

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE**

The September 23, 2014, Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Geoffrey Thomas at 7:03 p.m.; Council Chambers, City Hall.

Councilmembers present: Cudaback, Davis <sup>1</sup> , Goering, Kamp, Hanford, and Rasmussen.

Staff members present: Farrell, Feilberg, Nelson, Place, Popelka, Quenzer, Smoot, and Warthan; City Attorney Kristin Eick.

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

Mayor Thomas noted that Councilmember Davis was running late.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation: Monroe Arts Council (L. Saaski)

Ms. Leonie Saaski, President, Monroe Arts Council, gave a presentation and spoke regarding the following topics: proposed Wagner Performing Arts Center (WPAC); Monroe Arts Council Mission Statement; 2014 funding; WPAC features; and volunteer efforts. Ms. Saaski responded to Council inquiries regarding renovations completed at the WPAC, and the budget/funding sources thereto.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

The following persons spoke regarding the East Monroe Project, including the Rezone; Comprehensive Plan Amendment; Motion to Rescind the prior action on this topic; and AB14-122: Mitch Ruth; Douglas Hamar; Bob Martin; Ken Gast; Marie Deebach; Lowell Anderson; Steve Jensen; K.D. Scarboro; Jim Blair; Shayne Bradley; Collette Carpenter; Bill Davidson; Sam Wirsching; Eadye Martinson; Erin Angus-Snapka; and Diane Elliot.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of the Minutes; September 16, 2014, Regular Business Meeting

Councilmember Goering moved to approve the minutes with an amendment to Page 3, AB14-118, to add the following statement to the end of the first paragraph: "The letter conveyed that Councilmember Davis was in favor of revising the final environmental impact statement and was opposed to no longer pursuing the East Monroe Comprehensive Plan Amendment or Rezone;" the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp.

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<sup>1</sup> CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Davis arrived at approximately 7:26 p.m., during Comments from Citizens.

Councilmember Rasmussen called to attention an additional typographical error to the motion on AB14-117; the City Clerk stated the item will be reviewed and corrected as appropriate.<sup>2</sup>

On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. AB14-122: East Monroe Options

Councilmember Goering stated this item was added to the agenda at the request of himself and Councilmember Kamp, for additional discussion on this topic; and reminded Council of prior notice given at the Tuesday, September 16, 2014, meeting of his intention to make a motion to rescind the action taken at that time on this topic; and provided further comments regarding this action.

Councilmember Goering moved to rescind the motion adopted on September 16, 2014, for Agenda Bill AB14-118; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp.

Councilmember Hanford requested an executive session for actual litigation at this time.

Mayor Thomas stated that the Council would recess into Executive Session to discuss Actual Litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(i)] for approximately 10 minutes; and read the appropriate citation into the record.

*The meeting recessed into executive session at 8:17 p.m. The executive session was extended for an additional 40 minutes; and the meeting reconvened at 9:12 p.m.*

Councilmembers discussed their views on the motion to rescind, and action related to the East Monroe project. Mayor Thomas commented on his actions regarding the vote on AB14-118.

On vote,

Motion carried (4-2);  
Cudaback and Rasmussen opposed.

Councilmember Goering moved to authorize the Mayor to direct staff to gather additional scope and budget information on the costs of the SEPA work; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,

Motion carried (4-2);  
Cudaback and Rasmussen opposed.

Councilmember Goering moved to authorize the Mayor or staff to contact the Association of Washington Cities informing them of the Growth Management Hearing's Board's decision on this action, and specifically ask for their opinion regarding the impact the ruling may have on other

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<sup>2</sup> CLERK'S NOTE: The motion was corrected to reflect Councilmember Goering as the second on AB14-117, as opposed to Councilmember Cudaback.

cities that intend to process non-project rezones; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,

Motion carried (4-2);  
Cudaback and Rasmussen opposed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. AB14-119: Approval of Resolution No. 022/2014, Establishing Change Funds Petty Cash Account for the Monroe Municipal Court

Ms. Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, provided background information on the proposed resolution, establishing petty cash accounts for the Monroe Municipal Court; and responded to Council inquires thereto regarding fiscal control policies.

