

**CITY COUNCIL  
STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
April 10, 2012**

The Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was held on April 10, 2012, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. It was noted that Mayor Zimmerman would be late. Mayor Pro-Tem Goering 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 Kamp would be late.

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

City Attorney Zach Lell was not present.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

Byron Neff, 531 Terrace Street, Monroe, addressed Council regarding people parking vehicles on their lawns. He distributed photos of the offending property.

**BUSINESS & ACTION ITEMS:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Confirm Mayor's Appointment/New Ethics Board Member**

Mayor Pro-Tem Goering noted the information provided on Bryan Vick, the applicant who Mayor Zimmerman had interviewed for the Ethics Board.

The motion was made by Councilperson Hanford and seconded by Councilperson Cudaback, to approve the appointment of Bryan Vick to the Ethics Board. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**1. Transportation Benefit District**

Public Works Director Feilberg gave a brief introduction, explaining the purpose of a Transportation Benefit District and the proposed projects.

After a clarifying question from Council, Mayor Pro-Tem Goering opened the public testimony portion of the public hearing.

Joel Phillips, 505 Circle Drive, Monroe, addressed Council in opposition to the Hill Street expansion.

Jeff Rasmussen, 16655 150<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Monroe, addressed Council in support of the

Transportation Benefit District; he encouraged using the sales tax increase for funding instead of license fee increase.

The motion was made by Councilperson Williams and seconded by Councilperson Gamble to close public testimony portion of public hearing. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

Councilperson Kamp entered Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m.

The motion was made by Councilperson Gamble and seconded by Councilperson Cudaback, to close the public hearing. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

### **FINAL ACTION**

**1. Lift Hiring Freeze and Authorize Filling 2 Seasonal Parks Maintenance Positions**

Parks and Recreation Director Farrell gave a brief introduction and provided the additional information, as requested by Council at the previous meeting. Finance Director Nelson provided additional clarifying information.

After discussion, the motion was made by Councilperson Cudaback and seconded by Councilperson Hanford, to lift the hiring freeze and authorize filling two seasonal parks maintenance positions. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**1. Executive Session: Pertaining to Pricing of Property**

Mayor Pro-Tem Goering explained that there was a need to go into executive session for approximately 10 minutes, to discuss the minimum price for which real estate will be offered for sale or lease, in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 (c), as read into the record by City Administrator Brazel. There is expected to be action at the end of the meeting.

MEETING RECESSED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:32 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION: 7:52 p.m.

The motion was made by Councilperson Gamble and seconded by Councilperson Cudaback, to authorize the mayor to transmit a notice of sale offer to Galaxy Cinemas in accordance with the terms recommended by staff. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

MEETING RECONVENED INTO STUDY SESSION 7:52 p.m.

Mayor entered Chambers at 7:53 p.m.

**STUDY SESSION TOPICS:**

**1. Discuss Extension of Senior Center Ground Lease**

This item will be rescheduled.

**2. Department Reports**

**Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)**

Feilberg stated that the project was going well and invited Council to tour the WWTP.

**Finance Department**

Nelson explained that the City gets just 10% of property taxes that Monroe collects, which covers all City services.

Mayor Zimmerman commented that revenue will increase with property taxes that are due soon.

**Economic Development**

Economic Development Manager Sax reported on two big buildings that are soon to be occupied again.

Mayor Zimmerman reported on the company that will bring 350 jobs to Monroe.

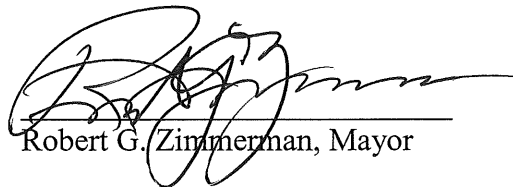
**3. Draft Agenda for April 17, 2012**

City Administrator Brazel presented the draft agenda for April 17, 2012.

Councilperson Cudaback commented on the Health District report that is available on their Website.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:03 p.m.



Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor



Eadye Martinson, Deputy City Clerk