

**CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS/STUDY SESSION MINUTES
October 11, 2011**

The Business/Study Session of the Monroe City Council was held on October 11, 2011, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Robert Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilpersons present: Balk, Kamp, Cudaback, Tuttle, Stima, Williams, and Goering.

Planning Commissioners present: Loots, Rodland, Davis, and Demarest.

Planning Commissioners: Absent: Kristiansen and Sherwood.

Staff present: Brazel, Feilberg, Quenzer, Harris, Farrell, Roberts, Popelka, Sax, and Martinson.

City Attorney Zach Lell was not present.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Vickie Mullen, Snohomish,, WA, commented that if there are changes on information on council items, that the City needs to let the public know.

Lynn Gose, PO box 221, Monroe, President of DREAM, gave an update, including: the Farmers Market was successful, but small; the Vintage Flea Market was successful (customers will be coming back and liked how nice downtown is); Halloween events were noted, including the Annual Trunk or Treat event. Other upcoming events include Light up Monroe and DREAM's next General meeting, where Jeff Sax will be the speaker. DREAM has been in need of an executive director for a long time and has temporarily contracted with Vickie Mullen to help them get back on track. They will evaluate in three months and hope to hire a full-time executive director.

Daryl Habich, 13812 179th Ave SE, owner of Airport, expressed concern about the overlay and how it would affect the west Monroe area. Existing structures won't change the runway approach and departure areas and won't change the overlay.

RV Palmer, 7547 NE 200th Street, Kenmore, Owner of Grizzly Sports, stated that he supports the proposed cable park. There are many good things that this would bring to Monroe. He has heard nothing but good about these parks and they are here to support it. He went around and got signatures from 60 business owners who also support the cable park.

Trish Lautensleger 16886 South Wales, in the Fryelands, stated that she considers Tye Park their (the Fryelands') park. She is concerned about a private business in park. Other citizens are concerned, as well.

Jacqueline Stock PO Box 359 Black Diamond, WA, represents the water sports industry. She is passionate about getting kids and families together having fun. There are opportunities for kids to earn scholarships. It would be great to have something like this in the Northwest. Washington is a leader in manufacturing water sports equipment.

Doug Harris, 13708 179th Ave. SE, Monroe. Hopes Council can find a way to make these things work for everybody. People aren't bringing opportunities to the large cities. If within constraints of the law, he wants Council to support the proposed cable park. These are all good for Monroe and the region, as it brings people in. Both projects would be good for the city and the region. They don't have a boat themselves; but kids could enjoy it without a boat.

Mike Huffman, 16825 6th Avenue W., Lynnwood, WA, manages Grizzly Sports in Monroe. They have been in the community for three years and promote sports for kids. This is a new thing for a lot of people and they are there to educate people about the sport and how things work.

Micah Middleton 11229 86th Street SE, Snohomish, voiced his support for the cable park. He races bicycles at the Fairgrounds. It's great to see the teams go out for pizza afterwards, which is an economic boon for the town. The noise for the wakeboard event is higher than it would be for a for cable park, because of the boat engines. The cable park runs off electricity and is very quiet. He wants to see what they can to continue making Monroe a great place.

Randy Olson, 2325 Old Owen Road, has lived here all his life and is not sure where Monroe is going with some of their decisions. The City just hired someone to promote Monroe; but, are going to gut the Parks Department. They won't be able to mow lawns, keep up parks, and put in hanging baskets, which are the first things people see in Monroe. Without those, Monroe would look like other towns. He asked Council to take consideration in the fact that the Parks department is critical in how Monroe and the parks look. He hopes the City won't cut the Parks Department because they want to do something else.

BUSINESS & ACTION ITEMS

Website: A. Logo; B. Design Review

Public Works Director Feilberg described the logo options, which they had narrowed down to three choices. They would be able to offer local items without showing "Washington" for local things, but would use the logo with "Washington" for the Website.

After discussion, the motion was made by Councilperson Balk and seconded by Councilperson Williams, to adopt logo choice #6. On vote,

Motion carried 5/2.

Balk and Tuttle were opposed.

Director Feilberg explained that they should have something ready on the Web site by the October 18th meeting.

COUNCIL RECESSED AND RECONVENED INTO STUDY SESSION: 9:09 p.m.

STUDY SESSION ITEMS

Joint PC/CC Meeting 2012 Comp Plan Amendments Docket and Work Program

Mayor Zimmerman introduced Chairman Loots, who introduced the Planning Commissioners and the topics that would be discussed.

Permit & Planning Manager Popelka gave a presentation introducing the discussion items, including the 2012 Comp Plan Amendments Docket and the Planning Commission Work Program for 2012. He explained docketing criteria and gave an overview of the First Air Field expansion, and the City-initiated request for the West Monroe Subarea land use study which are listed for docketing.

