

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The August 25, 2015, Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas at 7:02 p.m.; Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Staff members present: Baker, Brazel, Farrell, Feilberg, Nelson, Osaki, Quenzer, Smoot, and Warthan.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Thomas.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation: Snohomish County Executive John Lovick

Mr. John Lovick, Snohomish County Executive, spoke regarding the following topics: safe schools for kids, transportation, the decreasing joblessness rate in Snohomish County, the S.K.I.P. (Safe Kids Improved Pathways) program, and the Triple R Program (creating a panel for homelessness, mental health, and chemical dependency).

2. AB 15-147: Confirmation of Planning Commission Appointment; Oath of Office

Mayor Thomas provided background information on the appointment process and the candidate for confirmation.

Councilmember Hanford moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Brian Coonan to the Monroe Planning Commission; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback.

Mayor Thomas responded to Council inquiry regarding the Salary Commission.

On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

Ms. Elizabeth Smoot, City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office for Mr. Coonan.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

The following person spoke regarding AB15-144 and the proposed cable wakeboard park at Lake Tye Park: Mr. Greg Dick.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes; August 18, 2015, Regular Business Meeting

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. AB15-144: Discussion: Proposed H3O Contract Amendments (*Postponed from August 11, 2015*)

Mr. Gene Brazel, City Administrator, provided background information on AB15-144 and an update on discussions with H3O since the August 11th Council Meeting.

General discussion ensued regarding the proposed H3O contract amendments, financing, phasing, construction, rental payments, the current contract, required bond, permitting, and the name of the cable park. During discussion, members of H3O (Mr. Brad Smith, Mr. Greg Dick, and Mr. Chris Hogan) were present to address Council and answer questions.

Councilmember Goering moved to direct staff to enter into negotiations with H3O for a phased approach of the current contract, with completion of those negotiations, and something back to Council, by the end of September (2015); the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis.

Discussion ensued regarding other projects scheduled at Lake Tye Park during the proposed timeframe, points to address in the drafting of an amended contract, and Councilmember's preference for next steps.

On vote, Motion carried (4-2);
Councilmember Cudaback and Rasmussen opposed.

2. AB15-145: Discussion: Utility Rates (*Postponed from August 11, 2015*)

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director, provided updated information regarding AB15-145 and the recommended changes to water, sanitary sewer and stormwater utility rates.

General discussion ensued regarding the water rate policy recommendations, effect on single family residences, revenue stability versus volume usage, proposal to reduce the revenue received from the monthly base charge to forty percent (as opposed to the recommended 55.6 percent), and option to adjust the percentage in the future, as needed.

Councilmember Cudaback moved to adopt all recommended policy options as detailed in AB15-145¹, with an amendment to 1(b), to strike 55.6 and insert 40; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

3. AB15-148: Discussion: 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update

Mr. Dave Osaki, Community Development Director, provided an update on the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update process; specifically noting the Planning Commission has completed final review of three additional chapters, and hopes to complete review of the final two chapters at the next meeting. Mr. Osaki noted Chapter Two of the plan, included in the packet for Council's review, as it specifically focuses on the vision, framework, goals and policies.

General discussion ensued regarding Chapter Two and additional minor edits.

4. AB15-149: Discussion: Impact Fees

Mr. Feilberg presented background information on AB15-149 and the recommended changes to impact fees and system development charges.

In response to Council request, Mayor Thomas noted that this item would be scheduled for a meeting mid-September, to allow Council additional time to review materials prior to taking action.

NEW BUSINESS

1. AB15-150: Approval of Use and Display of United States of America Flag Policy

Mr. Mike Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director, presented a draft policy concerning the use and display of the United States of America Flag, created and approved by an ad-hoc committee; and noted the policy has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

Councilmember Goering moved to approve the Use and Display of United States of America Flag Policy as proposed; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis.

Discussion ensued regarding training of Parks staff and language in Section 6.3.1.

On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

¹ CLERK'S NOTE: includes policy recommendations 1(a) through 1(d) concerning water rates, 2(a) through 2(e) concerning sanitary sewer rates, and 3(a) concerning stormwater rates; as detailed in the Description/Background section of AB15-145.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Gamble commented on Monroe Youth and High School Football programs, the Heart By Heart concert, the Main Street Plaza Ribbon-Cutting event, and on his daughter's recent baptism and confirmation.

Councilmember Davis commented of the Main Street Plaza Ribbon-Cutting event.

Councilmember Rasmussen commented on the Heart By Heart concert, Movies Under the Moon, Main Street Plaza Ribbon-Cutting event, the forthcoming Farmer's Market, and the fires in Eastern Washington.

Councilmember Cudaback commented on the Main Street Plaza Ribbon-Cutting event, and the upcoming Evergreen State Fair and Monroe Fair Days Parade.

Councilmember Hanford commented on the Heart by Heart concert, and upcoming Movies Under the Moon and Fair Days Parade.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Farrell reported on the Movies Under the Moon series and downtown banners.

Mr. Osaki provided an update on the East Monroe Rezone project.

Police Chief Tim Quenzer reported on the Monroe Police S.W.A.T. team activities.

Mayor Thomas recognized Mr. Feilberg for his recent graduation from the F.E.M.A. Advisory Academy, offered his congratulations, and noted the many hats and versatility of Mr. Feilberg.

1. Staff Report on Land Sales Update

Mr. Brazel reported there were no new updates regarding land sales.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Monroe This Week (*August 21, 2015, Edition No. 10*)

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

Mr. Brazel commented on the fires in Eastern Washington.

2. Draft Agenda for September 1, 2015, Regular Business Meeting

Mr. Brazel reviewed the draft agenda for the September 1, 2015, Regular Business Meeting, the extended agenda, and additions thereto.

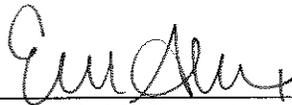
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Cudaback and seconded by Councilmember Goering to adjourn the meeting. On vote,
Motion carried (6-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:10 p.m.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



Elizabeth M. Smoot, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of September 1, 2015.