

**CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
March 26, 2013**

The Study Session of the Monroe City Council was held on March 26, 2013, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilpersons present: Goering, Cudaback, Kamp, Davis, Gamble, and Hanford.

Councilpersons Kamp and Davis were not present at the time of Roll Call.

It was noted that Councilperson Kamp had notified the Mayor that he would be late.

Councilperson(s) absent: Williams

Staff members present: Feilberg, Nelson, Quenzer, Popelka, Sax, and Martinson.

Staff member absent: City Administrator Brazel

Student Representative Harano was not present, due to participation in a school activity.

City Attorney Zach Lell was not present.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

No citizens wished to address Council.

Councilperson Davis entered Council Chambers at 7:04 p.m.

BUSINESS & ACTION ITEMS

The motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Hanford, to add a discussion of the Red Flex contract, with potential action afterwards. On vote,

Motion failed 2/3.

Councilpersons Goering and Hanford voted in support.
Councilpersons Cudaback, Davis, and Gamble were opposed.

The motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Hanford, to add a discussion of the Redflex contract to tonight's Council agenda without final action tonight. On vote,

Motion carried 5/0.

This item will be discussed during the Study Session portion of the meeting.

STUDY SESSION ITEMS

1. Sign Code Update

Planning & Permit Manager Popelka gave an overview of the proposed changes to the sign code, explaining that the updated code will address the clarity of regulations and requirements, code interpretation for specific sign applications, and enforcement.

Manager Popelka introduced Tom Beckwith, consultant, who presented the proposed sign guidelines in more detail, explaining the style and substance of the amended code. The new code will be set up in tables, rather than just text, for ease of use and simplifying future amendments.

Economic Development Manager Sax reported that there is a broad acceptance of the proposed sign code; it would clean up the current clutter of signs. The plan is to try the new code for six months and review again, to ensure there aren't any unforeseen problems, due to the amendments.

After discussion and comments, it was noted that this item would come back for the first reading of the ordinance on April 2, 2013.

2. Discussion: Public Restrooms

Mayor Zimmerman stated that the city has an opportunity to complete a project that is very important to the City and citizens: the restrooms at Rotary Field (also referred to as "The Miracle League Field"). After research, a potential funding source was located, that is allowable by state law. There is approximately \$50,000 set aside in the Sewer Capital Fund; Rotary has approximately \$52,000 set aside.

Mayor Zimmerman would also like Council to keep in mind the need for a public restroom downtown and suggested an option for future consideration. He requested that Council ask staff come back with a proposal for completion of the Rotary Field restrooms.

Council consensus was to bring this item back for Council action on April 2.

Councilperson Kamp entered Council Chambers at 8:19 p.m.

4. Discussion: Red Flex Contract

Councilperson Goering stated that he would like to have a discussion about stating Council's intentions to not continue with the Red Flex contract after the contract expiration date. He would like this item to come back next week for debate and action.

After discussion and comments, Council consensus was to bring this item back April 2, under "New Business" and to include an update from the Police

Department with additional information (report on how the program is working; i.e., number of accidents and tickets, etc.).

3. Draft Agenda for April 2, 2013

Mayor Zimmerman presented the draft agenda for April 2, 2013. The Rotary Field restrooms item was added.

At Finance Director Nelson's request, the resolution amending fees item was moved back to April 2, 2013 (from April 9th).

Councilperson Kamp reported on a neighbor, Steve Jensen, who won a design-a-ticket contest for the Washington State Lottery.

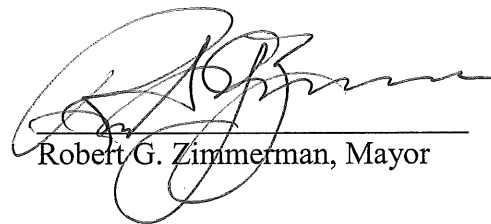
Councilperson Gamble reported that he would be absent next week. He asked Councilperson Kamp to chair the Finance Committee meeting on April 2.

Mayor Zimmerman thanked staff for their work on the Rotary Field restrooms project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:39 p.m.



Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor



Eadye Martinson, Deputy City Clerk

