

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The October 1, 2013, Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Robert G. Zimmerman at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Councilmembers present: Cudaback, Davis, Goering, Hanford, Kamp and Williams. Councilmember Gamble was not in attendance.

Staff members present: Brazel, Farrell, Feilberg, Ginnard, Nelson, Popelka, Sax, Smoot, Willis, and City Attorney Lell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by attendees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Zimmerman recognized Senator Kirk Pearson, (R) 39th Legislative District, Washington, in attendance at the meeting.

1. PROCLAMATION: Everett Community College Day in Monroe

Mayor Zimmerman read the proclamation into the record; celebrating the growth of Everett Community College, and proclaiming October 8, 2013, as Everett Community College Day in Monroe.

2. PROCLAMATION: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Mayor Zimmerman read the proclamation into the record; proclaiming the month of October 2013 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, in memory of Jacoba Ramierez-Rodriguez.

3. PRESENTATION: Chamber of Commerce Report

Ms. Annique Bennett, Executive Director, Monroe Chamber of Commerce, presented the 2013 Summary of Activities in Destination Management and Marketing for Monroe; including the following topics: new tools – new partners; primetime for tourism – Monroe on the History Channel; Choose Monroe Hotel Rate; promoting events online and offline; City-sponsored, visitor-related events – advertising on www.ChooseMonroe.com and offline promotions within the regional business community; group-friendly tools – features and benefits to support event producers and event attendees; and Destination Management in 2013.

Councilmembers Williams, Goering, and Hanford spoke regarding the positive work of the Chamber and partnerships with the City. Mayor Zimmerman thanked the Chamber Board members and the City for their work regarding the branding of Monroe.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

The following person spoke regarding utility rates and the City's method used to charge for water and sewer consumption, in relation to senior and disabled citizen housing: Mr. Zach Vall-Spinosa.

The following person spoke regarding vehicle prowls, property crimes and theft; and Monroe Police Department response thereto: Mr. Richard Eads.

Senator Pearson spoke regarding: his time on the Monroe Planning Commission; as a member of the Monroe Chamber – the good work that has been accomplished; the previous legislative session; a thank you to Mayor Zimmerman for term served; and the Tuesday, October 29, 2013, special meeting of the Senate Natural Resources and Parks Committee, in Mount Vernon, Washington.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes
 - A. September 17, 2013, Regular Business Meeting
2. Accounts Payable & Payroll
 - A. ACH Payments and AP Check Nos. 84144 through 84189, in a total amount of \$357,946.99.
3. Accept Public Works Project/Rotary Field Restroom Pad Construction and Begin the 45-Day Lien Period
4. Authorize Mayor to Sign Public Services Defense Contract with Aimee Lou Trua

Councilmember Goering moved to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

1. Preliminary 2014 Budget Presentation

Ms. Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, provided the Preliminary 2014 Budget and reviewed the contents, including: the Mayor’s Budget Message, 2013 City Organizational Chart, 2014 Appropriations by Fund Type, 2014 Budget Summary, General Fund revenues and expenditures, and individual departments and funds. Ms. Nelson stated the budget will be presented in detail at the Council Meetings of October 15 and 22, 2013.

Councilmember Goering thanked Ms. Nelson for the great budget presentation. Mayor Zimmerman commended Ms. Nelson, and her staff, for their work on the budgets during his term in office.

2. Presentation of Estimated Revenues for 2013

Ms. Nelson reported on the Estimated Revenues for 2013; including: Revenues – Summary; 2013 General Fund Budgeted Revenues; Budget versus Year-End Estimates; Real Estate Excise Tax Revenues; Utility Budgeted Revenues versus Year-End Estimates; and Revenues – Detail.

Mayor Zimmerman commented on increasing revenues in Planning/Permitting, due to the increase in business and development; and offered kudos to staff in those divisions.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmembers Cudaback, Davis and Hanford commented on the Providence Medical Building Monroe – Grand Opening, held September 28, 2013, noting the massive attendance by citizens and beautiful building.

Councilmember Hanford and Mayor Zimmerman commented on Monroe Bearcats Football. Councilmember Kamp added that the University of Washington Husky Marching Band will be performing along with the Monroe High School Marching Band at the football game on Friday, October 4, 2013.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Paul Popelka, Planning/Permitting Manager, reported on development and related revenues; upcoming Comprehensive Plan amendments; and the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the East Monroe Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezone, issued on Friday, September 27, 2013.

Mr. Mike Farrell, Parks/Recreation Director, reported on the upcoming Husky/Monroe High School Marching Band performance, and the Monroe High School Performing Arts Boosters fundraiser – 2013 Run for the Arts, 2.5K/5K fun run/walk, Saturday, October 5, 2013, Lake Tye Park.

Ms. Debra Willis, Administrative Bureau Director, thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation regarding Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and stated the proclamation will be read at the candlelight vigil for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, in memory of Jacoba Ramirez-Rodriguez; October 14, 2013, 7pm, St. Mary of the Valley Catholic Church.

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director, reported on the water main break near Ingram and Brown roads, occurring the morning of October 1, 2013, and repairs thereto.

MAYOR/ ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**1. Draft Agenda/October 8, 2013**

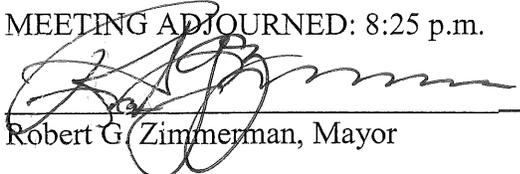
City Administrator Brazel presented the draft agenda for October 8, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried (6-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:25 p.m.


Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor


Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of October 8, 2013.