

**CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS/STUDY SESSION MINUTES
April 26, 2011**

The Business/Study Session of the Monroe City Council was held on April 26, 2011, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Robert Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilpersons present: Balk, Rodriguez, Tuttle, Stima, Williams, and Goering.

Councilpersons absent: Cudaback

Staff present: Brazel, Feilberg, Quenzer, Smith, Nelson.

City Attorney Zach Lell was present.

City Attorney Dave Ellenhorn was present for the North Kelsey Development Agreement.

Attorney Bruce Schroeder was present for Executive Session.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Related to Collective Bargaining

Mayor Zimmerman explained that there was a need to go into executive session for approximately 30 minutes for purposes of collective bargaining discussions with the City's labor attorney, Bruce Schroeder.

MEETING RECESSED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:10 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS EXTENDED

MEETING RECONVENED INTO STUDY SESSION: 8:00 p.m.

The motion was made by Councilperson Rodriguez and seconded by Councilperson Goering, to extend the Business portion of the meeting past 8:00 p.m. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

BUSINESS & ACTION ITEMS

Final Action

Consider Reconsideration of Adoption of Resolution 2011/009 Approving Development Agreement With North Kelsey LLC

Motions for Reconsideration of Resolution 2011-009 were filed by Diane and Edward Elliot and Samuel Wirsching, regarding the approval of the Development Agreement with North Kelsey LLC, inclusive of the revised conceptual site plan submitted by the applicant and the associated Binding Site Plan application (BSP 2011-01) and Grading Permit application (M2011-0004/1).

Attorney Ellenhorn presented Appearance of Fairness questioning and provided a briefing on procedures for the motions of request for reconsideration.

The motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Rodriguez, to deny Reconsideration #1 filed by Diane and Edward Elliot (North Kelsey Development Agreement Binding Site Plan & Grading Permit-SEPA Planned Action-Notice of Decision).

After discussion and comments from Councilmembers, the motion was on the floor to approve the resolution. On vote,

Motion carried 5/1.

Councilperson Tuttle was opposed.

The motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Williams, to deny Reconsideration #2 filed by Samuel Wirsching (North Kelsey Development Agreement Binding Site Plan & Grading Permit-SEPA Planned Action-Notice of Decision).

After discussion and comments from Councilmembers, the motion was on the floor to approve the resolution. On vote,

Motion carried 5/1.

Councilperson Tuttle was opposed.

City Attorney Ellenhorn stated that the quasi-judicial process and deliberations was now complete and that council is now free to speak with constituents.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Diane Elliott, 15550 174th Ave. SE, Monroe, spoke of councils' and mayors salaries and stated her preference for a City Manager form of government.

BUSINESS & ACTION ITEMS

FINAL ACTION

Extend contract with Denali to provide IT support services through Dec. 31, 2011

(Not listed on Agenda)

City Administrator Brazel discussed continued staffing challenges due to reductions in the IT department. Council approved the use of Denali a couple of weeks ago to provide the City with support services. During the past few weeks, staff-including the Police Department are pleased with the service being provided. As the staffing challenges in IT will continue through the end of the year, we are asking to extend Denali's contract through Dec. 31, 2011.

The motion was made by Councilperson Rodriguez and seconded by Councilperson Williams, to authorize extension of the Denali contract through December 31, 2011.

On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

MEETING RECESSED:
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8:40 p.m.
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STUDY SESSION ITEMS

Priorities of Government

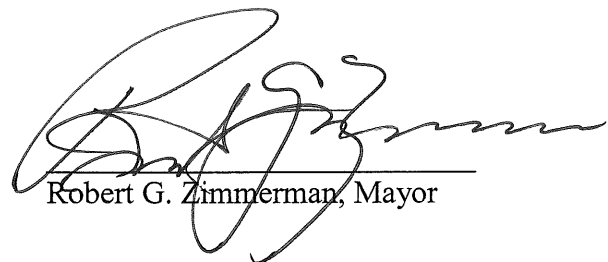
City Administrator Brazel discussed approach of Priorities of Government, noting this approach was different from the past. Council consensus was that they liked the format. Councilperson Williams stated that we need to grade ourselves and need to quantify if we're achieving our goals. Councilperson Williams also stated that we should add #7 for a fiscal priority, noting work being done in the Finance Committee; also stated that the priorities signify one is more important than another which is not so and to focus on items we want on here for 5-7 years. Councilperson Balk would also like to add one or two more priorities and be as specific as possible. Councilperson Balk remarked that most items fall into already established committees and these can be brought back to Council; also stated that we can have specific projects, focus on particular items and evaluate for next year. Councilperson Stima noted we've been in a crisis mode the last couple of years; asked what role we must provide, the absolute core mandates and then work out from that. Mayor Zimmerman noted that this is an attempt to be proactive and not reactive. Councilperson Goering stated that one of priorities is open and accessible government and allow everyone opportunity to serve on committees. Councilperson Goering then passed out RCW 44.04.015 and began discussion on term limits. Mayor Zimmerman stated that priority #1 would be placed on an upcoming study session and would have City Administrator Brazel direct staff to place items into priorities. Councilperson Tuttle inquired as to how to measure and how often to which City Administrator Brazel responded that staff will work on that.

Draft Agenda May 3, 2011 Council Business Meeting

City Administrator Brazel presented the agenda for the May 3, 2011 Council Business Meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:50 p.m.


Teri Smith, Human Resources Manager


Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor