

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE**

The March 10, 2015, Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Geoffrey Thomas at 7:03 p.m.; Council Chambers, City Hall.

Councilmembers present: Cudaback, Davis, Gamble<sup>1</sup>, Goering<sup>2</sup>, Hanford, Kamp<sup>3</sup>, and Rasmussen.

Staff members present: Brazel, Farrell, Feilberg, Gardner, Quenzer, Smoot, and Stark.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Cudaback.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation: H3O (B. Smith)

Mr. Brad Smith, Managing Partner of the Propulsion Cable Park project, accompanied by Managing Partner Greg Dick, provided information on the initial status of the project pertaining to permits, potential investors, and unexpected delays. Mr. Smith also elaborated on the present status of the project with regard to the need to replace investors, the prospect of a phased approach, and an earlier prospective launch date based on a phased approach. Proposed amendments to the project were reviewed including suspension of rent until the park is revenue capable and allowance for the phased approach; accomplished milestones were also highlighted. Mr. Smith responded to Council inquiry regarding permits, future investors, and a possible opening date.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

There were no persons present wishing to address City Council.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of the Minutes; March 3, 2015, Regular Business Meeting
2. Approval of Payroll Warrants and ACH Payments [*Check Nos. 33997 through 34047 and Direct Deposits in a total amount of \$997,255.81*]

Councilmember Hanford moved to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen. On vote,  
Motion carried (7-0).

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<sup>1</sup> CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Gamble arrived at approximately 7:08 p.m. during A/P No. 1.  
<sup>2</sup> CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Goering arrived at approximately 7:21 p.m., during A/P No. 1.  
<sup>3</sup> CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Kamp arrived at approximately 7:05 p.m., during A/P No. 1.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. AB15-040: Ordinance No. 004/2015, Amending MMC 18.70, Marijuana Related Uses; First Reading

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director & Acting Planning/Permitting Manager, provided information on the proposed ordinance; including I-502 buffers, proposed buffers, and the Monroe Precinct map. After initial discussion, Councilmember Cudaback recommended continuing discussion on this item for a date when the City Attorney is present. No objections were noted; and the item was scheduled for the March 17, 2015, Council Meeting.

2. AB15-041: Discussion: 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update

Mr. Feilberg presented the Planning Commission's recommended list of Policies for Goals Eight and Nine. The Mayor and Councilmembers provided specific feedback, and requested amendments to the following items presented and reviewed: Goal One, P058, P066, P091, and P098. Review of policies for Goals Five and Nine is scheduled for the March 17, 2015, Council Meeting.

3. AB15-042: Discussion: Downtown Parking (Parallel vs. Angled)

In response to Council inquiry, Mr. Feilberg provided information on the following topics: parking space estimates (parallel versus angled configurations); visual concepts for parallel and angled parking options; and a downtown couplet concept. The Mayor and Councilmembers provided specific feedback, and requested a public hearing on this topic be scheduled for the March 31, 2015, Council Special Meeting.

**FINAL ACTION**

1. AB15-043: Award Bid for Lewis Street Combined Sewer Separation Project

Mr. Feilberg, provided information on AB15-043, the bids received for the project, and presented an updated agenda bill for Council's consideration (including updated change orders).

Councilmember Goering moved to award the Lewis Street Combined Sewer Separation Project to Road Construction Northwest, Inc. in an amount of \$1,336,663.59 (Base Bid plus Alt 2) along with funds per Section 4.2.1.3 of the Procurement Policies & Procedures for possible change orders; authorize the Mayor to sign the construction contract thereto; and expressly authorize further minor revisions to the extent deemed necessary or appropriate; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

2. AB15-044: Ordinance No. 003/2015, Amending MMC 2.28, City Positions - Appointed; Final Reading

Mr. Gene Brazel, City Administrator, presented information on AB15-044, the proposed ordinance, and stated first reading of this ordinance was accepted at the March 3, 2015, Council Meeting.

Councilmember Hanford moved to adopt Ordinance No. 003/2015, amending Chapter 2.28 of the Monroe Municipal Code, City positions - Appointed; adding the office of human resources director as an appointive office; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,  
Motion carried (7-0).

3. AB15-045: Adopt Findings, Conclusions, and Decision for the Gamble ADU Fees Appeal

*Councilmember Gamble recused himself from Council Chambers for discussion, deliberation, and the vote regarding AB15-045.*

Councilmember Cudaback moved to adopt the Findings, Conclusions, and Decision for the Gamble ADU Fees Appeal as presented in Attachment 1; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Councilmember Hanford.

Councilmember Hanford offered his regrets and apologies to the Appellants, Mr. and Mrs. Gamble; and commented on the City's efforts to fix internal procedures in this regard.

On vote, Motion carried (6-0).

### **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmember Gamble reported on the City Council Finance and Human Resources Committee review of staff salaries and the generation of data for future review; and commented on his daughter's thirteenth birthday.

Councilmember Kamp commented on a discussion with a Monroe resident regarding wheelchair access and related safety concerns.

Councilmember Rasmussen thanked staff and Councilmembers for their presentation of information and participation in the discussion on Downtown Parking (Parallel vs. Angled).

Councilmember Cudaback commented on her son's birthday, and her attendance at the following events: a concert at Maltby Elementary School; Sam's Cats and Dogs community event on March 6, 2015; and Saint Michael's school auction. Additionally Councilmember Cudaback remarked on the appointment of the new school superintendent.

**STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Mr. Mike Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director, reported on the Parks and Recreation department update provided in the agenda packet and flyers regarding the upcoming Egg Hunt and Food Drive. Mayor Thomas remarked on the plan for the skate park at Lake Tye.

Mr. Feilberg commented on the Public Works Update and associated agenda packet.

**MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mayor Thomas reported on the following topics: a tour he provided to representatives from Washington Trust, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Economic Development Department regarding the Main Street project, a walk he completed through Monroe on the previous weekend, and the Historical Society's request to move two Veteran's Memorials to more populated locations within the community.

Mr. Brazel reported on the following topics: the reinstatement of contract with Miravest, and interest in each parcel at North Kelsey. Mr. Brazel also remarked on becoming a grandfather.

1. Draft Agenda for March 17, 2015, Regular Business Meeting

Administrator Brazel reviewed the draft agenda for the March 17, 2015, Regular Business Meeting; the extended agenda; and amendments thereto.

Mayor Thomas acknowledged the attendance of Administrative Clerk Gretchen Stark.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Kamp and seconded by Councilmember Cudaback to adjourn the meeting. On vote,  
Motion carried (7-0).

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:28 p.m.**

  
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Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

 Administrative Assistant  
for City Clerk  
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Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk

*Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of March 17, 2015.*