

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The November 12, 2013, Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Robert G. Zimmerman at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Staff members present: Brazel, Feilberg, Nelson, Popelka, Chief Quenzer, Sax, Smoot, and City Attorney Snyder.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by attendees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Confirm Mayor's Appointment of Karen Vasatka/Student Representative

Mayor Zimmerman presented the item for consideration and introduced Ms. Karen Vasatka. Councilmember Kamp provided background information on the process, and a biography of Ms. Vasatka. Councilmember Hanford offered his recommendation of Ms. Vasatka.

Councilmember Kamp moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Karen Vasatka as Student Representative to the Monroe City Council for the 2013/2014 school year; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

Mayor Zimmerman stated that an agenda item for a 'Student Representative Report' would be added to the agenda after the 'Comments from Citizens ' section; in order for Ms. Vasatka to provide reports/comments/etc.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. First Public Hearing on 2014 Preliminary Budget

Ms. Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, introduced the matter, stating this is the first of two public hearings regarding the 2014 Preliminary Budget, providing an opportunity for public input as required by state law.

Mayor Zimmerman opened the citizen comment portion of the public hearing; there were no Citizens present wishing to address the Council.

Councilmember Kamp moved to close the citizen comment portion of the public hearing; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Cudaback thanked Ms. Nelson for providing 2014 Budget bullet/talking points to Council.

Councilmember Hanford moved to close the public hearing; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Goering. On vote,
Motion carried (7-0).

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

There were no Citizens present wishing to address the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of the Minutes: October 22, 2013, Regular Business Meeting**
2. **Approval of Payroll Warrant; Warrant Nos. 33017 through 33078 in an amount of \$929,288.88, and HSA Funding in an amount of \$1,7500.00, for a total amount of \$931,038.88**
3. **Authorize the Mayor to Sign Contract with AFTS for Utility Billing Printing and Mailing Services**
4. **Authorize Mayor to Sign Right-of-Way Purchase Contract for Elizabeth Street CDBG Sidewalk Project**
5. **Accept the PSRC Grant (Corridor Grant) and Authorize Staff to Proceed**

Councilmember Goering moved to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,
Motion carried (7-0).

Mayor Zimmerman proposed that, without objection, the Executive Session items would be addressed next in the agenda. No objections were heard.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **Property Negotiations – RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) (10 minutes)**
2. **Property Negotiations – RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) (20 minutes)**

Mayor Zimmerman stated that the Council would recess into Executive Session to address two items: 1) Property Negotiations item for approximately 10 minutes; and 2) Property Negotiations item for approximately 20 minutes. Attorney Snyder read the appropriate citation into the record [RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)].

The Mayor and Members of the Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:14 p.m. and reconvened at 8:02 p .m.

NEW BUSINESS

4. **Introduction: Lodging Tax Requests for 2014**

Mr. Jeff Sax, Economic Development Manager, provided information on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) recommendations regarding the use of lodging excise

tax funds collected (per RCW 67.28); nine applications were received, and four have been recommended for funding. Per a new state law, these recommendations may not be amended directly by Council.

Discussion ensued regarding the applications received; support for the recommendations; economic impact figures; the Monroe Chamber as a Destination Marketing Organization; and clarification regarding amendment – the Council may not amend the recommendations as presented, however, they may choose to reject the recommendations as presented and order the LTAC to reconvene for reconsideration.

Staff indicated the recommendations would be before Council for approval along with the 2014 Budget.

1. Ordinance Adopting Marijuana Related Land Use Regulations/1st Reading

Mr. Paul Popelka, Planning/Permitting Manager, presented information on the proposed Ordinance Adopting Marijuana Related Land Use Regulations; stated that the current interim regulations expire December 21, 2013; and reviewed applicable zoning districts. Discussion ensued regarding Councilmembers' preferences regarding regulations/management; staff and legal counsel recommended options for regulations/management; and next steps.

Councilmember Hanford moved to lay the item on the table; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp.

Discussion ensued regarding timing required to readdress the item and to hold a public hearing, clarification as to whether a motion was necessary, and a proposed amendment to address the item at the December 3, 2013, regular meeting¹.

On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

2. Introduction: Code of Ethics Amendments

City Administrator Gene Brazel introduced proposed amendments to the Code of Ethics, as prepared by the City Attorney; and provided background on the amendments requested by Council. Discussion ensued regarding the amendments, and schedule for consideration of the changes and adoption. A public hearing, and first reading of the ordinance, has been schedule for the November 19, 2013, regular business meeting.

3. Introduction: 2013 Comprehensive Plan/Land Use, Housing, and Economic Development Text Amendments

Mr. Popelka presented a review of the 2013 Comprehensive Plan Land Use, Housing and Economic Development Text Amendments; reported on the process for the 2015 amendments, including a community vision workshop and formation of an

¹ CLERK'S NOTE: Discussion on the motion provided clarification that the intent of the motion is to postpone the item until a time certain of December 3, 2013, or as soon as possible thereafter in accordance with noticing requirements for holding a public hearing on this matter.

advisory/stakeholders committee; and provided a brief update on the East Monroe Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) process and next steps. Mr. Sax provided information regarding the Economic Development Text Amendments. Discussion ensued regarding the advisory/stakeholders committee, buildable land/density deficit, and the 2015 process.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Goering commented on the recent election, and stated he is honored to serve on the Council for the next two years.

Councilmember Davis stated he would be absent from the November 19, 2013, regular business meeting.

Councilmember Gamble stated he would be absent from the December 3, 2013, regular business meeting.

Councilmember Hanford commented on the recent election, thanked Councilmembers for 'clean' campaigns, and stated he is looking forward to the next four years.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Popelka reported on the activities of the Planning/Permitting Department.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Brazel provided an update on the Walmart project – plans have been submitted; and reported on changes to the non-represented employees' insurance coverage – now provided coverage through the Washington Teamsters Welfare Trust, resulting in a cost savings of roughly \$20,000.

Mayor Zimmerman commented on general economic development interests received for the North Kelsey area with the progression of the Walmart project; and on support of the new insurance carrier.

City Attorney Scott Snyder requested clarification from Council regarding direction for preparation of an ordinance for Marijuana Regulations; to be of a broader nature, a moratorium approach pending the Attorney General's Opinion to be issued on the subject.

Councilmember Kamp moved to direct the attorney to prepare a broader-termed ordinance regarding Marijuana Regulations; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

2. Discussion: Cancellation of November 26, and December 24, 2013, Business Meetings

Discussion ensued regarding the regular business meetings currently scheduled for November 26, and December 24, 2013; keeping both options available, if needed; and possibly rescheduling the December 24, meeting to December 23, 2013.

Councilmember Gamble moved to cancel the November 26, and December 24, 2013, regular meetings. The motion died for lack of a second.

Discussion continued; and it was decided to move all new business items currently listed on the November 19, 2013, agenda to November 26, 2013; and to address the December 24, 2013, meeting at a later date. The Mayor stated he will not be in attendance at the November 26, 2013, regular meeting.

1. Draft Agenda/November 19, 2013


City Administrator Brazel presented the draft agenda for November 19, 2013. The Mayor stated, per previous discussions, all new business items have been moved to November 26, and the final action item has been removed.

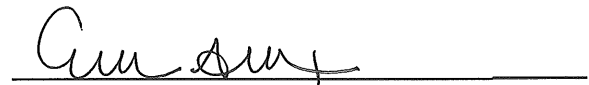
ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried (7-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:50 p.m.


Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor


Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of November 19, 2013.