

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The March 4, 2014, 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: Cudaback, Davis, Gamble, Goering, Hanford¹, Kamp², and Rasmussen.

Staff members present: Brazel, Farrell, Feilberg, Lande, Nelson, Popelka, Quenzer, and Smoot; and City Attorney Lell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Gamble and recited by attendees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. "Ride Here" Presentation, Monroe Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Annique Bennett, Monroe Chamber of Commerce, presented background information and graphics pertaining to the "Ride Here" marketing campaign. Councilmembers expressed approval of the campaign and logo; and discussed use of the logo online.

1. H30 Project Update -- *cancelled at the time of the meeting.*

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

The following persons spoke in regards to I-502 and AB14-040: Mitch Leisten; Dolly Leisten; Kathy Kane; Nicolas Barrett; Sandy Mesenbrink; Josh Gelmen; Stan Barrett; Erin Snapka; and Dylan Heffner.

The following person spoke regarding bicycle riding and safety in Monroe: Rosie Tatel.

The following person spoke regarding city trail and Centennial Trail extension to Monroe: Tim Hemmann.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – *no report provided.*

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes; February 18, 2014, Regular Business Meeting
2. Approval of AP Checks and ACH Payments; *Check Nos. 84686 through 84712 and ACH Payments in a total amount of \$195,099.99*
3. AB14-035: Authorize the Mayor to Sign 2014 Concessionaire Agreement
4. AB14-036: Accept the Public Works Project, US2/East Main Street/Old Owen Road Intersection Improvements and Begin the 45-Day Lien Period

¹ CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Hanford arrived at approximately 7:03 p.m.

² CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Kamp arrived at approximately 7:11 p.m.

Councilmember Goering moved to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,
Motion carried (7-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. AB14-037: General Fund Five-Year Budget Forecast (Discussion)

Ms. Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, provided a report of the General Fund Five-Year Forecast, including the following: forecast (2011/2012 actuals, 2013 YTD, 2014-2019); property/sales/utility tax revenue assumptions; other revenue assumptions; inter-fund transfer revenues; salaries and benefits/taxes; other expenditures assumptions; 2014 one-time expenditures; unfunded liabilities; reserves; operating forecast policies; survey of operating policies; and next steps.

General discussion ensued regarding assumptions utilized to develop the forecast; priority items for future Council action (street funding; permit fees to be paid; etc.); reserves/restricted policies; development of an operating forecast policy; and other items for funding (ball fields; IPZ; MusicFest; etc.). Ms. Nelson stated she will bring forth a budget amendment to address the payment of permit fees per Council direction.

NEW BUSINESS

1. AB14-038: Parks Projects Update

Mr. Mike Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director, provided an update on current Parks projects, including: Parks Master Plan Update; Skate Park Improvements; Cadman Pit Master Plan; and Lake Tye Park Building Upgrade.

General discussion ensued regarding the skate park, parkour, and building improvements at Lake Tye.

2. AB14-039: Approval of Ordinance No. 003/2014, Amending MMC 5.02, Business Licenses and 6.04.040, Public Nuisances Offending Morals and Decency; First Reading

Mr. Paul Popelka, Planning/Permitting Manager, provided background information on the proposed ordinance; and schedule for next steps (public hearing/adoption scheduled for March 11, 2014, pending acceptance of first reading).

General discussion ensued regarding the public hearing.

Councilmember Hanford moved to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 003/2014, amending Monroe Municipal Code 5.02, Business Licenses, and 6.04.040, Public Nuisances Offending Morals and Decency; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis.

Councilmembers commented on the proposed ordinance; and schedule for next steps (public hearing/adoption scheduled for March 11, 2014, pending acceptance of first reading).

On vote,

Motion Carried (6-1); with Councilmember Kamp opposed.

3. AB14-040: Approval of Ordinance No. 004/2014, Amending Chapter 13.10 MMC Pertaining to Sewage Pretreatment Definitions and Requirements; First Reading

Mr. Brad Feilberg provided background information on the proposed ordinance; and responded to Council inquiry regarding applicability to current and future businesses; and cost.

