

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The March 24, 2015, Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Geoffrey Thomas at 7:04 p.m.; Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Staff members present: Brazel, Farrell, Feilberg, Nelson, Quenzer, Smoot, and Warthan.

The Colors were presented and Pledge of Allegiance led by members of the Boy Scouts of America Pack No. 148 Tiger/Wolf Den.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

2. Proclamation: Citywide Food Drive

Mayor Thomas read the proclamation into the record; and presented the document to Mr. Neil Watkins, Sky Valley Food Bank Executive Director. Mr. Watkins presented information on the upcoming Citywide Food Drive; to take place Friday, March 27th and Saturday, March 28th; with collections at Monroe City Hall, Police Department, and Fire District No. 3 (Friday), as well as at local grocery stores, schools, and other community agencies (Saturday). Mr. Watkins also acknowledged the Monroe High School Students in attendance that will be assisting with the Saturday effort.

1. Presentation: AB15-052: Confirmation of Appointment – HR Director

Mr. Brazel provided background information on AB15-052, and the appointment of Mr. Ben Warthan to the position of Human Resources Director.

Councilmember Goering moved to confirm the appointment of Mr. Ben Warthan to Human Resources Director; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gamble.

Councilmembers offered their congratulations and appreciation to Mr. Warthan.

On vote, Motion carried (7-0).

Ms. Elizabeth Smoot, City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Warthan.

3. Presentation: State Legislative Advocacy (B. Wahl)

Mr. Chad Minnick and Mr. Brian Wahl presented a proposal to Council for State Legislative Advocacy Services; and responded to Council inquiries regarding services included in the proposal.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

The following person spoke in regards to being a former Student Representative to Council, and their current scholastic and extracurricular opportunities related to local government: Mr. Brandon Harano.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Pricing of Property [RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)] (15 minutes)

Mayor Thomas stated that the Council would recess into Executive Session to discuss the Pricing of Property [RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)] for approximately 15 minutes; and read the appropriate citation into the record.

The meeting recessed into executive session at 7:32 p.m. and was extended for an additional 5 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 7:52 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes; March 17, 2015, Regular Business Meeting
2. ~~Approval of Payroll Warrants and ACH Payments¹~~
3. AB15-053: Accept the PW Project E. Fremont Reconstruction and begin the 45 Day Lien Period
4. AB15-054: Authorize the Mayor to Sign Agreement for Services with Triple Crown Sports, Inc. for the 2015 Memorial Day Youth Baseball Tournament

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. AB15-055: Authorize the Mayor to Sign Public Defender Back-Up/Conflict Agreement

Mr. Gene Brazel provided background information on AB15-055, and the proposed agreement for Back-Up/Conflict Public Defender Services.

Councilmember Hanford moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Contract for Backup Indigent Defense Services with Ms. Meredith Virant, Guadagno Virant PLCC; and expressly authorize any further minor revisions deemed necessary or appropriate; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

¹ CLERK'S NOTE: This item was listed on the agenda in error; no Payroll Warrants/ACH Payments were presented for approval.

2. AB15-056: Setting a Date for Consideration of the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Bear Mountain Estates Preliminary Plat and Preliminary Planned Residential Development

Mayor Thomas noted a conflict of interest and exited the Chambers for discussion and the vote on AB15-056.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanford introduced the item under consideration.

Councilmember Goering moved to the date of April 7, 2015, for the closed record consideration of the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation on Bear Mountain Estates, a Preliminary Plat and Preliminary PRD 14-PLPR-0001; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanford noted he will be absent from the April 7, 2015, Council Meeting, and Council will need to select an acting Mayor Pro Tem for that evening's action.

On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

3. AB15-057: 2015 Budget Update and Discussion

Ms. Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, presented an update on the 2015 Budget; proposed amendments thereto (on-going and one-time expenditures); and the General Fund Five-Year Forecast.

General discussion ensued regarding the proposed amendments/expenditures, prioritization of items, as well as 'on-going' versus 'one-time' status. Ms. Nelson stated a budget amendment will be prepared in accordance with Council's direction on the proposed amendments/expenditures, and presented for Council's consideration mid-May.

