

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE

The April 16, 2019, Regular Study Session of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas at 7:00 p.m.; Monroe City Hall, Council Chambers.

Councilmembers present: Cudaback, Davis, Gamble, Hanford¹, Rasmussen, and Scarboro.

Staff members present: Adkisson, Bright, Farrell, Feilberg, Hasart, Knight, Peterson, Restall, and Swanson. City Attorney Kenny.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Gamble.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATION

1. Proclamation: Commemoration of Earth Day (April 22, 2019) & Arbor Day (April 26, 2019)

Mayor Thomas read a proclamation into the record recognizing April 22, 2019, as Earth Day and April 26, 2019, as Arbor Day; noted related community events; and invited residents and businesses in our community to join in recognizing the importance of preserving and enhancing our natural environment. The proclamation was presented to attending Monroe Park Boardmembers.

2. Presentation: WSDOT - US2 Paving & Expansion Project

Mr. Mark Sawyer, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), provided an update on upcoming WSDOT projects on US2; including: 2019 Construction Season - US2 Corridor, Spring/Summer 2019; US2/Bickford to Gold Bar – Paving; Pilchuck River Bridge – Joint Replacement; US2/I-5 to Bickford – Paving; and detour routes.

General discussion ensued regarding detour routes and ADA sidewalk ramp improvements.

3. Presentation: Monroe Boys & Girls Club (MBGC)

Mr. Bill Tsoukalas, Executive Director, Snohomish County Boys & Girls Club, provided an update on the Monroe Club, including: organizational information; Clubs in the County; Monroe Club programs, sports, and goals; donations received; 2018 highlights; community events hosted; potential upgrades; and legislative call to action.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no persons present wishing to speak during Public Comments.

¹ CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Hanford arrived at approximately 7:05 p.m. during Announcements and Presentations.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

1. Individual Councilmember Updates

Councilmember Gamble commented on the Big Heart Big Smile Foundation and the second annual Kaci Edelbrock Memorial 5k Run/Walk and upcoming Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee Meeting (HPAC).

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS – NONE.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. City Administrator Update

Ms. Deborah Knight, City Administrator, reported on recent meetings attended; 2019 Legislative Session items; and upcoming meetings schedule.

By Council consensus, letters of support will be prepared for items relating to SCCIT/federal matching grant funding, Snohomish County's capital budget request for Evergreen Speedway; and MBGC's capital budget request.

2. Mayor's Update/Monroe This Week (*April 12, 2019, Edition No. 13*)

Mayor Thomas reported on 2019 Legislative Session items and the upcoming Earth Day and Arbor Day community events.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. AB19-081: Building Official – Position/Pay Range

Mr. Ben. Warthan, Human Resources Director, and Mr. Ben Swanson, Community Development Director, provided background information on AB19-081, including: pay range comparables to local jurisdictions; pending retirements; and proposed plan of action to increase pay range and advertise for open position.

Discussion ensued regarding comparables and general Council consensus to proceed as proposed.

2. AB19-082: 191st Extension Project History

Mr. Scott Peterson, Deputy City Engineer, provided background information on AB19-082 and the history of the 191st Avenue SE Extension Project; including: project history (1999 through 2018); future growth (plats/road connections); project design overlap with proposed US2 Bypass project; and timeline of project.

Discussion ensued regarding project history; road connections; Bypass project; proposed trail connections; planned improvements to Chain Lake Road; and general Council consensus to hold on the 191st Extension Project pending the outcomes of the 2019

Legislative Session, continue to pursue trail connections, and review potential improvements to Chain Lake Road.

3. AB19-083: Unified Development Regulations

Mr. Swanson, Ms. Amy Bright, Associate Planner, and Mr. Daniel Kenny, Ogden Murphy Wallace, PLLC, provided background information on AB19-083 and the Unified Development Regulations projects; including proposed sign code regulations and recent related case law.

Discussion ensued regarding signage; content and “government speech;” and banners.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Mike Farrell, Parks & Recreation Director, and Ms. Tami Kinney, Monroe Park Board Chairperson, presented information on the Heritage Tree Program, Arbor Day Celebration, Tree City USA award, and recent tree planting event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried (6-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:52 p.m.

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

Elizabeth M. Adkisson, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of April 23, 2019.