



MONROE CITY COUNCIL
Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 9, 2016, 6 P.M.
Monroe City Hall

2016 Committee
Councilmembers
Kevin Hanford
Jim Kamp
Kirk Scarboro

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the City of Monroe Legislative Affairs Committee was held on Tuesday, August 9, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Kamp at 6:06 p.m. in the Permit Center area of City Hall.

Council Present: Kevin Hanford, Jim Kamp, and Kirk Scarboro
Mayor Present: Geoffrey Thomas
Staff Present: Gene R. Brazel, City Administrator; Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director; David Osaki, Community Development Director; and Elizabeth M. Smoot, City Clerk
Lobbyist: Bryan Wahl, Green Light Strategies

II. Approval of Minutes (Meetings of Tuesday, June 14, and Tuesday, July 12, 2016)

Councilmember Hanford moved to approve the minutes of the June 14, and July 12, 2016, Committee Meetings; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Scarboro. Motion carried (3-0).

III. Unfinished Business

A. At-Large Position

Mr. Gene Brazel, City Administrator, provided background information on the current two-year at-large council position, current state law, and potential re-designation of the position to four-years in accordance with state law.

General discussion ensued regarding re-designating the two-year position to a four-year position and history of the 'at-large' position. By Committee consensus, further direction/information is requested from the City Attorney on the potential re-designation.

IV. New Business

A. Council Rules of Procedure Proposed Amendments re Development Review Improvements

Mr. Brazel provided background information on proposed amendments to the City Council Rules of Procedure regarding development review improvements. Mr. Dave Osaki, Community Development Director, provided further information regarding the proposed amendments and process improvements/efficiencies to be gained through the proposed amendments.

General discussion ensued regarding the decision making process for land use matters, public input and noticing, use of the hearing examiner, appeal process, limiting to one ordinance reading for certain matters, and additional potential code amendments to follow regarding additional process improvements.

By Committee consensus, the proposed amendments would be brought before the full Council for consideration at a future Council Meeting.

V. Other (*items added at the time of the meeting*)

A. 2017 Legislative Priorities

Mr. Bryan Wahl, Green Light Strategies, provided an updated 2017 priorities listing and pamphlet. General discussion ensued regarding potential items to monitor/support in the 2017 Legislative Session and the 2017 City of Monroe Priorities.

B. Panhandling

General discussion ensued regarding panhandling within city limits and current city regulations thereto.

VI. Next Committee Meeting (September 13, 2016)

VII. Adjournment

Councilmember Hanford moved to adjourn the August 9, 2016, Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Scarborough. Motion approved (3-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.