FINAL ACTION

1. AB15-058: Resolution No. 006/2015, Adopting the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Columbia Crossing Preliminary Plat

Mr. Feilberg introduced the quasi-judicial item, and reviewed the Appearance of Fairness Doctrine, and queried Council regarding interest, impartiality, and ex parte communications related to the appeal matter. No conflicts, nor any objections, were noted for the record.

Councilmember Hanford moved to approve Resolution No. 006/2015, adopting the Hearing Examiner's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Recommendations and Conditions of Approval and approving the Preliminary Plat of Columbia Crossing (14-SDPL-0001); the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback.

Mr. Feilberg responded to Councilmember Cudaback's inquiry regarding the conditions of approval.

On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

2. AB15-059: Ordinance No. 004/2015, Amending MMC 18.70, Marijuana Related Uses; Final Reading

Mr. Feilberg presented background information and proposed action options regarding Ordinance No. 004/2014, which was accepted for first reading on March 17, 2015, and Council's action on the same date to consider a ban in this regard.

Councilmember Cudaback moved to set April 21, 2015, as the date of a public hearing to receive public testimony regarding the revision of a draft ordinance being considered by the City Council regarding Marijuana Related Uses that may establish minimum separation requirements between marijuana related land uses and private parks, religious institutions, and the Evergreen State Fairgrounds or prohibit the production, processing, and retail sales of recreational marijuana within the City of Monroe; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford.

Mr. Feilberg responded to Councilmember Goering's inquiry, confirming that action on this matter may be taken the same night as the public hearing.

On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Kamp thanked the Boy Scouts of America Pack No. 148 Tiger/Wolf Den for their Presentation of the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance; thanked the Police Department for their K-9 presentation; and noted his attendance at a walkabout of Downtown Duvall and Downtown Monroe the previous Saturday with Councilmember Rasmussen and Mayor Thomas.

Councilmember Rasmussen commented on his attendance at the Saturday walkabout event.

1. City Council Transportation/Planning, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, Public Safety Committee

Councilmember Rasmussen reviewed the topics discussed at the City Council Transportation/Planning, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, Public Safety Committee Meeting held earlier in the evening; including: the 2015 Committee Work Plan, the Snohomish County Fairgrounds Master Plan, and Traffic Calming Tools and Criteria. The next meeting of this committee will be held Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 6pm.

Councilmember Cudaback commented on her attendance at the Monroe Public Schools Auction the previous weekend, noted the upcoming Centennial Trail Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting (April 15th), and stated she will be absent from the April 7th and 14th Council Meetings.

Councilmember Hanford commented on the Snohomish County Human Services Awards breakfast he attended earlier in the day.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Mike Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director, reported on the following topics: the Citywide Food Drive; and planning for the upcoming annual egg hunt at Lake Tye Park.

Mr. Ben Warthan, Human Resources Director, reported on open Parks and recreation positions.

Police Chief Tim Quenzer reported on the following topics: the K-9 presentation held earlier in the evening; and officer training.

Mr. Feilberg reported on the Downtown Parking/Main Street Plaza project; and presented sidewalk and parking layout options. General discussion ensued regarding these options. A public hearing on this topic will be held Tuesday, March 31, 2015; and materials regarding these options will be posted online and included in the packet for this agenda. Mr. Feilberg also presented the Councilmember's with copies of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update – Draft Text for their review. This item will also be on the agenda for the March 31st Meeting.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Thomas reported on the following topics: attendance at the March Snohomish County Meeting; the Saturday walkabout event; attendance at the North County Mayor's Meeting; and the new Community Development Director, David Osaki.

1. Staff Report on Land Sales Update

Mr. Brazel reported on meetings with interested parties regarding land sales.

1. Draft Agenda for March 31, 2015, Special Business Meeting

Mr. Brazel reviewed the draft agenda for the March 31, 2015, Special Business Meeting; the extended agenda; and amendments thereto.

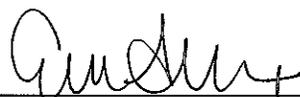
ADJOURNMENT

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: 9:41 p.m.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Special Business Meeting of March 31, 2015.