



MONROE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Business Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
Zoom Online Meeting Platform

Mayor
Geoffrey Thomas

Councilmembers
*Heather Rousey, Mayor Pro Tem;
Patsy Cudaback; Kevin Hanford;
Jason Gamble, Jeff Rasmussen;
Ed Davis, & Kirk Scarboro*

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council meeting was held virtually via Zoom. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and Proclamation 20-28 issued by Governor Jay Inslee, in-person attendance is not permitted at this time.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present:

Davis (7:01 p.m.), Cudaback (7:02 p.m.), Hanford, Gamble, Rasmussen, Scarboro, and Rousey

Staff present:

Knight, Hasart, Swanson, Feilberg, Warthan, Farrell, Criswell, Roberts, Peterson, Huebner, Christian, and City Attorney Lell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Scarboro.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1. 2021 Council Meeting Schedule Approval
- 5.2. Accounts Payable Approval
- 5.3. November Payroll Warrant Approval
- 5.4. Approval of the Minutes: November 10, 2020, November 17, 2020, December 1, 2020, and December 8, 2020
- 5.5. Accept Project/Begin Lien Project for Adams Lane Utility Replacement Project
- 5.6. Authorize Mayor to Sign Consultant Agreements with Aspect and Robinson Noble for 2021 On-Call Geotechnical Services
- 5.7. Award Bid/Authorize Mayor to Sign Contract with McClure and Sons, Inc. for Department of Corrections (DOC) Second Reservoir Project
- 5.8. Accept Project and Begin Lien Period for Monroe Youth Activities Building Roof Replacement Project with Garland Company
- 5.9. Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement with Transpo Group for 147th Signal Civil and Structural Design Services
- 5.10. Authorize Mayor to Sign Local Agency Consultant Agreement with Toole Design for US 2 Non-motorized Shared Path Design Services
- 5.11. Authorize Preparation of Plans and Specifications/Solicitation of Bids for Construction (2021 Capital Improvement Projects)



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- 5.12. Authorize Mayor to Sign Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Monroe Police Sergeants Teamsters Bargaining Unit
- 5.13. Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Purchase and Sales Agreements with Beta-Monroe Plaza LLC and Oaks Street Development LLC to Acquire Oaks Street Public Right-of-Way
- 5.14. Authorize Mayor to Sign Legal Services Agreement with Ogden Murphy Wallace, PLLC

Motion: moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Rasmussen moved. Councilmember Cudaback seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. AB 6.1: Selection of 2021 Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Committees, and various Council Appointments

Mayor Thomas facilitated discussion. All Councilmembers expressed an interest in continuing on the same committees as 2020.

Motion: Move to appoint Councilmember Rousey as Mayor Pro-Tempore for 2021. Councilmember Cudaback moved. Councilmember Hanford seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion: Move to appoint Councilmember Cudaback as the Council representative to the French Creek Flood Control District Joint Board. Councilmember Cudaback moved. Councilmember Gamble seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion: Move to appoint Councilmember Rousey as the Council representative to the Snohomish County Tomorrow Steering Committee. Councilmember Hanford moved. Councilmember Scarboro seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion: Move to support the continued appointment of Linda Redmon, Snohomish City Councilmember, to continue to serve as the Snohomish County Board of Health District 5 representative. Councilmember Rousey moved. Councilmember Davis seconded. Discussion ensued regarding Sultan Councilmember Neigel's interest in serving. After discussion, motion failed 1-6 with Councilmember Rousey voting yeah.

Motion: Move to appoint Joe Neigel, Sultan City Councilmember, to serve as the Snohomish County Board of Health District 5 representative. Councilmember Hanford moved. Councilmember Rasmussen seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion: Move to assign Councilmembers Hanford and Rasmussen to review and sign bills for 2021. Councilmember Cudaback moved. Councilmember Gamble seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion: Move to reappoint Councilmembers to the same committees on which they served during 2020. Councilmember Rasmussen moved. Councilmember Scarboro seconded. Motion passed 7-0.



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STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Public Works – Mr. Roberts presented the report as included in the meeting packet.
2. Emergency Management – Mr. Feilberg updated regarding Evergreen Health Monroe's vaccination efforts and provided a summary of the semi-monthly COVID meetings to include various service agency efforts.
3. Community Development – Mr. Swanson stated the Planning Commission appointed Jay Bull as its Chairperson for 2021. Bridgette Tuttle was appointed Vice-Chairperson.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Cudaback wished everyone a Happy New Year; glad it's 2021. Read the following Ronald Reagan quote: "Freedom is a fragile thing and is never more than a generation away from extinction. It is not ours by inheritance. It must be fought for and defended constantly by each generation for it comes only once to people." Reason for this quote is the events last week at our nation's capital. They were shameful, criminal, and destructive, lives were lost. A peaceful transition of power is a cornerstone of democracy. This is one of the reasons that our first President, Washington, didn't run again. He wanted to insure and oversee when he left office there would be a peaceful transition of power. Wanted to make these comments as she is hopeful for our future, our community, she loves Monroe. Believes Monroe honors our differences and settles differences peacefully.

Councilmember Gamble thanked Councilmember Cudaback for her words. Wanted to thank everyone on this meeting. Lots of reflection after last week's events. Very grateful to live and serve in a community that when we have differences of opinion, we are able to work together. Truly appreciative we work together and that even when we are not 100% in alignment, when we vote on something, we move forward collectively. Cannot express how much this helps him personally get through all the recent events. This goes back to before last week; the divisiveness being experienced in 2020 across the board...wanted to extend a thank you to this group for its professionalism, giving spirit, giving back to the community, and how respectful everyone is. Honored to call everyone peers and to serve with you. Honored to serve this community. Monroe is a special place and appreciate all your service, all the City staff service, the Mayor. This is one of the greater experiences of his life to be able to do this. The last few months have brought doubts but this group has brought back how it is supposed to be. He truly appreciates that.