Councilmember Kamp moved to approved Resolution No. 002/2014, establishing a Change Funds Petty Cash Account for the Monroe Municipal Court; appointing custodians and establishing the amount of monies therefore; and establishing an effective date; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

**FINAL ACTION**

1. AB14-120: Approval of Ordinance No. 011/2014, Amending Sign Code Regulations; Final Reading

Mr. Paul Popelka, Planning and Permitting Manager, provided background information on the proposed ordinance and code revisions from the current interim code to the permanent code proposed; including additional minor changes from the first reading of the ordinance. Attorney Eick provided two additional proposed changes to MMC 18.81.170; to delete (C)(1); and renumber (C)(2) to (D).

General discussion ensued regarding the changes to the code from the first reading of the ordinance, and timing issues relating to the expiring interim ordinance.

Councilmember Cudaback moved to adopt Ordinance No. 011/2014, an ordinance of the City of Monroe, Washington, relating to the display of signage; amending chapter 18.80 MMC Signs; repealing interim Ordinance No. 008/2014; providing for severability; and fixing a time when the same shall become effective, with the amendments suggested by Attorney Eick; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Goering. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

2. AB14-121: Approval of Ordinance No. 012/2014, Regarding Overweight Vehicle Parking Permits; First Reading

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director, provided background information on the proposed ordinance and changes to the code.

Councilmember Hanford moved to adopt Ordinance No. 012/2014, amending Sections 10.24.010 MMC, Purpose, 10.24.020, Definitions, and 10.24.040 MMC, Maximum weight limitation on streets not designated as truck routes; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

### **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmember Goering commented on Monroe High School Football; and stated he will be absent from the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, due to a volunteer trip to Haiti.

Councilmember Kamp commented on Monroe High School Football; and wished Councilmember Goering a safe journey.

Councilmember Rasmussen thanked Parks staff for their work on the trailhead at 171st (pole replacement); and thanked the public for their input, and staff for their work, on the East Monroe project.

Councilmember Cudaback commented on the East Monroe project and discussion/action taken thereto; and thanked the public and Council for their input.

Councilmember Hanford commented on the East Monroe project, discussion/action taken thereto, and thanked the public, Mayor, and Council for their input; and commented on Monroe High School Football.

### **STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Mr. Mike Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director, reported on the following topics: repairs to the 171<sup>st</sup> trailhead and vandalism on the trail; vandalism on Wiggly field, and repairs thereto; a TV pilot to film on the Lewis Street bridge in the forthcoming week; and an upcoming Middle School cross country meet at Sky River Park.

Police Chief Tim Quenzer reported on the Police Department personnel/probation periods; sex offender residency issues/code; and pedestrian safety at the intersection of SR 522 and US 2.

Ms. Elizabeth Smoot, City Clerk, reported on the Student Representative to Council process; the application period is being extended two weeks as no applications have been received. Councilmember Kamp stated he would like to connect the Monroe Rep, once selected, with the Sultan Student Representative.

Mr. Feilberg reported on upcoming road closures on SR 522, Main Street, and SR 203.

### **MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

1. SCC 2015 Legislative Agenda - Monroe Submission
2. Draft Agenda for October 7, 2014, Regular Business Meeting

Mayor Thomas reviewed the draft agenda for October 7, 2014, Regular Business Meeting, and the extended agenda; and stated an item will be added for a future agenda regarding the East Monroe project/SEPA information.

Councilmember Cudaback requested the upcoming discussion items on Coffee Stand Regulations and Marijuana Buffers be advertised on the City's Facebook page; Mayor Thomas stated the information will be posted accordingly.

Councilmember Hanford inquired as to the Marijuana Buffers item; Mayor Thomas stated that discussion on additional buffers is on the agenda for the October 7, 2014, meeting.


**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion carried (6-0).

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 9:58 p.m.

  
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Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

  
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Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk

*Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of October 7, 2014.*