

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The December 9, 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, Davis, Gamble, Goering, Hanford, Kamp, and Rasmussen.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by a member of the Boy Scouts of America.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

The following persons spoke regarding the East Monroe Project and AB14-170: Lowell Anderson; Douglas Hamar; David Demarest; Darlene Wolf; and Steve Jensen.

The following person spoke regarding the Southwest Urban Growth Area (UGA)/ AB14-173: Kristin Kelly.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes; December 2, 2014, Regular Business Meeting
2. Approval of Payroll Warrant and ACH Payments

Councilmember Goering moved to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,
Motion carried (7-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. AB14-170: East Monroe: Rescission of 10/14/14 Action; and New Action re GMHB Compliance/Extension Request

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director/Acting Planning Director, provided background information, a timeline of events, and proposed action options related to AB154-170.

Councilmember Hanford moved to rescind the City Council's October 14, 2014, vote "to comply with the Final Decision and Order of the Growth Management Hearings Board; 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 Goering.

General discussion ensued, with Councilmembers stating their support or opposition to the motion on the floor.

On vote, Motion carried (4-3);
Councilmembers Cudaback, Gamble, and Rasmussen opposed.

Councilmember Hanford moved to Comply with the Final Decision and Order of the Growth Management Hearings Board; and authorize the Mayor to take all appropriate and necessary action to revise the final environmental impact statement and process the proposed East Monroe Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezone; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Goering.

General discussion ensued regarding further work to be done by the City in this regard and funding thereto.

Councilmember Cudaback moved to amend the main motion to insert the words “, which is to be at the expense of the applicant,” after “final environmental impact statement;” the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp.

General discussion ensued regarding the proposed amendment.

On vote, Motion to amend carried (6-1);
Councilmember Goering opposed.

Discussion on the main motion, as amended, continued; including next steps in the process.

Councilmember Gamble moved to amend the main motion to add the words “In the event that an extension is denied by the GMHB, that the Mayor is authorized 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” to the end of the main motion; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback.

General discussion ensued regarding the proposed amendment; and compliance, timeline, and extension request with the GMHB.

On vote, Motion to amend failed (3-4);
Councilmembers Davis, Goering, Hanford, and Kamp opposed.

Discussion on the main motion, as amended, continued; including next steps in the process if the extension request is denied by the GMHB.

On vote, Main motion, as amended, carried (4-3);
Councilmembers Cudaback, Gamble, and Rasmussen opposed.

Councilmember Hanford moved to authorize and direct the City Attorney to request an extension of the Growth Management Hearings Board’s compliance deadline in Case No. 14-3-0006c by an additional period of up

to six months, and to take all necessary and appropriate measures related to this action; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Goering.

General discussion ensued regarding the extension request to the GMHB, and timeline thereto.

On vote, Motion carried (4-3);
Councilmembers Cudaback, Gamble, and Rasmussen opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. AB14-171: 2015 Fees Presentation

Mr. Feilberg provided background information on the proposed changes to the fees schedule for 2015; including changes to transportation impact fees, buildings fees, addition of municipal court fees, and Finance fees.

General discussion ensued regarding the proposed changes to the transportation impact fees, including the municipal code language stating that these fees "will be adjusted annually in accordance with the Washington State Department of Transportation Construction Cost Index." Council requested looking into this code language at a future Council meeting. Staff stated this would be included in the preparation of the Transportation Plan in 2015.

Ms. Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, confirmed that notice regarding increases to utilities will be included in the January Utility Bills.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (*added at the time of the meeting*)

1. Potential Litigation: RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) - 5 Minutes

Mayor Thomas stated that the Council would recess into Executive Session to discuss the Potential Litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)] for approximately 5 minutes; and read the appropriate citation into the record.

The meeting recessed into executive session at 8:38 p.m.; and was extended for an additional 5 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 8:51 p.m.

2. AB14-172: Ordinance No. 022/2014 Holzerland Rezone; First Reading

Councilmember Goering moved to Accept as first reading Ordinance No. 022/2014, amending zoning designations in the Holzerland Rezone Area from Urban Residential - 9600 (UR 9600) to Urban Residential - 6000 (UR 6000); setting forth findings; providing for severability; and fixing a time when the same shall become effective; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback.

City Attorney Kristin Eick read a series of statements relating to the Appearance of Fairness Doctrine into the record. There were no conflicts noted by Councilmembers; nor any public objections. Ms. Melissa Place, Senior Planner, provided background information on the Holzerland Rezone Project; and proposed ordinance for first reading.

On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

3. AB14-173: Discussion: 2015 Comprehensive Plan Southwest UGA

Mr. Feilberg provided background information on the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Southwest UGA, including a change in funding sources related to the Southwest UGA.

General discussion ensued regarding funding, and amending the Southwest UGA area to exclude portions to which funding is no longer available.

Councilmember Gamble moved to proceed with doing the environmental review that is the subject of the \$18,000 portion of the SEPA review, in what's known as the Southwest Monroe UGA Expansion, that is already budgeted; and not do the balance of it, which is most of the lands, but not all, which are southerly of SR522; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Goering. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

4. Discussion: Planning, Permitting, and Building Position

Mr. Ben Warthan, HR/IT Manager, provided background information on the opening in the Planning/Permitting Department, proposal to add a Community Development Director to the organizational chart and 2015 budget, and fill the position for 2015.

General discussion ensued regarding the duties of the proposed position, funding, and general support and opposition towards the addition of the position.

