

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE

The October 2, 2018, Regular Study Session of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas at 7:00 p.m.; Monroe City Hall, Council Chambers.

Councilmembers present: Cudaback¹, Davis², Gamble, Hanford³, Kamp, Rasmussen, and Scarboro.

Staff members present: Adkisson, Hasart, Irving, Knight, Peterson, Ryan, and Willis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Scarboro.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation: Economic Alliance of Snohomish County - Annual Report

Mr. Patrick Pierce, President and CEO, and Mr. Erick Ashlie-Vinke, Senior Manager, Business and Economic Advocacy, presented information on Economic Alliance Snohomish County; including: About EASC; Mission; Vision; Board Objectives; Our Population; Economic Overview; Skilled Workforce; Globally Connected; One Voice (440 Members); Advocate/Develop/Connect; upcoming events; and an update on the Washington DC "Fly-In" event.

Discussion ensued regarding the "Fly-In" event; SR522; transportation corridors; the SR522 Coalition; and connections of employment centers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no persons present wishing to address City Council.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Gamble commented on attendance at a fundraiser for a local family.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS – NONE

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. City Administrator Update

Mayor Thomas reviewed the Tuesday, October 9, 2018, Business Meeting agenda and the extended agenda.

Councilmember Hanford noted he will be absent from the Committee and Council Meetings on October 9, 2018.

¹ CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Cudaback arrived at approximately 7:04 p.m.

² CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Davis arrived at approximately 7:17 p.m.

³ CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Hanford arrived at approximately 7:03 p.m.

2. Mayor's Update/Monroe This Week (*September 28, 2018, Edition No. 37*)

Mayor Thomas noted the inclusion of Monroe This Week, Volume IV, Edition No. 37, in the agenda packet.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. AB18-202: Code Enforcement

Ms. Amy Bright, Assistant Planner, and Ms. Gaby Escalante, Community Service Officer, provided background information on AB18-202 and code enforcement efforts, including: City Departments/Divisions/Staff involved; code enforcement case initiation; goals; code compliance cases; time spent on enforcement; challenges; and recommendations (short and long-term).

Discussion ensued regarding staffing collaborations, complaint processes, challenges, animal control, and recommendations. Council provided direction to proceed with Staff's recommendations (update applicable code sections; provide clear enforcement processes; and clarify responsibilities among departments).

2. AB18-203: Crosswalk Policy

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director, provided background information on AB18-203, the current informal policy for determining which crosswalks are to be marked, and information from other cities and the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Discussion ensued regarding formalizing the unwritten policy/criteria, safety, best practices, and crosswalk requests/complaints. Council provided direction to prepare a policy formalizing the current practices and bring back for consideration at a future meeting.

3. AB18-204: East County Parks & Recreation District (ECPRD) Joint Park Bond/Levy Estimated Impacts

Mr. Mike Farrell, Parks & Recreation Director, introduced attending staff and members of the East County Parks & Recreation District (ECPRD); Snohomish County Parks, Recreation, & Tourism; and the Monroe Park Board.

Ms. Becky Hasart, Finance Director, provided background information on AB18-204, current parks funding sources, a potential joint park bond/levy, and estimated impacts.

Discussion ensued regarding: the potential bond measure timeline; next steps; potential projects for funding (District/City/Fairgrounds); ECPRD history and Maltby Park; maintenance and operations; and potential partnerships. Council provided direction to prepare a resolution of support and bring back for consideration at a future Council meeting.

4. AB18-205: Parks & Recreation Department Reorganization

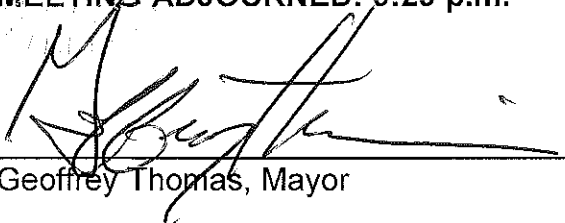
Mr. Farrell provided background information on: AB18-205; the Parks, Recreations & Open Space (PROS) Plan Department Organization Functions; the existing and proposed department organizational functions chart; and a staffing survey of nearby cities. Ms. Hasart provided information on the use of banked capacity in order to fund two new staff positions for the Parks Department, as presented in the 2019 Proposed Budget.

Discussion ensued regarding: acreage of Monroe parks; comparisons to nearby cities; the Park Board recommendation to support the reorganization and two new positions; park use; proposed positions to be added; review by the City Council Finance & Human Resources Committee; and inclusion in the 2019 Proposed Budget.


ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:29 p.m.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



Elizabeth M. Adkisson, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of October 9, 2018.