

**CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS/STUDY SESSION MINUTES
February 14, 2012**

The Business/Study Session of the Monroe City Council was held on February 14, 2012, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Robert Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilpersons present: Goering, Cudaback, Williams, Kamp, Davis, Gamble and Hanford.

It was noted that Councilperson Gamble would be about five minutes late.

Staff present: Brazel, Feilberg, Warthan, Quenzer, Willis, Bremner, Sax, Popelka, and Martinson.

City Attorney Zach Lell was not present.

Councilperson Gamble entered chambers at 7:01 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Vicki Mullen, 10312 210th Street SE, Snohomish, addressed Council regarding the Fremont Street Utility Replacement project, the Comp Plan, and Downtown Plan.

BUSINESS & ACTION ITEMS

Staffing: Design & Construction

Public Works Director Feilberg explained about the staffing needs in this department.

After discussion, the motion was made by Williams and seconded by Cudaback to lift hiring freeze for the replacement of one Administrative Clerk with one Administrative Specialist in the Public Works Department. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

The motion was made by Williams and seconded by Goering to authorize hiring of one Senior Engineer rather than a Managing Engineer. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

FINAL ACTION

Select Design Alternative/Fremont Utility Replacement Project

Public Works Director Feilberg gave a brief overview. He introduced Rebecca from RH2 Engineering and Scott Peterson, City of Monroe Senior Engineer, who gave additional information and options for the project.

Council consensus was to move forward with Alternative C as the future East Fremont Street corridor between the intersection with Lewis Street and Ann Street, and direct staff to bring back more information on right-of-way costs.

Amend the 2012 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket and Work Program (Amend Language Regarding the North Kelsey Development Plan and Downtown Master Plan)

Permit and Planning Manager Popelka gave an overview explaining the proposed changes.

After discussion the motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Kamp, to amend the 2012 Work Program amending the 2012 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket to add CPA2012-D (Revision of Regulatory Language for the North Kelsey Development Plan and Downtown Master Plan) and establishing deadlines for Planning Commission recommendations to the City Council as scheduled in this report.

After further discussion, the motion was on the floor to amend the 2012 Work Program. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

Lift Hiring Freeze and Authorize Replacement of Deputy Chief Position

Chief Quenzer explained that the Deputy Chief's resignation becomes effective on March 1st. The position is funded in 2012 budget.

After discussion the motion was made by Councilperson Hanford and seconded by Councilperson Cudaback, to lift the hiring freeze for the replacement of the Deputy Chief position.

After further discussion, the motion was on the floor. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

Select E-mail Options

Denise explained the breakdown on the costs and differences between options for e-mail.

The motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Cudaback, to approve the purchase of a new Exchange server for the Police Department with 30 licenses at a cost of \$7,425.36 (Option #4). City Hall employees will be migrated to Google Apps. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

COUNCIL RECESSED AND RECONVENED INTO STUDY SESSION: 8:19 p.m.

STUDY SESSION ITEMS

Transportation Benefit District

Public Works Director Feilberg gave a brief overview.

After discussion, the motion was made by Hanford and seconded by Kamp, to direct staff to bring forward a draft ordinance establishing a Transportation Benefit District with no limitations on funding on March 13, 2012.

Councilperson Williams commented and added the friendly amendment caveats that there be no license fee increase without voter approval and no bonds or loans would be taken out using this as collateral; all fees are to be voter approved. The friendly amendment was accepted by the maker of the motion. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

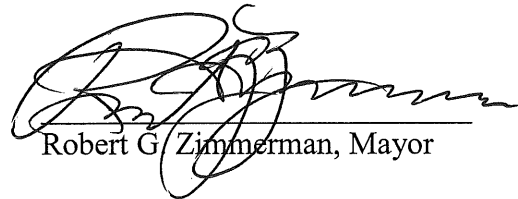
Draft Agenda for February 21, 2012

City Administrator Brazel presented the draft agenda for February 21, 2012.

There will be a Finance & Human Resources Council Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 21st.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:41 p.m.



Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor



Eadye Martinson, Deputy City Clerk