

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The April 14, 2015, Regular 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: Davis, Gamble, Goering, Kamp, and Rasmussen.

Staff members present: Brazel, Farrell, Feilberg, LaVelle, Osaki, Quenzer, Smoot, and Warthan.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Goering.

Mayor Thomas noted, without objections, the excused absences of Councilmembers Cudaback and Hanford.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation: Snohomish County Tourism Bureau (A. Spain)

Ms. Amy Spain, Executive Director, presented information on the Snohomish County Tourism Bureau 2014 Annual Report, including the following: impact of tourism, national trends, WTA long-term funding principles and components, 2014 overview, branding, convention and group tour sales and service, marketing, development, public relations and media, visitor services, industry education, and community relations. Mayor Thomas and the Council thanked Ms. Spain for her presentation.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

There were no persons wishing to address the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes; April 7, 2015, Regular Business Meeting

Councilmember Goering moved to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gamble. On vote,

Motion carried (5-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. AB15-069: Ordinance No. 007/2015, Water/Sewer Services Outside City Limits; First Reading

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director, provided background information on AB15-069, and the proposed ordinance.

Councilmember Gamble moved to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 007/2015, amending Chapter 13.04 MMC Water Regulations, Rates and Charges, and Chapter 13.08 MMC, Sewer System Regulations; clarifying requirements for sewer utility customers that are not connected

to the City's water utility system; providing for severability; and fixing a time when the same shall become effective; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. On vote,

Motion carried (5-0).

2. AB15-070: Discussion: 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update – Draft Text Review

Mr. David Osaki, Community Development Director, provided an update on the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update process: the draft Comprehensive Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) were issued on April 3, 2015; currently in the 60-day comment period; may receive comments from Department of Commerce and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT); City Council public hearings will be held in June on the Plan; the Planning Commission will hold public hearings in April and May, and will provide a recommendation to Council.

General discussion ensued regarding desired formatting edits to the presentation of policies, and rate increases to the Utility Systems Plan.

FINAL ACTION

1. AB15-071: Ordinance No. 005/2015, Amending MMC 13.08.270, Sewer Connection Charges; and Ordinance No. 006/2015, Amending MMC 13.04.025, Water System Capital Improvement Charge; Final Reading

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director, provided background information on AB15-071 and the proposed ordinances amending sewer connection charges and water system Capital Improvements charges. First reading of these ordinances was accepted on April 7, 2015; and no changes have been made.

Councilmember Gamble moved to adopt Ordinance No. 005/2015, amending section 13.08.270 of the Monroe Municipal Code, Sewer Connection Charges, in order to clarify when treatment facility reserve capacity charges shall be assessed, providing for severability; and establishing an effective date; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen.

City Clerk Elizabeth Smoot responded to a procedural question regarding the motion language by Councilmember Goering.

On vote,

Motion carried (5-0).

Councilmember Gamble moved to adopt Ordinance No. 006/2015, amending section 13.04.025 of the Monroe Municipal Code, Water System Capital Improvement Charge, in order to clarify when capital improvement charges shall be assessed, providing for severability; and establishing an effective date; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen. On vote,

Motion carried (5-0).

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

1. Transportation & Planning, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, & Public Safety Committee Report

Councilmember Rasmussen reported on the items covered at the Committee Meeting held earlier in the meeting: 2015 Committee Work Plan, and Snohomish County Fairgrounds Master Plan.

Councilmember Gamble commented on the opening of baseball season and upcoming tournaments.

Councilmember Kamp commented on the previous Saturday's walkabout of Downtown Monroe, downtown parking, and the upcoming open house on downtown projects (Thursday, April 16th).

Councilmember Rasmussen commented on the beginning of the flag football season the forthcoming weekend.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Mike Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director, reported on the following items: upcoming baseball events; flag football; disc golf tournaments; and interviews for Parks Maintenance positions.

Mr. Osaki reported on the high level of permit applications for single-family dwellings received in 2015 to-date (already surpassing 2014 totals).

Mr. Feilberg reported on the upcoming open house for the downtown plaza and gateway projects – Thursday, April 16, 2015, 5 to 7 p.m., at City Hall.

1. Public Works: Main St Plaza Project - Construction Pedestrian Accessibility Plan

Mr. Feilberg stated that staff is working with the contractor to assure the maximum amount of access to businesses in the downtown area during construction, and drafting signage to direct customers to alternative parking sites.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Thomas reported on the following topics: the previous Saturday's walkabout of Downtown Monroe; the upcoming open house on downtown projects; the Monroe Mobile App; the state of the City address provided at the Chamber luncheon earlier in the day; and interviews for the Salary Commission.

1. Draft Agenda for April 21, 2015, Regular Business Meeting

Mr. Brazel reviewed the draft agenda for the April 21, 2015, Regular Business Meeting; the extended agenda; and amendments thereto.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Pricing of Property [RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)] (10 minutes)

Mayor Thomas stated that the Council would recess into Executive Session to discuss the Pricing of Property [RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)] for approximately 10 minutes; and read the appropriate citation into the record.

The meeting recessed into executive session at 8:08 p.m. and reconvened at 8:19 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Goering to adjourn the meeting. On vote,
Motion carried (5-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:20 p.m.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of April 21, 2015.