

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The August 11, 2015, Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas at 7:00 p.m.; Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Davis.

Mayor Thomas noted, without objection, the excused absence of Councilmember Rasmussen. No objections were noted.

Mayor Thomas noted, without objection, New Business item No. 2 would be moved up in the agenda, due to the presence of a consultant. No objections were noted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation: Representative Dan Kristiansen

Representative Dan Kristiansen, Washington State Legislature, House of Representatives, 39th Legislative District, spoke regarding the following topics: the previous legislative session, the State budget, liquor and marijuana-related issues, transportation, and technology related to communication with constituents. General discussion ensued regarding transportation and tolling. The Mayor and Council thanked Representative Kristiansen for his service and presentation.

2. Presentation: American Legion (*Proposal for Veteran's Memorial at Lake Tye Park*)

Mr. Boyd Booze, American Legion Post 58, presented a proposal for a World War II Veteran's Memorial at Lake Tye Park, including: background on the current memorial, research into renovation versus construction of a new memorial, and the proposed site plan and design of a new memorial. General discussion ensued regarding the memorial design, site, and funding. The Mayor and Council expressed their support for proceeding with the proposal.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

There were no persons present wishing to address Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes; July 28, 2015, Regular Business Meeting
2. Approval of AP Checks and ACH Payments (*Check Nos. 86098 through 86140 and ACH Payments in a total amount of 1,412,761.43*)

3. Approval of Payroll Warrant and ACH Payments (*Check Nos. 34252 through 34301 and ACH Payments in a total amount of \$1,061,492.65*)

Councilmember Hanford moved to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,
Motion carried (6-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. AB15-134: GMHB Compliance Extension request re East Monroe (***Postponed from July 28, 2015***)

Mr. Osaki provided background information on AB15-134, and the proposed action requesting the City Attorney to prepare and submit an extension request with the Growth Management Hearings Board (GMHB) regarding the East Monroe Project compliance deadline.

General discussion ensued regarding the work remaining to be completed, estimated timeframe for completion, length of extension request (six months versus four months), prioritization of the project, and compliance options.

Councilmember Goering moved to authorize and direct the City Attorney to request an extension of the Growth Management Hearings Board's compliance deadline in Case No. 14-3-0006c for an additional period of up to December 1, 2015, and to take all necessary and appropriate measures related to this action; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis.

Discussion ensued regarding the time needed for completion of work remaining.

On vote, Motion carried (4-2);
Councilmembers Cudaback and Gamble opposed.

2. AB15-138: 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update

Mr. David Osaki, Community Development Director, provided an update on the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update process and timeline; and specifically noted the consultant has provided an update draft of the Comprehensive Plan, and the Planning Commission has reviewed Chapter Two (Transportation). The Commission will look at the other revised chapters at their upcoming meeting.

General discussion ensued regarding the Transportation Chapter, Levels of Service (LOS), and projects included in the Transportation Plan.

3. AB15-139: Discussion: Downtown Parking/Residential Units

Mr. Feilberg presented background information on AB15-139, current downtown parking, and options for adding exemptions/permits for residential parking.

General discussion ensued regarding proof of residence, permits fees and costs, and defined area for residential parking/permits. Mayor Thomas noted that staff will prepare a resolution amending the parking regulations to include a permit for residential parking, and bring back to a future Council Meeting.

4. AB15-140: Discussion: Utility Rates

Mr. Feilberg presented background information on AB15-140 and proposed changes to utility rates and system development fees.

General discussion ensued regarding water, stormwater and sewer rates, recommended actions from the Utility Rate Study, and cost of increases to the average homeowner over the next few years. Mayor Thomas noted that staff will bring back additional information on the recommendations and cost of increases to the average homeowner over the next eight years to a future Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. AB15-141: Discussion: Planning Commission Compensation

Mr. Gene Brazel, City Administrator, provided background information on AB15-141, code citations referencing compensation for appointed officials/Planning Commissions, and provided examples of whether other local jurisdictions offer compensation. Mr. Osaki provided information on the potential to add a training budget in order to educate Planning Commissioners on Land Use and related topics.

