

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The October 14, 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: Hanford, Cudaback, Rasmussen, Kamp, Davis, Goering, and Gamble¹.

Staff members present: Farrell, Feilberg, Nelson, Popelka, Place, Quenzer, Haley, Martinson, and Warthan; City Attorney Angela Summerfield.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation: Monroe Public Schools (K. Hoover)

Dr. Ken Hoover, School Superintendent, introduced the Assistant Superintendent and Board members present, and gave a presentation, including the following topics: improving community relations; student opportunities; strong staff; resource availability; new testing technology; facility updating and maintenance; finishing the high school ball fields; and purchasing land for future use. Dr. Hoover answered Council inquiries thereto.

Ms. Katy Woods, School Board member, explained the need for public input before the bond goes to a vote; noted the forms provided for input on facility priorities; and responded to Council inquiries thereto.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

The following persons spoke regarding the East Monroe project: Thomas Minnick; Lowell Anderson; Dave Demarest; Steve Jensen; Douglas Hamar; Shane Bradley; Ashley Sellers; Erin Angus-Snapka.

The following person spoke regarding water issues: Kinder Smoots. Mayor Thomas noted that staff would follow-up and give Council an update next week on this issue.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes; October 7, 2014, Regular Business Meeting
2. Approval of Payroll Warrants and ACH Payments

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

¹CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Gamble arrived at 7:02 p.m., following the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. AB14-128: East Monroe Options

Mr. Paul Popelka, Planning and Permitting Manager provided background information including: a summary of the Scope of Work and estimated costs (\$135,000-195,000) to meet requirements for compliance with the Growth Management Hearing Board's (GMBH) concerns; the need to ask for a six-month extension from GMBH, if Council chose to go forward with revising the SEIS; and answered Council inquiries thereto.

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.

Mr. Popelka and Ms. Melissa Place, Senior Planner, responded to Council inquiries for details on the costs and how they were determined. An inquiry was made about whether or not it was possible to ask the GMHB to make an alteration in their report; Ms. Summerfield responded thereto and will report back to Council.

On vote,

Motion carried (5-2);
Goering and Davis opposed.

Mayor Thomas stated that the meeting would recess for approximately two minutes, to allow the exit of citizens who wished to leave the meeting.

The meeting recessed at 9:47 p.m. and reconvened at 9:51 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. AB14-129: Presentation of General Fund Budget

Ms. Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, presented the 2015 General Fund Budget [Public Safety, Parks, Administration, Personnel], including a review of the following topics: all operations, except utilities and streets; revenues projections and sources; Transportation Benefit District (TBD) revenues; utility tax revenue; Planning and Building fees; expenditures; one-time projects; projected 2015 Ending Fund Balance; Contingency Fund balance; and responded Council inquiries thereto.

The following Staff members presented 2014 Accomplishments and 2015 Goals for their respective departments, including; Ms. Pam Haley, Municipal Court Administrator; Mr. Ben Warthan, Human Resources Manager; Mr. Paul Popelka, Manager, Planning, Building, and Permitting; Chief Timothy Quenzer, Police Department; Mr. Mike Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director; and Ms. Nelson gave a summary of the General Fund Budget. The Utility, CIP, Special Revenue, and Internal Service Funds will be presented on October 21st.

2. AB14-130: Approval of Ordinance No. 013/2014, Setting 2015 Property Tax Levy; First Reading

Councilmember Goering moved to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 013/2014, fixing the amount of taxes to be levied by the City for the Calendar Year 2015; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

3. AB14-131: Discussion: Planning Commissioner Stipend Increase

Mr. Gene Brazel, City Administrator, provided background information, including: ten cities, which do not compensate for Planning Commissioners; one city that does compensate; and responded to Council inquiries thereto. Staff will report back to Council on the following topics: creation of a Salary Commission; and Planning Commissioner compensation.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Goering commented on his trip to Haiti and the Kansas City Royals baseball team.

Councilmember Gamble commented on his expected absence for the next two Council meetings; and on November 11th, to which he suggested cancelling said meeting; and commented on the football game on Saturday.

1. P4 Committee (Downtown Parking)

Councilmember Cudaback reported on the P4 Committee meeting, including: downtown parking issues; a suggestion for going to no parking restrictions on a trial basis; and registered sex offender (RSO) housing restrictions, which is on the October 21, 2014, agenda.

MOTION TO EXTEND MEETING

Councilmember Goering moved to extend the meeting past 10:00 p.m.; Councilmember Hanford seconded the motion. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS (CONTINUED)

Chief Quenzer responded to a Council inquiry regarding the notification timelines for RSO evictions.

2. Finance/HR Committee (Annual Salary Survey; Mid-Year Performance Reviews; 2015 Budget; Councilmember Salary Commission)²

Councilmember Kamp reported on the Finance/HR Committee meeting, including: the Annual Salary Survey; discussed a salary commission pertaining to the Planning Commission stipend increase; and possibly having a standing salary commission thereafter.

Councilmember Hanford commented on the United Way Breakfast; the continued support for Oso; and how the non-profits are working very well together.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Jakeh Roberts, Utilities Manager, reported on the utility complaint; the water main has been replaced and they will address the other water main of concern.

Mayor Thomas commented on the water main issue, and had met with the owner; staff will follow up next week.

Mr. Popelka commented on the forms provided by the school district; requesting that Council turn them in to the front desk.

1. Public Works

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director, commented on the Public Works report, including permits and applications that have been submitted; and responded to Council inquiries thereto. Mayor Thomas commented on the project report and asked about the flag at the new Chain Lake Road roundabout. Mr. Feilberg reported that it is in process.

Chief Quenzer commented on the RSOs of concern that had moved recently.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Thomas reported on various topics, including: discussions with the Chamber Director, about downtown parking, flyers for the 5K and 10K runs; Trunk or Treat; a tour with a potential new business owner; the dedication ceremony for the Steamstack; the Snohomish County Cites (SCC) dinner the City is hosting; the Chamber luncheon and discussions with Congresswoman DelBene regarding trains and the US2 Bypass; and noted the tour with Lakeside Industries.

Mr. Brazel reported on the tour of Lakeside with Congresswoman DelBene and the high cost of asphalt; and noted the number of people signed up for the SCC dinner.

² CLERK'S NOTE: CR#2 (Finance/HR Committee Report) was presented prior to CR#1 (P4 Committee Report).

1. Draft Agenda for October 21, 2014, Regular Business Meeting

Mr. Brazel reviewed the draft agenda for October 21, 2014, Regular Business Meeting, and the extended agenda. The following items were noted: the new part-time judge will be attending the meeting; and the resolution regarding staff may be reconsidered after discussion with the Mayor and Staff.

Councilmember Hanford moved to cancel the November 11, 2014, Regular Business Meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

Mayor Thomas assured Councilmember Hanford that the report on the water main break would be added to the October 21st agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

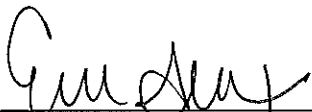
There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Kamp and seconded by Councilmember Hanford to adjourn the meeting. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:15 p.m.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of October 21, 2014.