

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The January 27, 2015, Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Geoffrey Thomas at 7:00 p.m.; Council Chambers, City Hall.

Councilmembers present: Cudaback, Davis, Gamble, Goering¹, Kamp, Hanford, and Rasmussen.

Staff members present: Brazel, Quenzer, and Smoot.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Davis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation: Monroe Coalition

Pastor Michael Hanford introduced Mr. Joe Neigel who presented information on the Monroe Community Coalition; including the following topics: Why Monroe; What is Our Coalition; Year 1 – Growing strong roots and a little branching out; Year 2 – More branching out; What’s happening in Monroe; The Data - Intentions to use drugs, depression, perception of enforcement, community norms, parental attitudes, and Annual Community Survey results; Root causes – Behavioral problems – Long-term consequences; Our biggest challenge: Perception; Partnerships; and Policy implications from community survey. Mr. Neigel responded to Council queries regarding data presented.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Mayor Thomas noted that those wishing to speak on AB15-018 would be given time during discussion on the item. There were no persons present wishing to address the Council on any other topics.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes; January 20, 2015, Regular Business Meeting

Councilmember Goering moved to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,
Motion carried (6-0²).

NEW BUSINESS

1. AB15-018: Resolution No. 002/2015, Supporting Monroe School District No. 103, Proposition No. 1

¹ CLERK’S NOTE: Councilmember Goering arrived at approximately 7:02 p.m. during Announcements and Presentations item No. 1.

² CLERK’S NOTE: Councilmember Cudaback was absent from Council Chambers for the vote on the Consent Agenda.

**PROPOSITION NO. 1
MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 103
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS- \$110,970,000**

The Board of Directors approved Resolution No. 6-2014 concerning this proposition for bonds. This proposition would authorize the District to expand and/or modernize Salem Woods and Frank Wagner Elementary and Park Place and Hidden River Middle Schools; build ball fields at Monroe High; and make safety, security and facility improvements at school and support sites district-wide, by issuing \$110,970,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years, and levying excess property taxes annually, to repay the bonds, as described in Resolution 6-2014. Should Proposition No. 1 be:

APPROVED?.....

REJECTED?.....

Mayor Thomas opened the floor for citizen comments on AB15-018, and the proposed resolution.

The following persons spoke regarding AB15-108, and the proposed resolution supporting Monroe School District Proposition No. 1: Dr. Ken Hoover; and Nancy Truitt Pierce.

Councilmember Hanford moved to adopt Resolution No. 002/2015, Expressing Support for Monroe School District No. 103 Proposition No. 1, General Obligation Bonds - \$110,970,000; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gamble. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

2. AB15-019: 2015 Regional Legislative Priorities

Administrator Brazel provided background information on AB15-019, Regional Legislative Priorities, and the draft 2015 Monroe Legislative Priorities pamphlet.

General discussion ensued regarding the regional priorities, the draft pamphlet, and additional information to be added thereto (brief descriptions of each item/specific requests; a new item regarding improvements to SR522; and projects for federal funding). The final pamphlet will be before Council for consideration on February 10, 2015.

FINAL ACTION

1. AB15-020: Ordinance No. 001/2015 Establishing Elected Officials Salary Commission; Final Reading

Mr. Brazel provided background information on the proposed ordinance for adoption; first reading was accepted on January 20, 2015.

Councilmember Gamble moved to adopt Ordinance No. 001/2015, amending Chapter 2.24 of the Monroe Municipal Code, Compensation for Mayor and Council; establishing an independent salary commission in order to set the salaries of the City's elected officials; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

The following Councilmembers commented on Seattle Seahawks Football: Goering, Gamble, Davis, Kamp, Rasmussen, Cudaback, and Hanford.

In addition, Councilmember Hanford commented on a new endeavor with his wife of starting an orphan care ministry at his Church.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Tim Quenzer reported on the Jayme Biendl Memorial Run, held the previous Sunday; and a PSA featuring Monroe Police Officers regarding auto theft prevention to run at the Monroe Galaxy Theatre in February 2015.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Thomas reported on events attended the previous week: walk of Downtown Monroe, and the Jayne Biendl Memorial Run.

1. Draft Agendas for the February 3, 2015, Regular Business Meeting

Administrator Brazel reviewed the draft agenda for the February 3, 2015, Regular Business Meeting; and the extended agenda. General discussion ensued regarding agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

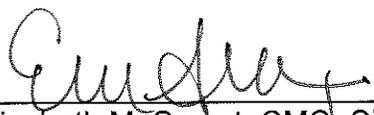
There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Kamp and seconded by Councilmember Hanford to adjourn the meeting. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:53 p.m.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of February 3, 2015.