Councilmember Gamble mentioned that we were able to do the ceremonial opening of Lake Tye ballfields before end of 2020. The work this group did collectively to make this happen, he knows everyone wanted to be there but COVID prevented this. Appreciated that everyone sacrificed to allow him to attend knowing how important it was to him and thanked Mayor and staff for working with his schedule to make this happen. Truly appreciated that and happy to see everyone in the new year.

Councilmember Hanford loves what's been shared so far. Expanded on Councilmember Cudaback's information regarding President Washington; everyone wanted him to continue. Love the historical fact he chose to step down for a peaceful transfer. Quote he thinks of is "Ask not what your country can do for you..." from President Kennedy. Although for the country, bring it to the local level. As Councilmember Gamble stated, when Hanford logs on, he sees all those that are doing what they can, those that are stepping up to help our community, neighborhood, and City. As frustrating as national



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events may be, we are here doing what we can. Keep the faith, we will press through doing what we can.

Councilmember Davis thanked those that have spoken already. Very pleased to be in his position and to work with everyone here. It's a very special part of his life. Not everyone gets to experience this which makes it very special. Appreciates the work that we have done over the years and how we work together. Monroe is a special place and everyone here is a part of that. Thanked everyone for their words and work.

Councilmember Rasmussen couldn't agree more. The last week was tough and raised many questions but revived the gratitude for serving with everyone here. We are serving our community together; not serving for the benefit of something else. Makes him truly proud and grateful the service he does and everyone here does. It is for the benefit of the community and beyond. Thank you to everyone here.

Councilmember Rasmussen asked for an update regarding the letter to the Governor supporting youth sports, if that was still in process. Staff responded it's not yet done but they will follow up. Should be done before the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Scarboro mentioned that by the time he can comment, everyone has spoken but that he reiterates all that has been said. It is a pleasure to work with everyone and that we have at least one more year with this group and hopes it will be a good year. Thanked Councilmember Cudaback for nominating him for Mayor Pro-tem but that he is not comfortable doing so in a Zoom environment. Appreciate everyone's help and everyone on Council. Thank you.

Councilmember Rousey also appreciates all the cooperative work we do. Because of that, it is hard to understand the events in DC. Wants to echo everyone's thoughts on that. Also shared with staff that here computer and email is working.

Mayor Thomas has worked with many elected groups over the year. One of the hallmarks of our Council and our staff, and embedded in our community, is we are oriented to doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly through our days. As he reviews the events of last week, last year, last four years, feels there has been a departure from acknowledging responsibility. There is a focus on people's rights rather than also acknowledging that people have responsibilities. Feels one of the things he values about our community and how we do things is that we strive to do justice, we strive to do kindness, and we strive to be humble. As Councilmembers have said tonight, we listen to one another. We may disagree, that's part of what we should do. Iron sharpens iron. We get better as we challenge one another. We get new ideas and new ways of doing things through our passion. But it's still about justice, love, and being humble. If other governments could model those characteristics, we would all be in a better place. As with everyone else, feels blessed to serve with each of you and with our staff. Feels a real sense of love and value as he witnesses how the community does things. Thank you to each and every one, Council and staff alike, and to the members of our community that placed you in these positions and that support us. Thank you.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Administrator Update. Ms. Knight reviewed the extended agenda. Most items listed for January 26th were addressed this evening. Councilmember Scarboro asked that a fireworks discussion be added to the agenda for the near future. Councilmember Cudaback supported this request.



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Mayor’s Update. Mayor Thomas informed Council of his signing of a letter with the other Snohomish city Mayors and the County leadership addressed to the Governor regarding Snohomish County’s economic health and how Snohomish County compares with the counties to the south when considering the COVID reopening plan. Specifically, case data does not indicate that Snohomish small business are a source of outbreaks and consideration be given to reconsideration of the movement between phases for Snohomish County so small business may open sooner. Mayor Thomas updated regarding the City’s visioning process. The sounding board has chosen a name for the project – Imagine Monroe. He was very pleased with how the group discussed items. Ms. Knight provided additional details regarding visioning – next step is the one on one interviews and focus groups. One on one interviews will include Councilmembers.

Ms. Knight updated Council on the need to recruit and hire a full time City Clerk. There were no objections from the Council on moving forward with the process.

Ms. Knight provided information on the recent updates to the Economic Development web page, which includes demographic data that will be continually refreshed.

Ms. Knight gave an update on the City’s legislative efforts to date. There are many bills associated with Public Safety, of which our lobbyist is working closely with the Police Chief. The City’s parks funding bill will be receiving a hearing. Mr. Farrell is prepared to testify at the hearing.

OTHER

Mayor Thomas informed Council he has appointments next week with federal Representative Del Bene and state Representative Wagoner. Mayor Thomas will keep Council informed regarding these appointments.

City Attorney Lell thanked the City for the opportunity to continue to represent Monroe. He enjoys and appreciates working with the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Move to adjourn. Councilmember Scarboro moved. Councilmember Cudaback seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:10 p.m.

Geoffrey Thomas (Jan 28, 2021 08:57 PST)

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

Rabeca R. Hasart, Interim City Clerk






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Final Audit Report

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