Councilmember Hanford moved to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 004/2014, amending Chapter 13.10 of the Monroe Municipal Code as it pertains to Sewage Pretreatment; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

4. AB14-041: Review Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Membership

Mr. Feilberg provided background information on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee membership.

Councilmember Goering moved to appoint Mayor Geoffrey Thomas to serve as chairperson of the 2013-2014 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Kamp moved to invite existing committee members to serve on the 2014-2015 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee; and request applications for new members to fill any vacancies determined thereafter; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

5. AB14-042: Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Letter of Support for Centennial Trail Extension from Monroe to Snohomish

Mayor Thomas provided background information on the letter of support for the Centennial Trail Extension from Monroe to Snohomish.

Councilmember Goering moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of support for the Centennial Trail Extension from Monroe to Snohomish; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

FINAL ACTION

1. AB14-043: Approval of Ordinance No. 002/2014, Amending Animal Control Regulations; Second & Final Reading

Councilmember Hanford moved to adopt Ordinance No. 002/2014, amending Monroe Municipal Code 08.04.055, pertaining to Animal Control; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. On vote,
Motion carried (7-0).

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Cudaback reported on the February 24, 2014, City Council Transportation/Planning, Public Works, Parks & Recreation and Public Safety Committee Meeting; items forthcoming for the March 10th committee meeting and the February 25, 2014, Joint Meeting of the City Council with the Planning Commission, Park Board, and 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update Citizen Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Rasmussen commented on the February 24, 2014, City Council Transportation/Planning, Public Works, Parks & Recreation and Public Safety Committee Meeting; and trail extension throughout Monroe.

Councilmember Kamp commented on the February 25, 2014, Joint Meeting of the City Council with the Planning Commission, Park Board, and 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update Citizen Advisory Committee; and his selection as Chair of the 2014 City Council Finance/Human Resources Committee.

Councilmember Davis commented on the February 24, 2014, City Council Transportation/Planning, Public Works, Parks & Recreation and Public Safety Committee Meeting; and items forthcoming for the March 10th committee meeting.

Councilmember Gamble commented on a local citizen, and the creation of a scholarship fund in honor of their father and brother who both recently passed away.

Councilmember Goering commented on the February 25, 2014, Joint Meeting of the City Council with the Planning Commission, Park Board, and 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update Citizen Advisory Committee.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Tim Quenzer reported in response to a citizen comment – pit bulls are allowed within city limits.

1. Finance Dept (Mandatory Garbage/Recycling Service; Utility Bill Due Date/Postmarks)

Ms. Nelson stated Finance staff reports on Mandatory Garbage/Recycling Service and Utility Bill Due Date/Postmarks were provided in the packet; and answered questions thereto.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 1. Draft Agenda for March 11, 2014, Regular Business Meeting

City Administrator Gene Brazel stated there is a lot of planning and economic development going on within the city; and presented the draft agenda for the March 11, 2014, regular business meeting. Chief Quenzer answered questions thereto regarding the item: "Traffic Enforcement Alternatives (Discussion)."

Mayor Thomas reported on the following topics: the February 25, and 26, 2014, Comprehensive Plan Update meetings; and a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new business on Main Street – "For Players Music."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Thomas stated that the Council would recess into Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation for approximately 15 minutes; and read the appropriate citation in to the record - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

The meeting recessed into executive session at 9:22 p.m.; and reconvened at 9:37 p.m.

Councilmember Hanford moved to amend the agenda by the addition of the following item: a motion authorizing the City Attorney to convey a release of all City of Monroe claims arising out of the 2013 Fremont Street Public Works Project that could be asserted against the owner of the real property located at 148 Woods Street, in a form approved by the City Attorney and the Mayor; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Hanford moved to authorize the City Attorney to convey a release of all City of Monroe claims arising out of the 2013 Fremont Street Public Works Project that could be asserted against the owner of the real property located at 148 Woods Street, in a form approved by the City Attorney and the Mayor; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,

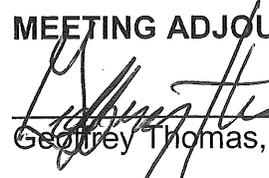
Motion carried (7-0).

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 (7-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:39 p.m.



 Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



 Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of March 11, 2014.