

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE**

The September 16, 2014, Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Geoffrey Thomas at 7:01 p.m.; Council Chambers, City Hall.

Councilmembers present: Cudaback, Gamble <sup>1</sup>, Goering, Kamp, Hanford, and Rasmussen.

Staff members present: Brazel, Feilberg, Nelson, Place, Quenzer, Smoot, and Warthan; City Attorney Lell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Thomas and recited by attendees.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation: Monroe Library (V. Stevens; P. Spirito)

Mr. Phillip Spirito, Managing Librarian, Monroe Library spoke regarding the following topics: personal background; organizational chart of Monroe Library; services; surveys; projects; future of Monroe Library; and program ideas.

Mayor Thomas noted, without objection, Councilmember Davis' absence as excused; and that Councilmember Gamble was running late.

2. Confirmation: Appointment to Ethics Board; Oath of Office

Councilmember Goering moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Paul Graf to the Ethics Board; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,

Motion carried (5-0).

City Clerk Smoot administered the Oath of Office; and Mayor Thomas congratulated Boardmember Graf.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

The following persons spoke regarding the East Monroe Rezone: Mr. Douglas Hamar and Mr. Lowell Anderson.

The following person spoke regarding the Monroe Steam Stack: Ms. Una Wirkebau-Hartt, Monroe Chamber of Commerce Executive Director.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of the Minutes; September 9, 2014, Regular Business Meeting
2. Approval of AP Checks and ACH Payments

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<sup>1</sup> CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Gamble arrived at approximately 7:32 p.m. during Comments from Citizens.

Councilmember Hanford moved to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,  
Motion carried (6-0).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. AB14-114: Ordinance No. 011/2014, Amending Sign Code Regulations; First Reading

Ms. Melissa Place, Senior Planner, provided background information on the proposed ordinance and code revisions from the current interim code to the permanent code proposed. Ms. Place provided information to Councilmember query regarding staffing for enforcement.

Councilmember Gamble moved to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 011/2014, an ordinance of the City of Monroe, Washington, relating to the display of signage; amending chapter 18.80 MMC Signs; repealing interim Ordinance No. 008/2014; providing for severability; and fixing a time when the same shall become effective; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Goering. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. AB14-115: Approval of Ordinance No. 012/2014, Regarding Overweight Vehicle Parking Permits; First Reading

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director, provided background information on the proposed ordinance and changes to the code.

Councilmember Rasmussen moved to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 012/2014, amending Sections 10.24.010 MMC, Purpose, 10.24.020, Definitions, and 10.24.040 MMC, Maximum weight limitation on streets not designated as truck routes; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Goering. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

2. AB14-116: Authorize Mayor to Sign Public Defender Contract(s) for "Back-Up" Services

Ms. Elizabeth Smoot, City Clerk, provided background information on the Public Defender Contract(s) for "Back-Up" Services with Mr. Chris Griffen and Mr. Walt Wagner; and pointed out significant points that differ from the primary public defender contract.

Councilmember Hanford moved to authorize the Mayor to sign Contracts for Backup Indigent Defense Services with Mr. Chris Griffen and Mr. Walt Wagner; and expressly authorize any further minor revisions deemed

necessary or appropriate; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).<sup>2</sup>

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### 1. Actual Litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(i)] (30 minutes)

Mayor Thomas stated that the Council would recess into Executive Session to discuss Actual Litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(i)] for approximately 30 minutes; and read the appropriate citation into the record.

*The meeting recessed into executive session at 7:45 p.m. The executive session was extended for an additional ten minutes; and the meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m.*

## NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

### 3. AB14-118: Discussion: East Monroe Options; Including Potential Vote or Direction Regarding Compliance Options or Appeal

Mr. Brad Feilberg provided background information on the Growth Management Hearings Board, Central Puget Sound Region, Final Decision and Order regarding the East Monroe Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezone; and proposed action options for Council's consideration. Mayor Thomas read an email from Councilmember Davis into the record. The letter conveyed that Councilmember Davis was in favor of revising the final environmental impact statement and was opposed to no longer pursuing the East Monroe Comprehensive Plan Amendment or Rezone.

Discussion ensued regarding costs and staff time spent on the project to-date; and additional costs/staff time for further action.

Councilmember Cudaback moved to comply with the Final Decision and Order of the Growth Management Hearings; and authorize the Mayor to take all appropriate and necessary action to convey to the Growth Management Hearings Board the City's intention to no longer pursue the East Monroe Comprehensive Plan Amendment or Rezone; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen.

