

**CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
June 11, 2013**

The Study Session of the Monroe City Council was held on June 11, 2013, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

It was noted that Councilperson Gamble would be late.

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

Student Representative Harano was not present, as his term has ended.

City Attorney Zach Lell was not present.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Brent Patterson, 17521 150th Street SE, and Tyler Free, 14978 175th Street SE, Monroe, President and Vice President of Stanton Meadows Home Owners Association, addressed Council regarding the need for traffic calming devices, painted curbs around fire hydrants and mail boxes, and lighting at 173rd & Stanton Street. They had suggestions for resolving the issues.

BUSINESS & ACTION ITEMS:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Beaton Road Stormwater Easement Adjustment

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

Motion carried 6/0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance Adopting 2012 Building Codes and Amendments/1st Reading

Public Works Director Feilberg explained they had added language for abatement of unsafe buildings. They didn't include *Appendix S* requiring fire sprinklers; Council can choose to add it if they wish.

After a question, the motion was made by Councilperson Williams and seconded by Councilperson Cudaback to accept as first reading Ordinance #008/2013 amending Chapter 15.04 Building Codes. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

2. Ordinance Amending Chapter 15.01 Stormwater/1st Reading

Public Works Director Feilberg gave a brief overview explaining that the proposed amendments to Chapter 15.01 would bring the Monroe Municipal Code into compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase II

Stormwater Permit by adopting new regulations on the schedule contained in the permit rather than as soon as they are available.

The motion was made by Councilperson Kamp and seconded by Councilperson Hanford, to accept as first reading Ordinance #009/2013 amending Chapter 15.01 Stormwater Management. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

3. Landfill Investigation Update

City Administrator Brazel gave an update on the investigation of the landfill site by the Riley Group. He outlined the steps in the next phase being proposed, which would move the City towards making the site a productive piece of property in the community (approximate cost of \$70,000).

Economic Development Manager Sax reported on the course he attended that explained how to clean up and market sites like the landfill. He explained the process needed to be able to sell the property. Staff wouldn't know what to do next without this next step being completed.

Finance Director Nelson stated that they could use REET from the sale of the Morning Run Apartments, or money from the contingency fund. They had budgeted \$50,000 originally.

After discussion/questions, the motion was made by Councilperson Williams and seconded by Councilperson Hanford, to authorize The Riley Group to move forward with the next phase of the investigation as outlined in the original contract, not to exceed \$75,000.

After further questions and comments, the motion was on the floor to go forward with the next phase. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENE INTO STUDY SESSION: 7:32 pm

STUDY SESSION TOPICS:

1. Discussion: Traffic Calming Policy

Public Works Director Feilberg gave an overview explaining that the City has drafted policy documents and conducted trials of traffic calming techniques in the past. However, these efforts failed to gain traction. It is important to have a policy, to ensure that traffic calming is consistent within the City.

After comments and discussion, Council consensus was to direct staff to prepare a draft neighborhood traffic calming program for presentation to the Council on August 13, 2013. Painting curbs will be brought back for further discussion on July 9th.

Councilperson Gamble entered Council Chambers at 8:03 p.m.

2. Discussion: Closure of Alley at 224 South Lewis

Public Works Director Feilberg gave a brief overview explaining that the new owner of the Moderno apartments would like to close the alley near the apartments. He gave the history of alley deed and possible issues that would be created with the closure. Staff will contact other property owners for input.

After discussion, it was determined that staff would notify the surrounding property owners about the proposed alley closure. The question was posed as to whether the property has any value or use to the City and how the transfer should/could occur, if Council wanted to go that route.

3. Department Reports

PW Director Feilberg reported that the Main Street/ Old Owen/Highway 2 (MOO2) intersection is coming along; the new signal will be installed next week. They are decommissioning the old equipment at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). They are starting the Powell Street sidewalks and the Fremont project is underway. The developer has resubmitted the Bear Mountain sub-division, with access to Roosevelt road added.

HR Manager Warthan reported that the new permit technician, Jessica Johnson, starts with the City on Monday.

Councilmember Reports

Councilperson Goering reported on the "Someone Famous" reports at Park Place School. The students were dressed like different well-known people; his daughter dressed as Helen Keller.

Councilperson Kamp reported on Noémi Ban's speech (Holocaust survivor) at Park Place Middle School; it was a fascinating presentation.

Councilperson Davis gave kudos to Monroe Police Department for their responses.

Councilperson Gamble reported that the community has had positive comments on the paint job on the concrete wall at WWTP.

Mayor Zimmerman reported that he had attended the same event about famous people at the Middle School. He thanked Libby's Lattes, located at Sky River Medical building, for the coffee they provided during Council meetings.

4. Draft Agenda for June 18, 2013

City Administrator Brazel presented the draft agenda for June 18, 2013.

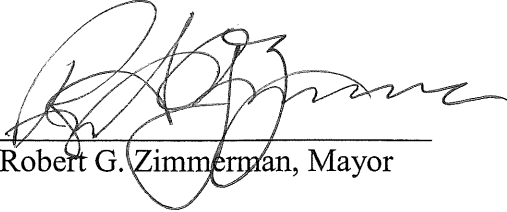
Mayor Zimmerman reported that he would be absent June 18th, and asked Councilperson/Mayor Pro-tem Williams to preside over the meeting. He also noted that Councilperson Gamble would be absent, too.

PW Director Feilberg reported that the City's mobile command post bus would be at Sky River Park for *Amateur Radio Week*.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:25 p.m.



Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor



Eadye Martinson, Deputy City Clerk