

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE

The February 4, 2020, Regular Study Session of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas at 7:04 p.m.; Monroe City Hall, Council Chambers.

Councilmembers present: Davis, Cudaback, Hanford, Rasmussen, Scarboro, and Rousey

Staff members present: Pfister, Knight, Swanson, Hasart, and Jolley

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Cudaback.

PRESENTATIONS

1. AB20-022: FCS Group Introduction to Planning Fee Cost of Service Study

Mr. Swanson provided background on AB20-022 and reviewed the benefits of streamlining planning and building fees; and the cost of service study completed by FCS Group.

Matt Hobson, Project Manager with FCS Group, led Council through a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the following:

- Cost of service study process
- Study results for land use planning and development engineering
- Prior Finance Committee discussion
- Proposed cost recovery policy
- Next steps

Council engaged in discussion. This item will be sent to the Finance/HR Committee for further discussion and direction.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Clay White, not a resident of Monroe, spoke on behalf of Lonnie and Susan Davis and their desire to be annexed into the City.

Ms. Susan Davis, not a resident of Monroe, expressed desire for her property to be annexed into the City.

Mr. Jon Conner, not a resident of Monroe, expressed desire for his property to be annexed into the City.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

1. Finance & Human Resources Committee Update

Ms. Becky Hasart, Finance Director, reported on the January 21, 2020 Finance & Human Resources Committee meeting.

Councilmember Scarboro reported that he attended AWC City Action Days on January 29, 2020.

Councilmember Cudaback reported that she was ill and not able to attend AWC City Action Days as intended.

Councilmember Hanford reported on his time at AWC City Action Days; and attended the community photo shoot for the HGTV Home Town Takeover video submission.

Councilmember Rasmussen congratulated Ms. Hasart and the City for being awarded two trophies at the Annual Chili Bowl; and thanked them for the support.

Councilmember Davis reported that he was not able to attend AWC City Action days as planned due to a minor medical procedure.

Councilmember Rousey reported on the following topics: her time at AWC City Action Days; Monroe Advocacy Day in Olympia in January; attended her first Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting; attended the community photo shoot for the HGTV Home Town Takeover video submission.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Mike Farrell, Parks & Recreation Director, reported that he recently testified in support of House Bill 2625 relating to park funding.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. City Administrator Update

Ms. Deborah Knight, City Administrator, reported on the following topics:

- Potential quarterly meetings with elected officials from Monroe, Snohomish, Lake Stevens, Monroe, Sultan, and Gold Bar
- Local winery, brewery, and distillery relocation recruitment efforts
- Sno-Isle Library co-op locations
- EDAB's gateway and wayfinding signage project
- HPAC recommendations presented to Public Safety Committee
- Court assessment ILA kick-off meeting

2. Mayor's Update/Monroe This Week (*January 31, 2020, Volume 6, Edition 4*)

Mayor Thomas noted the Monroe This Week included in the packet materials and reported on the following topics:

- Monroe Advocacy Day in Olympia on January 23, 2020
- AWC City Action Days
- Potential quarterly meetings with elected officials from Monroe, Snohomish, Lake Stevens, Monroe, Sultan, and Gold Bar
- Will be in Olympia tomorrow supporting the Fix US-2 Coalition; and to testify in support of the Forward Washington Bill
- HPAC recommendations
- Scheduling quarterly meetings with Councilmembers

Mayor Thomas debuted the city's HGTV Home Town Takeover video submission; and thanked staff for their efforts.

FINAL ACTION

1. Waive Council Rules of Procedure

Councilmember Hanford moved to waive Council Rules of Procedure to allow final action to be taken at a study session; and to amend the February 4, 2020 agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0)

Councilmember Hanford moved to amend the agenda allowing for a new business item; a Resolution supporting passage of a transportation package by the Washington State Legislature. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Hanford moved to approve Resolution 001/2020; a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Washington, supporting passage of a transportation package by the Washington State Legislature. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rousey. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. AB20:023: Discussion of Potential Urban Growth Area (UGA) Expansion

Mr. Swanson provided background information on AB20-023 and facilitated a discussion related to the city's Urban Growth Area (UGA) boundaries. In-depth discussion ensued regarding the following topics:

- Snohomish County timelines
- Snohomish County process
- Density
- The city's comprehensive plan
- Potential annexation areas
- Analysis of scenarios
- Zoning and suitability
- Regulatory framework
- Future considerations
- Fiscal impacts
- Countywide Planning Policies

Ms. Knight presented Council with topics to think about going forward; and reminded them of the upcoming Vision 2050 Sounding Board. This item will be sent to the P3 Committee for discussion and direction.

2. AB20-024: 2019 Strategic Plan Accomplishments and 2020-2025 Strategic Priorities

Ms. Knight provided background information on AB20-024 and gave an update on the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan and aggressive work plan schedule. Ms. Knight noted the primary discussion will take place at the March Council Retreat.

Council engaged in discussion and suggested additional related topics to be covered at the March retreat.

3. AB20:025: Vision 2050 Sounding Board

Ms. Knight provided background information on AB20-025 and reviewed the agreement with EnviroIssues to help create a community "Sounding Board" to provide guidance to City Council, Mayor and staff during the research, planning, public outreach, and coordination phases of Vision 2050. After the visioning process is complete, the function of the Sounding Board changes to educate other stakeholders about the City's revised vision, mission and core values statements.

Ms. Knight explained the need for a diverse, cross-section of Monroe residents and business owners; and asked Council to send contact information for potential members to Ms. Pfister. This item will be brought back to Council in March.

4. AB20:026: 2020 Potential Park Capital Bond Election

Ms. Hasart provided background information on AB20-026 and reviewed the failed 2019 East County Parks and Recreation District bond request; and the city's precinct results.

Ms. Hasart detailed the April 2020 special election timeline; projects the bond measure would fund; financial impacts; and other considerations.

Ms. Hasart explained a proposed agreement with Strategies360 to help with digital education and outreach efforts.

Council engaged in discussion. This item will come back for action at the next business meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. To discuss items relating to Collective Bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)

Mayor Thomas noted the need for an executive session for approximately 10 minutes total to discuss items related to collective bargaining (RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)) and read the appropriate citation into the record.

The meeting recessed into executive session at 8:56 p.m.; was extended for an additional twenty minutes; and reconvened at 9:27 p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:27 p.m.

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

Gina Pfister, Clerical Specialist