

**CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
April 2, 2013**

The Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was held on April 2, 2013, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Robert Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Councilperson absent: Gamble (due to vacation)

Staff present: Brazel, Feilberg, Nelson, Farrell, Quenzer, Sax, and Martinson.

Student Representative Harano was not present.

City Attorney Zach Lell was present.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Eric DeBelly 15325 168th Drive SE, Monroe, addressed Council regarding the importance of the levy for Valley General Hospital. He distributed endorsement forms and asked Council's support of the levy.

Michelle MacKensie addressed Council regarding the Rotary Field restrooms. They appreciate having a handicap accessible field; but the "port-a-potty" is not a handicap accessible restroom. She asked Council to support building the restrooms.

Mike Gantala, 23711 Florence Acres Road, Monroe, loves the Miracle League where kids with disabilities can play in team sports. They need bathrooms for people like him, who would have to use the portable restroom with the door open. He asked that Council support funding the bathrooms, so people like him could have their dignity.

Tod Johnson, 20513 113th Dr. SE, Snohomish, supports the Valley General Hospital levy; it's about choices and quality of life. He stated that he was also supporting the Rotary Field restroom project. It's a great business case to attract many events that bring an economic impact and make the park more usable. He asked Council's support in funding the balance needed to build the restrooms.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Minutes**
 - A. March 19, 2013 Business Meeting**
 - B. March 26, 2013 Study Session**
- 2. Accounts Payable & Payroll**
 - A. Bills: Checks #83565 – 83602, in the amount of \$272,853.48.**
- 3. Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement with Camp Fire of Snohomish County for Youth Programs**

4. **Resolution to Reject All Bids for Powell Street Sidewalk Project and Authorize Rebidding**
5. **Forward Amendments to Chapter 15.01(Stormwater Management) to the Planning Commission**

The motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Kamp, to approve the Consent Agenda. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

Mayor Zimmerman asked that New Business #2 (Rotary Field) be moved up on the agenda, due to the number of people in attendance to hear the discussion and vote on the Rotary Field restroom project.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Authorize Mayor to Sign Amendment to Agreement with Rotary of Monroe Regarding Rotary Field**

Parks & Recreation Director Farrell gave an update explaining that, in order to formalize this project, it required an amendment to the Agreement with Rotary. He then explained the specifics of the amendment. He explained that the restroom building is prefabricated and has been agreed to by all parties.

City Attorney Lell clarified some points in the amendment.

Councilperson Cudaback stated that she is a member of Rotary, but doesn't receive any financial benefit from them. Attorney Lell confirmed that she would not be prevented from discussing and voting on this topic.

After discussion and comments, the motion was made by Councilperson Cudaback and seconded by Councilperson Hanford, to sign the Second Addendum to the Agreement Regarding Construction, Maintenance And Use Of Rotary Field with Rotary Club of Monroe Foundation; and expressly authorize further revisions by the Mayor to the extent deemed necessary or appropriate. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

Mayor Zimmerman explained that there would be a five-minute break, to allow those who wished to leave to exit Council Chambers.

MEETING RECESSED FOR FIVE MINUTES: 7:25 pm

RECESS EXTENDED

MEETING RECONVENED BACK INTO BUSINESS MEETING: 7:35 pm

1. **Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 MMC/Sign Code/First Reading**

Economic Development Manager Sax gave a brief overview of the proposed amendments to the sign code. He presented a revised ordinance that would make this an interim ordinance allowing for changes in six months, if needed. He then explained the other proposed changes in the revised ordinance, including scheduling a public hearing before the final code is enacted.

After discussion, questions, and comments, the motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Davis, to accept as first reading Ordinance #002/2013 regarding Zoning Code Amendment ZCA 2012-04, as amended, amending MMC Title 18.80 *Signs* as proposed in Exhibit 1 and based on the Findings and Conclusions as shown in Exhibit 2.

After further discussion, the motion was on the floor to accept the amended ordinance as first reading. On vote,

Motion carried 5/1.

Councilperson Cudaback was opposed.

3. Redflex Contract

Councilperson Goering gave a brief overview of what he was seeking from Council regarding this agenda item.

After discussion, the motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Hanford, that the City Council authorize the Mayor to notify Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. by letter that the City does not intend to renew the September 12, 2007 "Agreement for Photo Red Light Enforcement Program" beyond the initial term, and that the City instead intends to allow the Agreement to terminate upon the conclusion of said term, as read into the record by Mayor Zimmerman.

After further discussion, Councilperson Goering called for the question. On vote,

Motion carried 4/2.

Councilpersons Cudaback and Williams were opposed.

FINAL ACTION

1. Resolution Adopting Utility Billing Policies

Finance Director Nelson gave a brief update explaining the key points in the Utility Billing Policies and the minor changes since being presented previously.

After discussion, the motion was made by Councilperson Kamp and seconded by Councilperson Williams, to approve Resolution #2013/007 Adopting Utility Billing Policies; *A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING UTILITY BILLING PROCEDURAL POLICIES*, as read into the record by City Attorney Lell On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

2. Resolution Amending Fees

Finance Director Nelson explained that the fee amendments included the fee changes and additions pertaining to Utilities, as discussed in March. She clarified that the effective date was different for the utility fees than the rest of the fee amendments, due to the need to notify Utility customers of the proposed changes. (NOTE: Other fees from other departments were amended as shown on the coversheet).

The motion was made by Councilperson Hanford and seconded by Councilperson Cudaback, to adopt Resolution #2013/008, amending the 2013 Fees Schedule establishing fees, fines, penalties, interest, and charges, *A RESOLUTION BY THE MONROE CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND RESOLUTIONS 2012/032, ESTABLISHING FEES, FINES, PENALTIES, INTEREST AND CHARGES FOR 2013*, as read into the record by City Attorney Lell. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilperson Goering stated he is pleased that the Rotary Field restrooms passed and thanked all involved.

Councilperson Cudaback commended the Parks staff and volunteers at the Egg Hunt. She reported that Denise Jacobsen did a great job in handling concerned mothers.

Councilperson Williams questioned the issues with the changed Website agenda format. PW Director Feilberg explained that it is a problem CivicPlus is working on.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF REPORTS

Economic Development Manager Sax reported on the Innovation Partner Zone project. Former Senator Kastama will consult with them on this project.

Finance Director Nelson reported that tickets could now be bought on-line for the Monroe MusicFest.

Parks & Recreation Director reported that he and Jeff Sax had attended the student leadership breakfast and were impressed and felt it was a great, worthwhile experience.

1. Draft Agenda/April 9, 2013 Study Session

City Administrator Brazel presented the draft agenda for April 9, 2013.

After discussion, it was determined that consideration would be given to move items for April 23rd out to May 7th. It will be discussed further at another meeting.

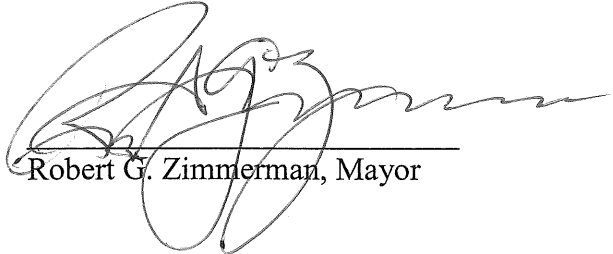
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the motion was made by Goering and seconded by Hanford, to adjourn the meeting. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:50 p.m.


Eadye Martinson, Deputy City Clerk


Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor