

**CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS/STUDY SESSION MINUTES
November 22, 2011**

The Business/Study Session of the Monroe City Council was held on November 22, 2011, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Robert Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilpersons present: Balk, Kamp, Cudaback, Tuttle, Stima, Williams, and Goering.

It was noted that Councilperson Cudaback would be a few minutes late.

Staff present: Brazel, Feilberg, Warthan, Quenzer, Harris, Farrell, Roberts, Sax, and Martinson.

City Attorney Zach Lell was not present.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilperson Cudaback entered Council Chambers at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Zimmerman explained that he would like to move the executive session to prior to Final Action #2 (2012 Budget discussion).

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Vicki Mullen, 10312 210th Street SE, Snohomish, addressed Council regarding downtown activities, including "Small Business Saturday", the tree lighting ceremony and the High School Band will play. There will also be a wine sampling for \$20. She also noted the Chamber fundraiser "Black and White Ball". DREAM has created a "rack card" listing the downtown merchants, and will do the same for the service businesses in January. There will be a blood drive at Regency Care Center on Tuesday, November 29th, from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

BUSINESS & ACTION ITEMS

FINAL ACTION

Authorize Purchase of a Demographic Study for the Monroe Area

Economic Development Manager Sax explained that the purpose was to purchase a demographic analysis from Weis Communications. It would include 24 separate reports analyzing business demographics, the residential capacity, commercial capacity, and impacts of the entire impact areas surrounding the City.

After discussion the motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Williams, to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Weis Communications to provide research and reports on Demographic, Employment, Household Life stages, and Retail Characteristics, not to exceed \$5,750.

After further discussion, the motion was on the floor to authorize Mayor to sign contract with Weise Communications. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

At Chief Quenzer's request, Final Action #3 (Interlocal Agreement for the North Sound Metro Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Crisis Negotiating Team) was delayed until after the executive session on collective bargaining.

Authorization to Lift Hiring Freeze to Fill the Managing Engineer Position

Without staff introduction of the topic, the motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Kamp, to lift the hiring freeze to refill the Managing Engineer position.

After a brief discussion, the motion was on the floor. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Collective Bargaining

Mayor Zimmerman stated that there was a need for an executive session, for approximately 30 minutes, for purposes for purposes of discussion collective bargaining, pursuant to RCW42.30.140(4), as read into the record by City Administrator Brazel.

MEETING RECESSED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:20 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS EXTENDED

MEETING RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION: 8:20 p.m.

FINAL ACTION (continued)

Interlocal Agreement for the North Sound Metro Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Crisis Negotiating Team

Chief Quenzer gave a brief overview explaining that this was an Interlocal Agreement that would merge the City's SWAT team with five other cities' SWAT teams (Bothell, Edmonds, Lake Forest Park, Lynnwood, and Mountlake Terrace). It has been approved by Washington Cities Insurance Authority and Monroe's City Attorney. The merger would bring a tremendous amount of resources to the City. It would also increase the amount of SWAT officers available for incidents that might occur in any of the participating cities.

The motion was made by Councilperson Balk and seconded by Councilperson Williams, to authorize the Mayor to sign the proposed agreement between the Cities of Bothell, Edmonds, Lake Forest Park, Lynnwood, Monroe, and Mountlake Terrace for SERT/SWAT team services.

After discussion and comments, the motion was on the floor to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

2012 Budget: A. Budget Discussion; B. Ordinance Setting Property Tax Levy

Finance Director Nelson asked if there were any changes that Council wanted to make to the proposed ordinance. The ordinance must be adopted tonight in order to get it to the Assessor's office in time.

After discussion, the motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Tuttle, to approve as second and final reading, Ordinance #027/2011 Option "A" with no increase, an ordinance of the City of Monroe, Washington, fixing the amount of taxes to be levied by the City for the calendar year 2012.

After discussion, the motion was on the floor to adopt Ordinance #027/2011. On vote,

Motion carried 6/1.

Councilperson Balk was opposed.

COUNCIL RECESSED AND RECONVENED INTO STUDY SESSION: 8:40 p.m.

STUDY SESSION ITEMS

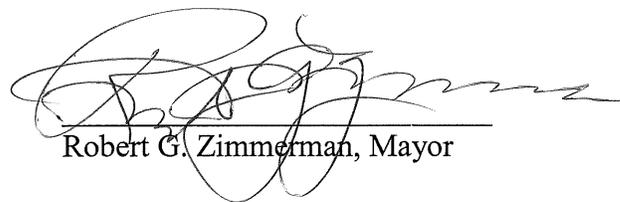
Mayor Zimmerman explained that there was a need for a meeting on November 29th, for purposes of discussing collective bargaining.

Draft Agenda for December 6, 2011

City Administrator Brazel presented the draft agenda for December 6, 2011. It was noted that the Cable Park item was tentative at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:45 p.m.



Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor

Eadye Martinson, Deputy City Clerk