Discussion ensued regarding Councilmember's preferred options, and reasoning thereto; costs/staff time/timeframe for different action options; and the applicant's comments on further action.

On vote,

YES: Mayor Thomas; Councilmembers Cudaback, Gamble, Rasmussen.

NO: Councilmembers Goering, Kamp, Hanford.

Motion carried (4-3)<sup>3</sup>;

<sup>2</sup> CLERK'S NOTE: The vote on this item took place later in the agenda, due to agenda packet access difficulties.

<sup>3</sup> CLERK'S NOTE: Mayor Thomas chose to cast an affirmative vote for the motion, after a vote of the Councilmembers present resulted in a tie.

**FINAL ACTION**

1. AB14-117: Approval of Release of Easements: Chain Lake Estates

Mr. Feilberg provided background information on the release of easements in Chain Lake Estates.

Councilmember Cudaback moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Release of Easement (Water Line); the motion was seconded by Councilmember Goering. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

1. Legislative Affairs Committee – *item removed from the agenda at time of meeting.*

Councilmember Goering commented on the Monroe Steam Stack, Monroe High School Football, and Swift Night Out.

Councilmember Gamble commented on Monroe High School and Youth Football; the Police Department versus Fire District football game held the previous Sunday; and stated he will not be in attendance at the September 23, 2014, meeting.

Councilmember Kamp commented Monroe High School Football, and the Monroe Steam Stack.

Councilmember Rasmussen shared news of the birth of his second child; and commented on events at the Monroe Montessori School.

Councilmember Hanford commented on the Police Department versus Fire District football game, Monroe High School football, and offered congratulations to Councilmember Rasmussen.

**STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Mr. Feilberg reported on the following topics: streetlights under repair, forthcoming construction on the Main Street roundabout, and the selection of a consultant for the Main Street Gateway Project.

Ms. Place reported on the following topics: current workload in the Planning/Permitting Department, and the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Police Chief Tim Quenzer reported on the Police Department versus Fire District football game.

**MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

City Administrator Gene Brazel recognized the work of the Monroe Chamber of Commerce; thanked staff for their hard work the previous few weeks; and reported on new planters for the downtown area provide by Republic Services.

Mayor Thomas reported on the following topics: Monroe Municipal Court Judge interviews and selection; the Monroe Steam Stack; Swift Night Out event; and work on the 2015 budget.

1. Draft Agenda for September 23, 2014, Regular Business Meeting

Administrator Brazel reviewed the draft agenda for September 23, 2014, Regular Business Meeting; and the extended agenda.

Councilmember Goering requested that a resolution or statement is prepared in support of staff's work on the East Monroe project; Councilmembers concurred. Mayor Thomas stated this item would be added to the extended agenda for the meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>; and staff will look into options.

Councilmember Goering made notice of his intent to make a motion to rescind the action approved earlier in the meeting regarding AB14-118 at the Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2014.

Councilmember Kamp stated he will be absent from the October 7, 2014, Council meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Actual Litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(i)] (5 minutes)
2. Pricing of Property [RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)] (5 minutes)

Mayor Thomas stated that the Council would recess into Executive Session to discuss two separate topics -- Actual Litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(i)] and Pricing of Property [RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)] for total amount of approximately 10 minutes; and read the appropriate citations into the record.

*The meeting recessed into executive session at 9:20 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m.*

Councilmember Kamp moved to authorize the Mayor to execute a Letter of Intent with the Irwin Development Group regarding Parcel 5 of the North Kelsey Short Plat, in substantially the form presented to Council; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

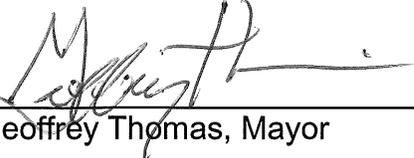
Councilmember Kamp moved to approve Resolution No. 021/2014, authorizing the sale of certain real property to Irwin Development Group; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,

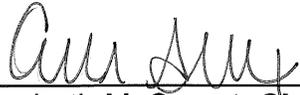
Motion carried (6-0).

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Kamp and seconded by Councilmember Gamble to adjourn the meeting. On vote,  
Motion carried (6-0).

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 9:31 p.m.

  
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Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

  
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Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk

*Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of September 23, 2014.*