Councilmember Gamble moved to change the Planning Manager position into a Community Development Director position for the 2015 Budget; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

FINAL ACTION

1. AB14-174: Ordinance No. 017/2014(SUB) Amending Impact Fee Waivers; Final Reading

Mr. Feilberg provided background information on the proposed ordinance; first reading was accepted on December 2, 2014.

Councilmember Goering moved to adopt Ordinance No. 017/2014(SUB), amending Monroe Municipal Code Chapter 20.07, School impact mitigation fee program, Chapter 20.10, Park impact fees, and Chapter

20.12, Transportation impact fees; establishing certain public interest exemptions to the City's impact fee regulations; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

2. AB14-175: Ordinance No. 018/2014 Adopting 2015 Budget; Final Reading

Ms. Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, provided background information on the proposed ordinance; first reading was accepted on December 2, 2014; and the proposed amendment to amend Exhibit A to add the Community Development Director Position to Page 31.

Councilmember Goering moved to adopt Ordinance No. 018/2014, adopting the budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015, with an amendment to Exhibit A, Page 31, adding a line for the Community Development Director position; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

3. AB14-176: Approve 2015 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Grant Awards

Mr. Feilberg provided the 2015 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Grant Awards recommendations to Council.

Councilmember Kamp moved to approve the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee recommendations for 2015 Lodging Tax grants; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

4. AB14-177: Ordinance No. 019/2014 Amending 2014 Budget; Final Reading

Ms. Nelson stated the proposed ordinance was accepted for first reading on December 2, 2014; and there are no amendments.

Councilmember Gamble moved to adopt Ordinance No. 019/2014, amending the budget for fiscal year 2014 to account for new revenues and expenditures; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

5. AB14-178: Authorize Mayor to Sign Addendum to Public Defense Agreements with Aimee Trua and Chris Griffen

Ms. Elizabeth Smoot, City Clerk/Contract Administrator, provided background information on the proposed addendums.

Councilmember Hanford moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the addendum to the Public Defense Agreements with Ms. Aimee Trua and Mr. Chris Griffen; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Goering. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

6. AB14-179: Ordinance No. 020/2014 Amending MMC 8.04, Animal Control; Final Reading

Police Chief Tim Quenzer stated the proposed ordinance was accepted for first reading on December 2, 2014; and there are no amendments.

Councilmember Rasmussen moved to adopt Ordinance No. 020/2014, amending Monroe Municipal Code Chapter 8.04, Animal control, relating to the definition of dangerous dogs and certificates of registration for dangerous dogs; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

7. AB14-180: Ordinance No. 021/2014, Amending Parks Board and Planning Commission Term Limits; Final Reading

Councilmember Goering moved to adopt Ordinance No. 021/2014, amending term limit requirements for the Monroe Parks Board and Monroe Planning Commission as defined in Chapters 2.16 and 2.32 of the Monroe Municipal Code to address partial terms served; providing for severability; and fixing a time when the same shall become effective; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Goering commented on NCAA Regionals and Monroe holiday events.

Councilmember Davis commented on the Monroe Tree Lighting event the previous Saturday.

Councilmember Kamp commented on his tour of the City on the previous Saturday; and prior Student Representative to Council, Brandon Herano.

Councilmember Rasmussen commented on the Monroe Tree Lighting event the previous Saturday.

Councilmember Hanford reported on his attendance at an Affordable Housing Forum in Everett; and stated he will not be in attendance at the December 16, 2014, Meeting.

1. P4 Committee (*Traffic Calming Tools/Criteria; Downtown Pedestrian Flags*)

Councilmember Rasmussen reported the meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum; and he discussed agenda topics with Mr. Feilberg and City Administrator Gene Brazel. Both items will be coming back to the Committee for discussion in 2015.

2. Legislative Affairs Committee (*2015 Legislative Priorities*)

Councilmember Hanford reported on the topics discussed at the November 18, 2014, Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Mike Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director, reported on the Tree Lighting Event; organization of a citywide food drive with Sky Valley Food Bank; a donation of bulbs from the Monroe Fred Meyer; and new Downtown flower pots.

Mr. Warthan provided an update on the filling of the open Design and Construction Manager position.

Chief Quenzer reported on the graduation of Officer Trevor Larsen; the passing of K-9 Officer Brutus (Monroe's first drug dog); and a dramatic increase in calls for service.

Mr. Feilberg reported on road closures due to construction; and stated a project update was included in the agenda packet.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Thomas reported on the Walmart opening; events of the prior Saturday (Tree Lighting; radio interview; and walk of the Downtown area); School District Bond, and bringing forth a resolution of support thereto; and scheduling a 2015 Mayor/Council goals setting/retreat for January/February 2015.

1. Draft Agenda for December 16, 2014, Regular Business Meeting

Mr. Feilberg reviewed the draft agenda for the December 16, 2014, Regular Business Meeting. Requested changes were noted.

Councilmember Hanford moved to cancel the Regular Business Meeting of Tuesday, December 23, 2014; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gamble. On vote,

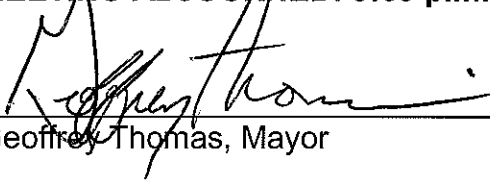
Motion carried (6-1);
Councilmember Goering opposed.

Councilmember Gamble stated he will not be in attendance at the January 13, 2015, Council Meeting.

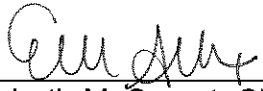
ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:59 p.m.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of December 16, 2014.