

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The August 9, 2016, Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Geoffrey Thomas at 7:00 p.m.; Council Chambers, City Hall.

Councilmembers present: Davis, Hanford, Kamp, Rasmussen, and Scarboro.

Staff members present: Brazel, Feilberg, Ginnard, Karns, Nelson, Osaki, Smoot, and Warthan.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Thomas.

Mayor Thomas noted, without objection the excused absence of Councilmembers Cudaback and Gamble. No objections were noted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation: Snohomish County Councilmember H. Dunshee

Snohomish County Councilmember H. Dunshee presented information on the following topics: ride along attended with a Deputy Sheriff, the county budget, failure of proposition no. 1, river trails program, and employment opportunities.

2. Presentation: Proposed 2017 Legislative Priorities (Green Light Strategies)

Mr. Bryan Wahl, Green Light Strategies, presented information on the proposed City of Monroe 2017 Legislative Priorities, including: transportation (SR522), Capital Budget (Lake Tye Park Athletic Fields), and policy/fiscal issues (Main Street Program Funding, Fiscal Sustainability); and additional issues identified for monitoring over the 2017 legislative session.

General discussion ensued regarding the legislative priorities pamphlet layout and addition of public records to the priorities listing. It was noted that approval of the 2017 Legislative Priorities is scheduled for later in the evening's agenda.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

The following persons spoke regarding a water bill delinquency notice and charge: Mr. Al Hooper.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes; July 26, 2016, Regular Business Meeting
2. Approval of Payroll Warrants and ACH Payments (*Check Nos. 34833 through 34861 and ACH/EFT Payments in a total amount of \$1,115,032.82*)

Councilmember Rasmussen moved to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. On vote,
Motion carried (5-0).

NEW BUSINESS

1. AB16-106: Approval of 2017 Legislative Priorities

Mr. Gene Brazel, City Administrator, provided background information on AB16-106 and the proposed 2017 Legislative Priorities.

Councilmember Kamp moved to approve the City of Monroe 2017 Legislative Priorities as presented; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford.

Councilmember Kamp moved to amend the City of Monroe 2017 Legislative Priorities to add 'Public records' to the Policy/Fiscal Issues list; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,
Motion carried (5-0).

On vote, Main Motion, as amended, carried (5-0).

2. AB16-107: Authorize Mayor to Sign Consultant Agreement for Building Inspection and Building Plan Review Services with BHC Consultants

Mr. Dave Osaki, Community Development Director, provided background information on AB16-107 and the proposed consultant agreement with BHC Consultants for Building Inspection and Building Plan Review Services.

Councilmember Hanford moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Consultant Agreement for Building Inspection and Building Plan Review Services with BHC Consultants; and expressly authorize further minor revisions as deemed necessary or appropriate; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. On vote,
Motion carried (5-0).

3. AB16-108: Ordinance No. 013/2016, Amending MMC 5.03, Admission Tax; First Reading

Mr. Brazel provided background information on AB16-108 and the proposed ordinance amending MMC 5.03, Admissions Tax.

General discussion ensued regarding the proposed amendments, types of businesses to be charged, exemptions, the 'pass-through' nature of the tax, definition of 'admission' and how applied to the taxing of applicable businesses, and tax currently collected.

Councilmember Hanford moved to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 013/2016, an ordinance of the City of Monroe, Washington, amending Monroe Municipal Code Chapter 5.03, Admissions Tax; updating and clarifying the taxable activities subject to said chapter; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp.

General discussion ensued regarding identification of businesses to be taxed, exemptions, recreational versus entertainment activities, and additional information requested prior to adoption of the proposed ordinance.

On vote,

Motion carried (4-1);
Councilmember Rasmussen opposed.

Mayor Thomas stated staff will bring back the ordinance for second reading at a future Council Meeting along with the information requested.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

1. City Council Legislative Affairs Committee (Councilmember Kamp)

Councilmember Kamp reported on the items discussed at the August 9, 2016, City Council Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting, including: the at-large City Council position, proposed changes to Council Rules of Procedure and code for development review improvements, and the 2017 legislative priorities.

2. Community Transit Board of Directors Meeting (Councilmember Cudaback)

Mayor Thomas noted the inclusion of the agenda for the August 4, 2016, Community Transit Board of Directors Meeting was included in the agenda packet. No verbal report was provided.

3. Snohomish Health District Board of Directors (Councilmember Rasmussen)

Councilmember Rasmussen reported on the items discussed at the August 9, 2016, Snohomish Health District Board of Directors Meeting, the Health District response to a recent E. coli occurrence at a local school, and the \$2.00 per capita investment proposal.

4. Snohomish County Tomorrow Steering Committee (Councilmember Kamp)

Councilmember Kamp noted he was unable to attend the meeting and the inclusion of the agenda for the July 27, 2016, Snohomish County Tomorrow Steering Committee Meeting was included in the agenda packet.

5. Individual Reports

Councilmember Rasmussen commented on attendance at the National Night Out Against Crime event, Lake Tye Tri, Movies in the Moon, upcoming skate park grand opening, and Sky Valley Education clean-up effort.

Councilmember Hanford commented on the Sky Valley Education clean-up effort, recent vacation, and review of meeting information and audio recordings.

Councilmember Scarboro commented on attendance at the National Night Out Against Crime event.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Individual Department Reports

Mr. Ben Warthan, Human Resources Director/IT Manager, reported on the updating of the Council Chambers laptops.

Deputy Police Chief Ken Ginnard provided information on 'panhandling' regulations in response to inquiry by Councilmember Scarboro.

Mr. Osaki reported on final and incoming plat applications, and staffing levels.

Ms. Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, provided information on the water delinquency/shut-off policy and stated she will be in contact with Mr. Al Hooper.

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director, provided information on the Woods Creek project in response to inquiry by Councilmember Scarboro.

2. Tract 999 Legal Services Update

Mr. Brazel noted the executed Legal Services Contract provided in the packets; and provided an update on interest in Tract 999.

Mr. Brazel also noted dates of the 2017 AWC City Actions Days, upcoming Evergreen State Fair Days dinner, and provided an update on the Propulsion Cablepark Monroe.

3. Public Works Update

No verbal report was provided.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Monroe This Week (*August 5, 2016, Edition No. 31*)

Mayor Thomas noted the inclusion of Monroe This Week, Edition No. 31, in the agenda packet, and reported on the following items: standards for new development, 191st extension options, National Night Out, Coffee with the Mayor, Monroe Board and Blade Skate Park grand opening, and Movies in the Moon.

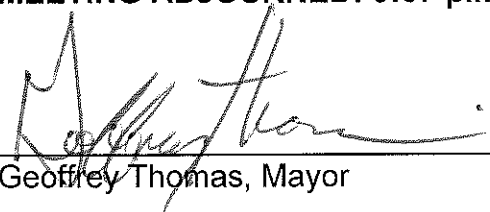
2. Draft Agenda for August 16, 2016, Regular Business Meeting

Mr. Brazel reviewed the draft agenda for the August 16, 2016, Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting, the extended agenda, and additions/edits thereto. Council noted the desire to cancel the September 6, 2016, regular business meeting, if none was needed. The cancellation will be discussed further at the August 16, 2016, meeting.

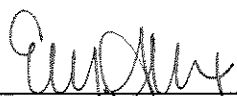
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Kamp and seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen to adjourn the meeting. On vote,
Motion carried (5-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:07 p.m.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



Elizabeth M. Smoot, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of August 16, 2016.