

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The September 9, 2014, Special Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Geoffrey Thomas at 6:30 p.m.; Council Chambers, City Hall.

Councilmembers present: Cudaback, Davis, Gamble¹, Goering, Kamp, and Hanford.

Staff members present: Brazel, Feilberg, Nelson, Popelka, Quenzer, Sartorius, and Smoot; City Attorney Lell².

Mayor Thomas noted, without objection, Councilmember Rasmussen's absence as excused.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Goering and recited by attendees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Actual Litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(i)] (20 minutes)

Mayor Thomas stated that the Council would recess into Executive Session to discuss Actual Litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(i)] for approximately 20 minutes; and read the appropriate citation into the record.

The meeting recessed into executive session at 6:35 p.m. The executive session was extended for an additional ten minutes; and the meeting reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation: East County Senior Center (M. Avni)

Mr. Marc Avni, Executive Director, East County Senior Center, spoke, and shared a video, regarding the following topics: donation from Council for senior center transportation funding, importance of senior centers, top issues for senior citizens, and senior center services, programs, and projects.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

The following person spoke regarding pedestrian safety at the north side of the Highway 2 and State Route 522 ramp area: Ms. Rosie Tatel.

The following person spoke regarding the East Monroe Rezone and Comprehensive Plan Amendment: Ms. Susan Boyd.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes; September 2, 2014, Regular Business Meeting

¹ CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Gamble arrived at approximately 6:32 p.m.; following the Pledge of Allegiance.

² CLERK'S NOTE: City Attorney Lell was present via teleconference for the Executive Session.

2. Approval of Payroll Warrants and ACH Payments

Councilmember Kamp moved to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,
Motion carried (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion: Fire/Police Appreciation Week (November)

Mayor Thomas presented a sample proclamation for Police and Fire Appreciation Week used in previous years. Councilmember Cudaback opened discussion on the topic, and spoke regarding previous years and a desire to increase Council participation. Discussion ensued regarding participation options, including: donation of funds, holding an additional recognition event at/before a Council Meeting, and additional ways the City can recognize the event. Councilmember Cudaback stated she will report back on specific needs/request from the Police and Fire Appreciation Week Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

1. P4 Committee

Councilmember Davis provided a review of the items discussed at the Committee meeting held Monday, September 8, 2014; including the overweight vehicles parking permit/code, and transitional/low-income housing code.

Councilmember Goering commented on Monroe High School Football.

Councilmember Gamble commented on Monroe High School and Youth Football; and the Police versus Fire Football Game (to be Held Sunday, September 14, 2014, 11am).

Councilmember Davis stated he would not be in attendance at the Tuesday, September 16, 2014, Council Meeting.

Councilmember Cudaback commented on National Patriot Day (September 11th); and the Swift Night Out event (Saturday, September 13, 2014).

Councilmember Hanford commented on construction and projects within the community.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Tim Quenzer stated the Police Department will look into the issues shared in Comments from Citizens by Ms. Tatel.

1. Fryelands Midblock Crossing

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director, provided a report on the Fryelands Midblock Crossing, including the following topics: existing conditions, options/costs, signage changes, and staff recommendations. General discussion ensued regarding the proposed changes to signage, costs, and timeframe for action. Mr. Feilberg estimated completion by the end of September, weather dependent.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Administrator Gene Brazel commented on the Chamber luncheon he attended earlier in the day; including a presentation by Senator Pearson.

Mayor Thomas reported on the following topics: the Swift Night Out event; and the timeline for the smoke/steam stack project, offering appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce and property owner.

1. Draft Agenda for September 16, 2014, Regular Business Meeting


Administrator Brazel reviewed the draft agenda for September 16, 2014, Regular Business Meeting. Administrator Brazel reviewed the extended agenda.

Councilmember Kamp stated he may be absent for the October 7, 2014, Council meeting.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Gamble and seconded by Councilmember Cudaback to adjourn the meeting. On vote,
Motion carried (6-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:59 p.m.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of September 16, 2014.