

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE

The October 15, 2019, Regular Business Meeting and Study Session of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas at 7 p.m.; Monroe City Hall, Council Chambers.

Councilmembers present: Cudaback, Hanford, Kamp¹, Rasmussen, and Scarboro.

Staff members present: Adkisson, Feilberg, Haley, Hasart, Jolley, Rozzano, and Willis.

Mayor Thomas noted, without objection, the excused absence of Councilmembers Davis and Gamble. No objections were noted.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Hanford.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. AB19-205: 2020 Potential Revenue Sources and Recommended Budget

Ms. Becky Hasart, Finance Director, provided background information on AB19-205, the potential 2020 revenue sources and Recommended Budget, and required public hearing.

Mayor Thomas opened the public hearing; there were no persons present wishing to speak during the public hearing.

Councilmember Rasmussen moved to close the public testimony portion of the public hearing; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,

Motion carried (5-0).

Councilmember Rasmussen moved to close the public hearing; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Scarboro. On vote,

Motion carried (5-0).

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATION

1. AB19-206: Presentation: Final Police Department Assessment

Police Chief Jeff Jolley provided background information on AB19-206 and the Police Department Assessment process; and introduced Mr. Greg Matthews, Matrix Consulting Group, who reported on the following topics: Monroe Police Department Organizational Assessment Study; scope of work; methodological overview; crime trends in Monroe; community characteristics/calls for service trends; approach to evaluating operations – proactive time; patrol supporting units; patrol recommendations; reorganization of investigations and ProAct Unit; and overall conclusions.

¹ CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Kamp arrived at approximately 7:02 p.m.

General discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding community characteristics/calls for service trends, response times, staffing levels, proactive time, and recommendations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no persons present wishing to speak during Public Comments.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS – NONE

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS – NONE

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. City Administrator Update

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director, commented on the Blueberry/Kelsey Street intersection improvements project.

2. Mayor's Update/Monroe This Week (*October 11, 2019, Edition No. 36*)

Mayor Thomas noted the Monroe This Week included in the meeting materials; and reported on the following topics: radio interview re homelessness, Eastside Masonry building demolition; Lowe's staircase clean-up; Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) property clean-up/noticing; bikini barista business complaints received; and American Flag previously displayed in Council Chambers in the memory of former Mayor Tjerne returned to Tjerne family. Discussion ensued regarding the bikini barista business complaints received and response actions.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. AB19-207: 2020 Recommended Budget

Ms. Hasart provided background information on the 2020 Recommended Budget, including: budget overview; partnerships, total budget, overall budget highlights, assumptions, general fund revenues, property taxes, general fund expenditures, department specific highlights, public input received (none), and next steps in the budget adoption process.

Discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding funding sources, staffing levels, North Kelsey debt payoff, 2020 priorities, Rotary Field improvements, stormwater improvements, railroad crossing/tracks, unmanned aerial vehicle, legal budget, legislative (Council) budget, employee self-service project (paperless timecards), and implementation/funding of Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee recommendations.

The Mayor and City Council thanked Ms. Hasart, and all City Staff, for their work on the 2020 Recommended Budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

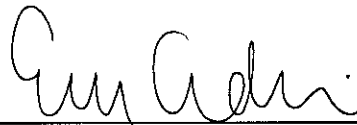
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Rasmussen and seconded by Councilmember Scarboro to adjourn the meeting. On vote,
Motion carried (5-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:48 p.m.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



Elizabeth M. Adkisson, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of October 22, 2019.