

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The September 1, 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: Cudaback¹, Davis, Gamble, Goering, Hanford, Kamp, and Rasmussen.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Hanford.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. AB15-151: Confirmation of Ethics Board Appointment; Oath of Office

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

Councilmember Goering moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Chris Johnson to the Monroe Ethics Board; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

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

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

There were no citizens' present wishing to address the City Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes; August 25, 2015, Regular Business Meeting
2. Approval of AP Checks and ACH Payments

Councilmember Goering moved to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. AB15-152: 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 Chapter 5, Economic Development, and hopes to complete

¹ CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Cudaback arrived at approximately 7:32 p.m. during Staff Reports.

review of the final chapter at the next meeting (September 14, 2015). Mr. Osaki also presented proposed language to add to the adopting ordinance which allows non-substantive (formatting, etc.) changes to be made to the Plan post-adoption.

General discussion ensued regarding what constitutes 'non-substantive' edits; and Council conveyed their consensus to add this language to the adopting ordinance.

2. AB15-153: Discussion: Planning Commission Compensation

Mr. Gene Brazel, City Administrator provided background information on AB15-153, and presented information on the following topics in response to Council inquiry: additional information regarding the history of compensation for the Planning Commission; consultation with the City Attorney regarding legality of compensation; and examples of training available for Planning Commissioners.

General discussion ensued regarding the history of Planning Commission compensation, comparison to local jurisdictions, option to increase payment per meeting (as opposed to a salary), the allocation of a training budget, and appreciation for the Planning Commission's work.

Councilmember Hanford moved to request an ordinance be prepared amending MMC 2.32.010, Salaries of Commissioners, to increase compensation by \$25 per meeting, for a total of \$75.00 per meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Goering.

Councilmember Kamp commented on the proposed increase and thanked the Planning Commission for their work.

On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Goering thanked departing Planning Commissioner Wayne Rodland for his service.

Councilmember Gamble commented on the Monroe Fair Days Parade held the previous weekend, Monroe Youth and High School Football, and a recent trip to Seattle.

Councilmember Davis commented on the Monroe Fair Days Parade.

Councilmember Kamp commented on the Monroe Fair Days Parade, and thanked the Monroe Chamber of Commerce for their partnership.

Councilmember Rasmussen commented on the Monroe Fair Days Parade and the quarterly Downtown Monroe Clean-Up event.

Councilmember Hanford commented on the Monroe Fair Days Parade, the upcoming Monroe High School Football game, and the Evergreen State Fair; and thanked the Police for their work.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Tim Quenzer reported on the Monroe Fair Days Parade and associated events, and incidents deriving from the Fair.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Monroe This Week (*August 28, 2015, Edition No. 11*)

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

Mayor Thomas recognized the Wastewater Treatment Plan, and their receipt of the Outstanding Performance Award/plaque from the Department of Ecology.

2. Draft Agenda for September 8, 2015, Regular Business Meeting

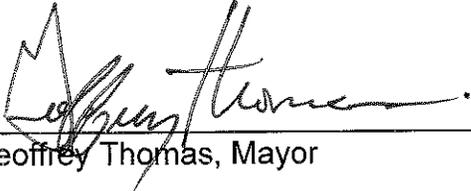
Mr. Brazel reviewed the draft agenda for the September 8, 2015, Regular Business Meeting, the extended agenda, and additions thereto.

Discussion ensued regarding the Planning Commission compensation increase, and a proposed recognition event for the Commission upon completion of the Comprehensive Plan Update.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Goering and seconded by Councilmember Kamp to adjourn the meeting. On vote,
Motion carried (7-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:40 p.m.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



Elizabeth M. Smoot, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of September 8, 2015.