

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The March 31, 2015, Special Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Geoffrey Thomas at 7:02 p.m.; Council Chambers, City Hall.

Councilmembers present: Cudaback, Davis, Gamble¹, Goering, Hanford², Kamp, and Rasmussen.

Staff members present: Brazel, Feilberg, Gardner, Klinkers, Nelson, Osaki, Quenzer, Smoot, and Warthan.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Thomas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation: AB15-060: Confirmation of Appointment – Community Development Director (D. Osaki)

Mayor Thomas provided background information on AB15-060, and the appointment of Mr. David Osaki to the position of Community Development Director.

Councilmember Goering moved to confirm the appointment of Mr. David Osaki to Community Development Director; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp.

Mr. Osaki thanked the Mayor and Council for their consideration; and stated he is looking forward to working with Staff, and the City Council on policy decisions.

On vote, Motion carried (6-0).

Ms. Elizabeth Smoot, City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Osaki.

Councilmember Hanford noted he will need to depart the meeting by 9 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. AB15-061: Public Hearing: Downtown Parking – Angle versus Parallel and Time Restrictions

Mayor Thomas provided background information on AB15-061, the Main Street Plaza Project concept, and public hearing on downtown parking. Mayor Thomas opened the public hearing for citizen testimony.

The following persons spoke in regards to Downtown Parking – angle versus parallel layout options and time restrictions; and other suggested Downtown improvements: Ms. Patti Gibbons; Ms. Meghan Manning; Ms. Una Wirkebau-Hartt; Mr. Randy Oesch;

¹ CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Gamble arrived at approximately 7:50 p.m. during the public hearing.

² CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Hanford departed at approximately 9:08 p.m. during the recess.

Ms. Debbie Moon; Rusty Hunt; Melany Stroum; Mr. Andrew Abt; Mr. Raymond Ellis; Mr. Bruce Gallagher; Mr. Steve Jensen; Mr. Rick Whitney; Mr. David Van Kirk; Ms. Julie Brinkley; Ms. Michelle Brownlow; Mr. Andrew Martin; Mr. Richard Ahrens; Mr. Moises Velasco; Mr. Carl Griffith; and Ms. Kemp.

Councilmember Hanford moved to close the citizen testimony portion of the public hearing; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

General discussion ensued with Councilmembers thanking those in attendance for their input, discussing the three options presented, and each individual Councilmember's preferred option. During discussion, Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director, responded to Council queries regarding: the current parking layout, construction timelines, parking and pedestrian access during construction, and the feasibility of pursuing these options in the future.

Councilmember Goering moved to close the public hearing; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Hanford moved to select Parking Layout Option 1 for the Main Street Plaza project; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Goering. On vote,

Motion failed (3-4);

Councilmember Cudaback, Davis, Gamble, Rasmussen opposed.

Councilmember Rasmussen moved to select Parking Layout Option 3 for the Main Street Plaza project; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,

Motion carried (4-3);

Councilmember Goering, Hanford, and Kamp opposed.

Councilmember Hanford moved to select the proposed Parking Time Limits in the Downtown area of Twenty-Four Hour limits; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,

Motion failed (1-6);

Councilmember Cudaback, Davis, Gamble, Goering, Kamp, and Rasmussen opposed.

Mayor Thomas stated Staff will bring back discussion on Downtown Parking Time Limits at a future Council Meeting.

Councilmember Cudaback requested presentation on the pedestrian accessibility and parking plan during construction; including noticing opportunities. Mayor Thomas stated a staff report on this item will be added to the April 14, 2015, Council Meeting agenda.

Mayor Thomas noted the meeting recess for a few minutes for those wishing to exit the Meeting.

The meeting recessed at approximately 9:08 p.m.; and reconvened at approximately 9:14 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

There were no citizens present wishing to address the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes; March 24, 2015, Regular Business Meeting
2. AB15-062: Accept the PW Project North Kelsey/Chain Lake Road Roundabout and begin the 45-Day Lien Period

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. AB15-063: Discussion: 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update – Draft Text Review

Mr. Feilberg introduced Mr. Bill Grimes, Studio Cascade, who presented information on the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update – Draft Text. Mr. Grimes presentation included the following topics: a progress update; the plan draft (Comprehensive Plan, Economic Development Strategy, PROS Plan, Transportation Plan, Capital Facilities Plan, Utilities Plan); Planning Commission and City Council Discussion (policy framework, goal driven plan, policy refinement, draft production); vision – optimizing Monroe; shifts; strategy/philosophy; plan structure; plan concept maps; plan implementation; priorities; and next steps.

General discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding the following topics: the plan concept map; vision statement, objectives; land use designations; gateway concept; signage; verbiage supporting the revitalization of the Downtown area; and changing all references of “Valley General” to “EvergreenHealth.”

Councilmember Kamp moved to extend the meeting past 10:00 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Goering. On vote,
Motion carried (4-2);
Councilmember Cudaback and Gamble opposed.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Goering commented on springtime and spring sports and parks events.

Councilmember Gamble commented on spring sports, specifically girls’ softball, and the need for more turf fields.

Councilmember Rasmussen commented on the parks softball/baseball fields and new dugouts; as well as his participation in a local dodgeball tournament the previous weekend.

Councilmember Cudaback thanked Council for the discussion on the Downtown Parking item; and the Mayor and Staff for their work on this topic.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ms. Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, provided an update on Transportation Benefit District funds.

Mr. Feilberg provided an update on the following projects: Tjerne Place; Main Street; Main Street sidewalks; and additional sidewalk projects.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Thomas reported on the following items: attendance at a Monroe High School Leadership event; interview with King 5; the gateway project/roundabout at Madison and West Main Street; and an upcoming visit to Downtown businesses.

- 1. Draft Agenda for April 7, 2015, Regular Business Meeting

Mr. Brazel reviewed the draft agenda for the April 7, 2015, Regular Business Meeting; and the extended agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:14 p.m.



 Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



 Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of April 7, 2015.