

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE

The December 3, 2019, Regular Study Session of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas at 7 p.m.; Monroe City Hall, Council Chambers.

Councilmembers present: Cudaback, Hanford, Rasmussen, Davis, Kamp, and Gamble

Staff members present: Pfister, Knight, Farrell, Feilberg, Jolley, and Roberts

Mayor Thomas noted, without objection, the excused absence of Councilmember Scarboro. No objections were noted.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Kamp.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Recognition of Service: Councilmember Jim Kamp

Mayor Thomas recognized Councilmember Kamp for his years of service on the Planning Commission and City Council, and wished him well in his future endeavors. Council thanked Councilmember Kamp for his dedication and commitment to the City. Snohomish County Councilmember Sam Low thanked Councilmember Kamp for his hard work, and looks forward to having him on the County Planning Commission.

Mayor Thomas presented Councilmember Kamp with a plaque recognizing his service. Councilmember Kamp provided farewell remarks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATION

1. AB19-243: Presentation: Snohomish County Councilmember Sam Low, Support of Felony Drug Charges

Snohomish County Councilmember Sam Low thanked Council for their letter in support of the Innovative Justice Initiative.

Councilmember Low reviewed/reported on projects, partnerships, and collaborations with the City over the last couple of years; and future projects. Councilmember Low thanked Council for their leadership and support. Council thanked Councilmember Low for his communication and service.

Mayor Thomas expressed his gratitude for working with and supporting the City; and presented Councilmember Low with a Mayor's Coin.

2. AB19-244: Presentation: Masonic Lodge Art Donation

Mr. Mike Farrell, Parks & Recreation Director, provided background information on AB19-244 and the City's Donation Acceptance Policy.

Mr. Farrell introduced Mr. Larry Foley and Mr. Andre DeWald from the Sultan-Monroe Masonic Lodge. Mr. Foley and Mr. DeWald presented the Council with a framed reproduction print of the Lansdowne painting of President George Washington; and gave a brief history of the painting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no persons present wishing to speak during Public Comments.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Hanford reported on his time with Congresswoman DelBene on Small Business Saturday.

Councilmember Hanford reported that he attended the Tree Lighting Event on Saturday.

Councilmember Gamble reported that he was unable to attend the Tree Lighting Event; and is looking forward to the sculpture reveal event next weekend.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS – NONE

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. City Administrator Update

Ms. Deborah Knight, City Administrator, commented on the upcoming court assessment proposal interviews, and that the contract and ILA will be presented to Council in January.

Ms. Knight commented on the upcoming judicial candidates, and that the contract will be presented to Council in January.

2. Mayor's Update

Mayor Thomas reported on the following topics: upcoming court assessment interviews, the upcoming sculpture reveal event, and the Light Up Monroe event; Mayor Thomas thanked staff and the Monroe Chamber of Commerce for their work on the event.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. AB19-245: Monroe Municipal Campus – Updated Facilities Assessment Report

Mr. Jakeh Roberts, Deputy Public Works Director, provided background information on AB19-245 and reviewed the facilities assessment report and subsequent conceptual plans and cost estimate options. Mr. Roberts highlighted key decision points associated with the three plan options.

Mr. Roberts facilitated a discussion with Council related to the following topics: competing resources, existing code deficiencies and operating issues, potential funding opportunities, and the municipal campus project charter.

Consensus of the Council was to have the City Council Finance Committee further explore option no. 1 and option no. 2 and bring back a project funding strategy recommendation in early 2020.

2. AB19-246: Arrivalist Data Monroe September 2018 - August 2019

Ms. Knight provided background information on AB19-246 and explained how the data for the Skykomish/Snohomish valley and the City of Monroe, provided by Arrivalist, is collected and used.

Ms. Knight led Council through a PowerPoint presentation detailing the Snohomish County Tourism Bureau's regional brand strategy; identified the four distinct regions included; and provided an overview of regional visitation to Snohomish County and each region. Ms. Knight reviewed the Monroe yearly visitor profile and key findings, current and potential geo-fenced points of interest (POI), and explained the partnership opportunity with Snohomish County to receive additional Arrivalist data.

Discussion ensued regarding the correlation of Arrivalist data and the tourism and marketing portion of the city's economic development strategy; and additional geo-fenced areas in the City. This item will be brought back to Council in early 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

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 (6-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:32 p.m.

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

Gina Pfister, Clerical Specialist