

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The June 16, 2015, Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas at 7:00 p.m.; Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Staff members present: Brazel, Feilberg, Nelson, Osaki, Quenzer, and, Smoot; City Attorney Lell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Goering.

Mayor Thomas noted, without objection, the excused absence of Councilmember Gamble. No objections were noted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation: Speed Week 2015

Mayor Thomas read the proclamation into the record, encouraging Monroe's residents and businesses to celebrate Monroe's racing history by attending the exciting events being held at the Evergreen Speedway June 22, through June 28, 2015, and presented the proclamation to Ms. Traci Hobbs, Evergreen Speedway, Marketing Director.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

The following person spoke regarding the H3O Contract/Wakeboard Park: Mr. Dwight Nelson.

The following person spoke regarding the Highway 2/State Route 522 Pedestrian Crossing: Ms. Rosie Tatel.

The following persons spoke regarding panhandling and homelessness in Monroe: Ms. Heidi Webster, Ms. Julie Martinoli, Ms. Melissa Holmes, Ms. Madison Werner, Ms. Donna Olson, Mr. Terry Zuanich, Mr. Robert Smiley, Mr. Michael Lorio, and Ms. Christina Jorgenson.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes; June 9, 2015, Regular Business Meeting
2. Approval of AP Checks and ACH Payments; *Check Nos. 85975 through 85997, and ACH Payments in a total amount of \$1,534,677.28*

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. AB15-108: Discussion: 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update

Mr. David Osaki, Community Development Director, provided an update on the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update process, comments received, and timeline; and specifically reviewed the Draft Housing Element (Chapter 6) and changes proposed thereto addressing the comments received from Puget Sound Regional Council (PRSC).

General discussion ensued regarding housing data/averages and how they compare to nearby and like cities; increasing density through flexibility in street widths and sidewalks; and the incorporation of additional edits to address PSRC's comments.

2. Discussion: Downtown Parking - Time Restrictions

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director, presented background information on Downtown Parking – Time Restrictions, reviewing existing regulations, and proposed regulations; and opened discussion on the topic.

General discussion ensued regarding the existing and proposed parking time limit restrictions, additionally requested fifteen minutes spots from downtown business owners, enforcement, time frame for restrictions (currently 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.), and signage. Staff will prepare a resolution per the Council's discussion, and bring back for the full Council's consideration at a future meeting.

3. Discussion: H3O Contract

Mr. Gene Brazel, City Administrator, provided an update on the H3O Contract, and proposed contract amendments received from H3O. Mr. Chris Hogan and Mr. Brad Smith were present to answer questions on the proposed amendments.

General discussion ensued regarding the proposed contract amendments, phasing and timeline, financial investments/investors, current contract, rental payments, City use of designated premises, revenue estimates, and the construction timeline. Mayor Thomas noted that City Staff and the City Attorney will review the proposed amendments further, and bring back to the full Council for further discussion on Tuesday, July 21, 2015. In addition, the Mayor requested additional information to be provided by H3O regarding financial investments/investors and project permits/expiration dates.

NEW BUSINESS

1. AB15-109: Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Commute Trip Reduction Agreement with Community Transit

Mr. Osaki provided background information on AB15-109, the Commute Trip Reduction Agreement with Community Transit, and the proposed renewal of this agreement for four years.

Councilmember Kamp moved to authorize the Mayor to sign an inter-local agreement with Community Transit for Commute Trip Reduction services; and expressly authorize further minor revisions as deemed necessary or appropriate; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Goering.

General discussion ensued regarding Community Transit Service and bus stops, and the determination of qualifying businesses within the City.

On vote, Motion carried (5-0)¹.

2. AB15-110: Ordinance No. 010/2015, 2015 Budget Amendment; First Reading

Ms. Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, provided background information on AB15-110, and the proposed amendments to the 2015 Budget.

Councilmember Hanford moved to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 010/2015, amending the budget for fiscal year 2015 to account for actual beginning fund balances and new revenues and expenditures; authorizing and setting forth supportive findings for the use of certain reserves from the City's contingency fund in accordance with the City's adopted reserve policy; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback.

Councilmembers expressed their gratitude to Ms. Nelson for the clear presentation/description of amendments; and general discussion ensued regarding the salary commission and lobbyist (included in the professional services item) appropriations.

On vote, Motion carried (6-0).

FINAL ACTION

1. AB15-111: Resolution No. 012/2015, Adopting 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Feilberg provided background information on AB15-111 and the proposed resolution adopting the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Feilberg provided a handout of the TIP noting funding sources.

Councilmember Cudaback moved to approve Resolution No. 012/2015, adopting a Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the years 2016-2021; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen.
On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

¹ CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Kamp was absent from Council Chambers for the vote on AB15-109.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Goering commented on attendance at a Master Builder's Event for Elected Officials, the wonderful weather, and upcoming parks events/concerts/etc.

Councilmember Rasmussen commented on the wonderful weather, the running of his first half marathon, and volunteering at the upcoming triathlon event in Monroe.

Councilmember Cudaback commented on Miracle League game held the previous weekend, and attendance at a Stanwood City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Hanford commented on Councilmember Cudaback's recent promotion, and queried how Community Transit determines bus stop locations on a route. General discussion ensued regarding the determination process; and staff will look into the intersection of Blueberry Lane/Kelsey St and the bus stop location thereat.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Osaki provided a brief update on the Tractor Supply permit application, and the plat intake of Chain Lake Estates II.

Ms. Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, reported on the 2014 Transportation Benefit District (TBD) Filing Report, and information needed thereto; and stated staff is working to resolve a meter reading issue.

Mr. Feilberg reported on the completion of the pavement rating study, and the West Main Street project construction timeline.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Thomas reported on meetings held the previous week; the Miracle League game; distribution of the downtown outreach brochure/letter regarding permit fee waivers; the Flag Policy Committee; and comments received regarding downtown litter.

Mr. Brazel reported on contact from a party interested in Tract 999 (old landfill site).

1. Draft Agenda for June 23, 2015, Regular Business Meeting

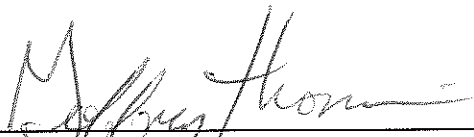
Mr. Brazel reviewed the draft agenda for the June 23, 2015, Regular Business Meeting; the extended agenda; and additions thereto.

ADJOURNMENT

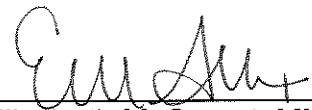
There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Hanford and seconded by Councilmember Goering to adjourn the meeting. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:59 p.m.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



Elizabeth M. Smoot, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of June 23, 2015.