

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The January 26, 2016, Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas at 7:03 p.m.; Council Chambers, City Hall.

Councilmembers present: Cudaback, Davis, Gamble, Hanford, Rasmussen, and Scarboro.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Cudaback.

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

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

There were no persons present wishing to address City Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes; January 19, 2016, Regular Business Meeting

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. AB16-013: Discussion: Strategic Financial Planning

Mayor Thomas presented background information on AB16-013 and strategic financial planning for the next five years. Staff provided information on proposed level of service increases and corresponding staffing levels.

General discussion ensued regarding the proposed level of service increases and proposed positions thereto [Accountant, Deputy City Clerk, Code Enforcement Official, Permit Tech, Parks Supervisor/Maintenance Worker/Seasonal Workers, and Police Officers (2)]; succession planning for Finance Director retirement in 2017; level of service/staffing options other than presented (part time/consultant options/etc.); parking enforcement; operations and maintenance costs; revenues; and the potential for volunteer assistance.

Mayor Thomas stated this will be a reoccurring item for the next month or so; follow-up information, operations and maintenance, and revenues will be discussed at meetings in February 2016.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Scarboro reported on attendance at the Community Transit Meeting.

Councilmember Gamble reported on attendance at the Snohomish County Cities Meeting the previous week.

Councilmember Rasmussen reported on attendance at the Snohomish County Cities Meeting the previous week.

Councilmember Cudaback reported on attendance at the Community Transit Meeting, and being named as an alternate to the Board; and attendance at the East Monroe GMHB Hearing.

Councilmember Hanford reported on the showing of a free movie at Galaxy Theaters sponsored by the theater and the Monroe Community Coalition – *Paper Tigers*, Monday, February 22, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Mike Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director, reported on the upcoming Jayme Biendl Memorial 5K Walk/Run at Lake Tye Park (Sunday, January 31st, 10am); and attendance at the Parks Risk Management School.

Mr. Dave Osaki, Community Development Director, reported on the East Monroe GMHB Hearing, Park Place Middle School renovations, and upcoming meetings and training sessions.

Police Chief Tim Quenzer reported on the recent arrest of a School District employee for embezzlement of PTA funds.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Monroe This Week (*January 22, 2016, Edition No. 3*)

Mayor Thomas reported on meetings held and events attended the previous week, including the Snohomish County Cities Meeting, ribbon cutting ceremony for the Elite Academy, opening day of Tractor Supply, the upcoming AWC City Actions Days, and meetings regarding SR522.

2. Lobbyist Report (*Green Light Strategies*)

Mr. Brazel noted information in the agenda packet provided by Green Light Strategies, the City's Lobbying Firm, regarding proposed bills of interest to the City, and a listing of the bills currently being monitored. City Council agreed to oppose HB6115.

3. Draft Agenda for February 2, 2016, Regular Business Meeting

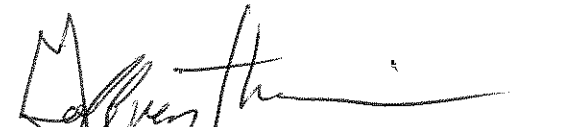
Mr. Brazel reviewed the draft agenda for the February 2, 2016, Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting, the extended agenda, and additions/edits thereto.

ADJOURNMENT

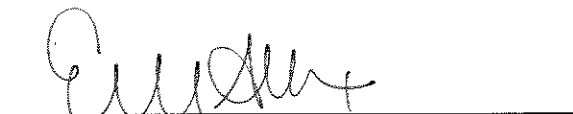
There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Hanford and seconded by Councilmember Gamble to adjourn the meeting. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:10 p.m.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



Elizabeth M. Smoot, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of February 2, 2016.