General discussion ensued regarding increasing compensation, a monthly versus per meeting payment structure, average number of meetings, background on compensation, and information on whether other local jurisdictions offer compensation. Mayor Thomas noted staff will bring back additional information on compensation background, other jurisdictions, and impact to budget for a potential increase to a future Council Meeting.

2. AB15-142: Discussion: Transportation Impact Fees

Mr. Don Samdahl, Pehr & Feers, presented information on Transportation Impact Fees, including: 'what are they,' eligible projects, cost allocation methodology, and potential impact fee rates and revenues.

General discussion ensued regarding implementation options, projects - motorized (base and contingency) and completed, funding options, and cost to the average homeowner. Mayor Thomas noted that staff will bring back additional information on the funding options and costs to the average homeowner to a future Council Meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Goering commented on his son's driving permit and fall sports season.

Councilmember Gamble commented on the National Night Out Event the previous week and on Monroe Youth Football's Jamboree the forthcoming weekend.

Councilmember Davis apologized for his absence from the August 11th Meeting, due to car troubles.

Councilmember Kamp commented on National Night Out and thanked City Staff for their work on the event; and noted his absence from the forthcoming August 18th Meeting.

Councilmember Cudaback commented on her absence from National Night Out due to vacation.

Councilmember Hanford commented on National Night Out and upcoming events at Lake Tye Park.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Farrell reported on the following topics: upcoming events at Lake Tye Park (music concerts on Thursday, movies on Fridays); tennis and basketball court resurfacing, the American Legion's veteran's memorial proposal, and a voluntary water use reduction by the Parks & Recreation Department.

Ms. Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, reported on the City's Bond rating: AA-/stable, and noted the bonds will issue on August 25, 2015.

Mr. Osaki noted that a new restaurant is set to occupy the location previously occupied by 'Sockeye's.' No opening date has been set.

Police Chief Tim Quenzer commented on the National Night Out event, and recent issues of vandalism at the Monroe High School football field.

1. Downtown Banners

Mr. Feilberg presented the latest designs of the banners for Downtown Monroe. General discussion ensued regarding the choices and designs. Councilmember consensus was to use the following signs: bike, eat, shop, music, and explore (with updated graphics). Staff will move forward with the final designs.

2. WWTP Update (*DOE Award*)

Mr. Feilberg noted the award received by Monroe's Wastewater Treatment Plant from the Washington State Department of Ecology, and included in the Council packet.

3. Public Works Report

Mr. Feilberg noted the Public Works report included in the Council packet, and provided a brief update on downtown construction, and the Tjerne Place project.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Thomas noted the new flag in the City Hall Foyer, which is the flag recently received from Congresswoman Del Bene's Office, and was flown over the Capitol Building in honor of Monroe's Centennial.

Mayor Thomas provided an update on the RFP process for lobbying services. General discussion ensued regarding next steps in the RFP process, and reaching out to the Association of Washington for additional information/assistance.

1. Monroe This Week (*August 7, 2015, Edition 8*)

Mayor Thomas reported on meetings held and events attended the previous week, and noted upcoming events.

2. Draft Agenda for August 18, 2015, Regular Business Meeting

Mr. Brazel reviewed the draft agenda for the August 18, 2015, Regular Business Meeting, the extended agenda, and additions thereto.

Mayor Thomas noted the following upcoming event: Fair Days Parade (August 29th), and Main Street Plaza Ribbon-Cutting celebration (August 22nd).

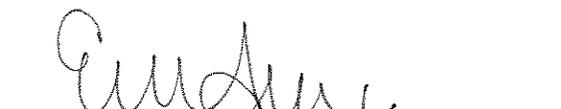
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Gamble and seconded by Councilmember Goering to adjourn the meeting. On vote,
Motion carried (6-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:59 p.m.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



Elizabeth M. Smoot, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of August 18, 2015.