

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The July 21, 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, Gamble¹, Goering, Hanford, Kamp, and Rasmussen.

Staff members present: Brazel, Osaki, Quenzer, Smoot, and Warthan; City Attorney Lell².

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Kamp.

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

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

The following persons spoke regarding poverty and services offered thereto, and 'Take the Next Step.' Ms. Sarah Lunstrum, and Pastor Michael Lorio.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes; July 14, 2015, Regular Business Meeting
2. Approval of AP Checks and ACH Payments (*Check Nos. 86057 through 86097 and ACH Payments in a total amount of \$924,467.13*)

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. AB15-127: Discussion: 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update

Mr. David Osaki, Community Development Director, provided an update on the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update process and timeline; and specifically noted that the Planning Commission has reviewed nine of the ten goals, and hopes to finish review of the last goal in the coming week. The Planning Commission's recommendation is estimated to be presented to the City Council in August, and to be followed by City Council hosted public hearings and potential adoption of the plan in September. At the July 28, 2015, Council Meeting, a resolution extending the estimated completion date of the Comprehensive Plan will be before the full Council for their consideration.

¹ CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Gamble arrived at approximately 7:03 p.m. during Comments from Citizens.

² CLERK'S NOTE: City Attorney Lell arrived at approximately 7:08 p.m. during Comments from Citizens.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Potential Litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii)] (10 minutes)

Mayor Thomas stated that the Council would recess into Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii)] for approximately 10 minutes, read the appropriate citation into the record, and noted, without objection, the other executive session items would be addressed later in the agenda. No objections were noted.

The meeting recessed into executive session at 7:16 p.m., the session was extended for an additional 25 minutes, and the meeting reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. AB15-128: Discussion: Panhandling Regulations [MMC 9.35]

Police Chief Tim Quenzer presented information on Monroe Municipal Code 9.35, Regulation of Solicitation, including: definitions of criminal trespass, disorderly conduct, and soliciting/panhandling; crimes – prosecution; and similarities to local jurisdictions.

General discussion ensued regarding the existing code/regulations, number of complaints filed with the Police Department in this regard (none recently), development of an educational campaign/materials for distribution to citizens and business owners regarding MMC 9.35, and areas of concern. Mayor Thomas noted staff will prepare educational materials for distribution.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Potential Litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii)] (10 minutes)
2. Potential Litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii)] (10 minutes)
3. Potential Litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii)] (10 minutes)(added at the time of the meeting)

Mayor Thomas stated that the Council would recess into Executive Session to discuss three items of Potential Litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii)] for approximately 20 minutes total and read the appropriate citations into the record.

The meeting recessed into executive session at 8:07 p.m., the session was extended for an additional 50 minutes, and the meeting reconvened at 9:17 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Gamble commented on the weather, the new Farmer's Market in Monroe, and positive comments received regarding Staff and parks/ballfields.

Councilmember Rasmussen commented on the NSA Tournament held in Monroe, and additional weekend events attended.

Councilmember Cudaback commented on the groundbreaking ceremony for the Tjerne Place SE Extension project.

Councilmember Hanford commented on the groundbreaking ceremony for the Tjerne Place SE Extension project, and the Farmer's Market.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

There were no staff members present with reports.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Downtown Parking (*added at the time of the meeting*)

Mayor Thomas commented on an email received by the Mayor and City Council regarding the new Downtown parking restrictions and their effect on residential citizens in that area. City Administrator Gene Brazel presented information on the new restrictions and location of residential units the Downtown area.

General discussion ensued regarding potential parking options to address these concerns. Mayor Thomas noted, without objection, the citizen who emailed would like to speak regarding these issues. No objections were noted.

The following person spoke regarding downtown parking restrictions: Ms. Rachel Strom.

Mayor Thomas noted, with Council's agreement, a discussion on this item will be scheduled for a future Council Meeting. No objections were noted.

2. Monroe This Week (*July 17, 2015, Edition 5*)

Mayor Thomas reported on meetings held and events attended the previous week, and noted upcoming events.

3. Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) – Noticing (*added at the time of the meeting*)

Mr. Brazel noted that Attorney Lell would be addressing Councilmember Gamble's questions regarding noticing requirements of the OPMA. Attorney Lell presented information regarding noticing requirements and recommended actions thereto.

General discussion ensued regarding noticing requirements and attendance at community events.

2. Draft Agenda for July 28, 2015, Regular Business Meeting

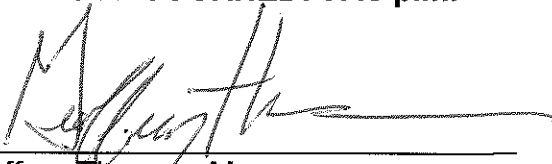
Mr. Brazel reviewed the draft agenda for the July 28, 2015, Regular Business Meeting, the extended agenda, and additions thereto. Councilmembers Goering and Kamp requested an East Monroe GMHB Compliance Extension Request be added to the agenda for July 28, 2015. Councilmember Cudaback and Rasmussen noted upcoming absences.

ADJOURNMENT

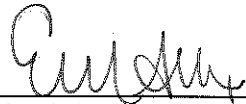
There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Hanford and seconded by Councilmember Gamble to adjourn the meeting. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:43 p.m.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



Elizabeth M. Smoot, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of July 28, 2015.