After discussion, Council directed staff to place the First Air Field and the Lake Tye area Comprehensive Plan Amendment items on the 2012 docket.

Permit & Planning Manager Popelka gave an overview of the Planning Commission's 2012 Work Program, which includes the Comprehensive Plan Amendments, and the East Monroe Economic Development Group application from 2011, and the Annual System Plan Updates, the Roosevelt Ridge annexation from 2011, the Roosevelt Road rezone.

He explained the timing and schedules of the proposed Work Program.

Budget Amendment and Bid Award: Replacement Street Sweeper

Operations & Maintenance Manager Roberts explained that he was bringing this to Council due to an opportunity to purchase something earlier and save money. They are asking to spend 2012 funds in 2011 to save \$14,000. He explained that, with the \$100,000 grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology and the salvage value of the current sweeper, the total cost would be \$91,130.

After questions and discussion, it was determined that this item would be brought back to Council for approval on October 18, 2011.

Request for Proposals: Enterprise Recreation Facility at Lake Tye Park/Review of Proposals and Staff Recommendation

Parks & Recreation Director Farrell gave a brief overview of the proposal and introduced Greg Dick and Brad Smith, from H30, who were attending the meeting to answer questions. Director Farrell showed the RFP timeline and explained that the Park Plan adopted November 18, 2008 included an enterprise recreation facility and proposed Lake Tye improvements. He explained the RFP process and that Jeff Sax, Jeff Rasmussen,

Steve Whalen were on the RFP review team. There will be a public meeting next week for public comments and input on the proposal.

Director Farrell and Manager Sax gave an overview of the Review Team Initial Comments, including the projected revenue and other benefits to City of Monroe. Manager Sax explained that, in the current proposal, the City would be responsible for utilities to the building. The City needs to do due-diligence on financials of the respondent. There are other questions that need to be answered, as well.

After discussion and questions from Council, Mayor Zimmerman confirmed Council's consensus to move forward. He commented that we are on cutting edge; it's not every day that someone comes in to partner with Monroe. There are still questions, but he is confident in Economic Development Manager Sax and Parks & Recreation Director Farrell.

Discussion: Address Changes

Public Works Director Feilberg explained that there are three components to an address and explained the City policy on how addresses are designated. They are to be addressed off the county grid. Any Zip code changes are up to the postal service. They change it based on residents' preferences, not the City's. In past, when they talked about naming a street for Mayor Tjerne, they chose a new street that wouldn't affect residents.

After discussion of the pros and cons and the cost of \$174 per street sign to make a change, it was determined that this matter would be dropped.

The motion was made by Councilperson Stima and seconded by Councilperson Goering to extend the meeting past 10:00 p.m. On vote,

Motion carried 6/1.

Councilperson Williams was opposed.

Department Reports

Finance Department

Finance Director Nelson explained the report in the packets compared General Fund revenues and expenses between Monroe and three other cities. The Donations report was also in the packet.

Public Works

Public Works Director Feilberg explained that they are looking for businesses that would consider moving to Monroe, and they are working on keeping permits moving.

Economic and Development Manager Sax reported that the Evergreen Speedway wants to get on board with the City's new "The Adventure Starts Here" theme. He also stated that he doesn't want Monroe cornered into just one type of adventure.

Councilperson Cudaback asked Manager Sax to clarify what he had meant by his comment in the report about the Ethics Code. He explained about a door prize he won and tickets he had received from Evergreen Speedway, which he had given up. This kind of action can create tension in the business world.

Councilperson Cudaback stated that many residents felt that having an economic development manager was good; but they wanted to be included in process. Manager Sax stated that citizens want to be part of solution and that he will meet to talk with the DREAM organization.

Parks Department

Parks & Recreation Director Farrell reported that the shelters were completed and ready for service at Sky River Park and Lake Tye Park.

Police Department

Chief Quenzer reported that they had held the City's first photo enforcement court session. They had 40 participants, with some reductions and some dismissals.

Councilperson Cudaback commented about her tour at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The tour was worthwhile, as the WWTP is the biggest infrastructure cost for the City. It has good employees who have been around for a long time.

Draft Agenda/October 18, 2011 Council Business Meeting

City Administrator Brazel presented the draft agenda for October 18, 2011.


Mayor Zimmerman stated that there was a need for two executive sessions, for purposes of discussing pricing of property for sale or lease, pursuant to RCW42.30.110(c). The executive session is expected to last for approximately 20 minutes, unless extended by Council. No action in open session is anticipated when Council reconvenes.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS EXTENDED

MEETING RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION: 10:28 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:28 p.m.


Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor


Eadye Martinson, Deputy City Clerk