a Certificate of Achievement to Student Representative Harano. Brandon stated that he is headed to the University of California, San Diego.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Extinguishment of Drainage Easement**

Public Works Director Feilberg gave a brief history of the easement and stated that it is no longer needed at that location. The property was recently purchased and the new owner would like to remove the easement that is under the structures on the property.

The City still maintains stormwater facilities in the area that requires an easement. A new easement will need to be created by resolution simultaneously with the extinguishment of this one. Showed a map of the easement.

Councilperson Kamp stepped out of Chambers for a few minutes.

Mayor Zimmerman opened the public hearing.

No citizens wished to testify.

The motion was made by Councilperson Williams and seconded by Councilperson Cudaback, to close public comment portion of the public hearing. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

Councilperson Kamp returned to Council Chambers.

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

Motion carried 7/0.

The motion was made by Councilperson Williams and seconded by Councilperson Cudaback, to direct staff to prepare easement release and creation documents. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

2. **Interim Sign Code**

Public Works Director Feilberg gave a brief overview explaining that, as these regulations were adopted on an interim basis, State Law requires the City to conduct a public hearing within 60 days of adoption. Notice was published on May

14, 2013 for a public hearing to be held tonight on both the original interim sign code and the amendments to the interim sign code. No action required if Council doesn't wish to make any further changes.

Mayor Zimmerman opened the public hearing.

Evan Falstead, NC Machinery, 14597 169th Drive SE, Monroe, stated that he has read through the sign ordinance and it looks like the sign ordinance.

Bonnie Wolfstone, 1426 169th Drive SE, Monroe, Clearview Spirits and Wine. She asked for clarification on "A" Boards. Made suggestions for way-finding signs. Also, the address of her building doesn't seem to fit; it's hard to give directions to her business.

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

Motion carried 7/0.

Feilberg stated that staff will contact Bonnie the next day. There will also be more discussion about way finding signs and check into issues with her business address.

After discussion, the motion was made by Councilperson Hanford and seconded by Councilperson Gamble to close the public hearing. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

No further action is needed at this time.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

No citizens wished to address

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Zimmerman asked that Consent Agenda Item #2A be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

1. Minutes

A. ~~May 21, 2013 Business Meeting~~ Rescheduled to June 18th.

2. Accounts Payable & Payroll

A. ~~Bills Checks #83787—83822, in the amount of \$95,160.47.~~ (See below.)

3. Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County Public Works for Minor Street Projects

The motion was made by Councilperson Hanford and seconded by Councilperson Goering, to approve Consent Agenda item #3. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

Mayor Zimmerman and Councilperson Gamble recused themselves from voting on Consent Agenda item #2A, since there were bills from each of their employers; they departed Council Chambers at 7:28 p.m., after assigning Mayor Pro-Tem Williams to this portion of agenda.

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

2. Accounts Payable & Payroll

B. Bills: Checks #83787 – 83822, in the amount of \$95,160.47.

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

Motion carried 6/0.

Mayor Zimmerman and Councilperson Gamble returned to Council Chambers at 7:29 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. ~~Executive Session: Pertaining to Pricing of Property~~ CANCELLED**
- 2. Executive Session: Pertaining to Potential Litigation**

Mayor Zimmerman explained that there was a need to go into an executive session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation with legal counsel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 1(i), as stated for the record by City Attorney Lell. The executive session will last approximately 10 minutes, after which Council may take action in open session when they reconvene.

MEETING RECESSED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS EXTENDED

MEETING RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION: 8:15 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of 2012 Building Codes

Public Works Director Feilberg gave an overview explaining what are commonly referred to as the "Building Code" are a series of documents updated every three years by the International Code Council and the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials. He then noted some of the changes that were of specific interest. He explained about the 1997 Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, which would be more favorable than the 2012 Property Maintenance Code.

Discussion about residential fire sprinklers ensued. Economic Development Manager Sax explained about the disadvantages of residential fire sprinklers.

Captain Mike Fitzgerald explained the maintenance and types of fire sprinkler systems and encouraged Council to consider requiring residential fire sprinklers.

After questions/discussion, this item will come back next week for further review.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilperson Goering reported on the Relay for Life. Memorial weekend, he participated in a 5K run and would like to see a similar event in Monroe.

Councilperson Cudaback reported that Trooper O'Connell, who was killed while on duty, was a Y member locally. His services will be on Thursday at Comcast Arena. She appreciates police and troopers, who keep us safe. She asked for a moment of silence in Trooper O'Connell's honor.

Councilperson Williams commented about the buzz about Monroe in the Herald Business Journal and thanked all who have had a part of the success.

Councilperson Kamp reported about the Holocaust speaker who will be at Park Place Middle School on Thursday. He was also part of Monroe Christian School *Touch a Truck* event and got to sit in the NASCAR car as it was towed. 700 people participated in the event.

Councilperson Davis reported on events at Lake Tye (skiing and wakeboard). It was a great event with a big crowd.

Mayor Zimmerman reported that he has had a lot of positive feedback from people about those events.

Councilperson Gamble reported the end of the baseball season was near. The Tournament next weekend was noted. It's a great chance to show off Monroe parks.

Councilperson Hanford reported on the *Touch a Truck* event for Monroe Christian, too. There were a lot of things going on and he is proud to be living in this city.

The motion was made by Councilperson Hanford and seconded by Councilperson Goering, to authorize the Mayor to send a letter to Republic Services concerning the April 2013 missed collection event, proposing a settlement in the amount recommended in executive session, and putting the company on notice of the City's intent to impose full liquidated damages pursuant to the existing agreement in the event that Republic Services does not accept the proposed settlement. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF REPORTS

Economic Development Manager Sax reported that Hoban has closed on the Morning Run apartments at \$26M. People outside Monroe are looking at our city. Residents inside don't see what outsiders see.

Finance Director Nelson reported that Republic will be increasing their rates at 1.62%, which the City will not be passing on to customers.

Chief Quenzer reported that there are three officers at the academy at this time. Also, the trooper who was killed had worked for him and Deputy Chief Ginnard. He reported on the homicide last week and had called in three agencies. The suspect was in critical condition; he has made a recovery and will be charged with first degree homicide.

Public Works Director Feilberg reported on the County public hearing on buildable lands on June. We will see how growth works out in next five years and whether we need more space in UGA.

City Administrator Brazel reported on hiring of Permit Tech, Jessica Johnson, who will start June 17th, and is replacing Joan Cook, who is retiring in July.

1. Draft Agenda/June 11, 2013 Study Session

City Administrator Brazel presented the draft agenda for June 11, 2013.

He gave a brief explanation about the update on the landfill.

He thanked PW Director Feilberg and his team on their quick action on the crosswalk by the hospital. Mayor Zimmerman echoed those thoughts.

Mayor Zimmerman reported on Relay for Life; his family has been affected by cancer and he was encouraged by number of survivors at the Relay, including a staff member. He is sad to see the baseball season close. Football has started and Monroe has won a tournament and is going to a regional tournament sponsored by the National Guard.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried 7/0.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:13 p.m.


Eadye Martinson, Deputy City Clerk


Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor