



MONROE CITY COUNCIL
Transportation/Planning, Public Works, Parks & Recreation
and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Monday, November 10, 2014, 4 P.M.
Council Chamber, City Hall

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the City of Monroe Transportation/Planning, Public Works, Parks & Recreation and Public Safety Committee was held on November 10, 2014, in the Council Chamber of City Hall. Chairperson Cudaback called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Council Present: Councilmembers Patsy Cudaback, Ed Davis, and Jeff Rasmussen.
Staff Present: Gene R. Brazel, City Administrator; Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director; and Paul Popelka, Planning Manager
Citizens Present: Una Wirkebau-Hartt, Executive Director, Monroe Chamber of Commerce

I. Approval of Minutes (September 8, 2014, & October 13, 2014)

The September 8, 2014, and October 13, 2014, Transportation/Planning, Public Works, Parks & Recreation and Public Safety Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

II. Unfinished Business

A. Downtown Parking

General discussion ensued on the downtown parking pilot project proposal, to go to 'unlimited' parking in the downtown areas for approximately three months; and how success will be measured. Ms. Una Wirkebau-Hartt, Executive Director, Monroe Chamber of Commerce, provided information on the gathering and solicitation of feedback from business owners and consumers; how other cities monitor overnight/long term parking; and signage. Discussion continued regarding measurements of success; adding 24-hour parking restrictions in downtown; allotting for a few 15 minute parking spots; enforcement; and tenant parking.

A resolution amending parking restrictions will be forthcoming to the full Council for consideration on December 2, 2014.

B. Impact Fee Waivers

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director, provided background information on the impact fee options previously reviewed by the Committee; preference for option four; and the timeline for next steps: 11/10/14 – Planning Commission Public Hearing on option four; 11/18/14 - Council discussion on options; 12/02/14 – first reading of ordinance; and 12/09/14 – ordinance adoption. General discussion ensued regarding next steps.

III. New Business

A. Traffic Calming Tools/Criteria

Mr. Feilberg provided background information on traffic calming tools/criteria, previously reviewed by Council in 2013; no consensus was reached, and therefore, no action taken. Traffic Calming Program information was presented.

General discussion ensued regarding setting criteria; funding sources; other cities' programs (specifically Kirkland and Bellevue); and coordination with the Police Department on the program.

The Committee decided to review the traffic calming program information further; and add this item to the December committee meeting for further discussion.

IV. Other

A. H30 Contract

Mr. Paul Popelka, Planning Manager, provided background information on the H30 contract; and the current status of the permitting process for the project.

General discussion ensued regarding permit extensions/re-applications; buildings/park layout; and lease payments.

V. Next Committee Meeting (Monday, December 8, 2014)

VI. Adjournment

The Committee Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.