

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE**

The February 25, 2020, Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas at 7 p.m.; Monroe City Hall, Council Chambers.

Councilmembers present: Cudaback, Davis, Gamble, Hanford<sup>1</sup>, Rousey, Rasmussen, and Scarboro.

Staff members present: Adkisson, Feilberg, Hasart, Jolley, Knight, Peterson, and Warthan; and City Attorney Lell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Rasmussen.

Mayor Thomas noted the need to amend the agenda to add an item related to a consultant agreement with Strategies 360.

Councilmember Rousey moved to amend the agenda and add New Business Item No. 4, AB20-038, regarding an agreement with Strategies360; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback.  
On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

**SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

1. AB20-031: Recognition of Service: Sergeant Johnston

Police Chief Jeff Jolley recognized Sergeant Brian Johnston for his years of service; provided background information on his thirty-three year career with the Monroe Police Department; and presented him a Chief's Coin. Mayor Thomas presented Sergeant Johnston with a Mayor's Coin and thanked him for his years of service to the City of Monroe. Sergeant Johnston thanked the Mayor, City Council, City of Monroe, and greater community; and introduced family and friends in attendance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following person spoke regarding Urban Growth Area expansion: Ms. Susan Davis.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of the Minutes: February 4, 2020, Regular Business Meeting
2. Approval of AP Checks and ACH Payments (*Check Nos. 90901 through 90945, P-Cards, PUD, B&O, and ACH Payments, in a total amount of \$436,655.93*)
3. AB20-032: Authorize Mayor to Sign Professional Services Agreement with Monroe Law for Social Worker Services
4. AB20-033: Accept the Washington State Department of Ecology Grant and Loan; and Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement with Ecology for Blueberry Infiltration Project

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<sup>1</sup> CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Hanford arrived at approximately 7:08 p.m. during Special Orders of the Day.

5. AB20-034: Authorize Mayor to Sign Professional Services Contract with Anne Pflug, the Sole Proprietor of the Other Company, and Karen Reed of Karen Reed Consulting, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$51,000 for a Municipal Court Assessment

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

Motion carried (7-0).

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. AB20-035: Ordinance No. 002/2020, Amending MMC 2.40, Legal Representation; First Reading

Ms. Becky Hasart, Finance Director, provided background information on AB20-035, the proposed ordinance, and proposed amendments to Monroe Municipal Code 2.40, Legal Representation.

Councilmember Rasmussen moved to accept for first reading Ordinance No. 002/2020, amending Chapter 2.40 MMC Legal Representation; clarifying the scope of the City’s legal representation obligation for claims against City officials and employees; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

2. AB20-036: Resolution No. 002/2020: Adopting the Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee (HPAC) Recommendations

Ms. Deborah Knight, City Administrator, provided background information on AB20-036, the proposed resolution, and recommendations of the HPAC.

Councilmember Gamble moved to approve Resolution No. 002/2020 adopting the Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee (HPAC) recommendations; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford.

Discussion ensued regarding concerns with HPAC recommendations and review by the City Council Public Safety Committee.

Councilmember Rousey moved to amend the main motion to include further direction to the City Council Public Safety Committee and to include proposed conditions to the HPAC recommendations; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed conditions; review of the Public Safety Committee; and Council Rules of Procedure/Councilmember participation on legislative committees.

On vote, Amendment motion failed (1-6);  
Councilmembers Cudaback, Davis, Gamble, Hanford, Rasmussen, and  
Scarboro opposed.

On vote, Main motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Hanford noted his resignation from the City Council 2020 Public Safety Committee, effective immediately.

Councilmember Hanford move to appoint Councilmember Rousey to the City Council 2020 Public Safety Committee; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

*The meeting recessed from 7:41 p.m. to 7:43 p.m.*

3. AB20-037: Resolution No. 003/2020: Supporting a Capacity Study of US Highway 2 from State Route 9 to State Route 207 in Chelan County

Ms. Knight provided background information on AB20-037, the proposed resolution, and capacity study.

Councilmember Rasmussen moved to approve Resolution No. 003/2020, supporting funding a capacity study of US Highway 2 from State Route 9 to State Route 207 in Chelan County; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

4. AB20-038: Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement with Strategies 360 for Federal Government Relations Support

Ms. Knight provided background information on AB20-038, the proposed consultant agreement for federal government relations support, and related scope of work/fees.

Councilmember Hanford moved to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Strategies 360 for federal government relations support in an amount not to exceed \$3,000; and expressly authorize further minor revisions as deemed necessary or appropriate; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

## **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

1. City Council Transportation/Planning, Parks and Recreation, & Public Works (P3) Committee Update

Councilmember Rousey reviewed the items discussed at the Tuesday, February 25, 2020, P3 Committee Meeting, including: 2020 Chair selection; confirmation of regular

meeting date/time; 2020 Committee Work Plan; WWTP Engineering Report Alternatives Review; and Urban Growth Area.

2. Individual Councilmember Updates

Councilmember Rousey commented on her quarterly meeting with Mayor Thomas.

Councilmember Hanford commented on the upcoming Economic Alliance of Snohomish County trip to Washington DC in September 2020 and potential Council representation.

Councilmember Gamble commented on the Monroe Public Schools Foundation upcoming auction.

**STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

1. Economic Development Update

Ms. Knight noted the report included in the meeting materials and provided an update on the following topics: annual business survey results; neighborhood specific issues; and response levels.

2. Finance Update

Ms. Hasart noted the report included in the meeting materials and provided an update on the following topics: January 2020 financials; Republic Services report; and upcoming City Council Finance and Human Resources Committee Meeting.

3. Human Resources/Information Technology Update

Mr. Ben Warthan, Human Resources Director, noted the report included in the meeting materials and provided an update on the following topics: open and filled positions.

**MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

1. City Administrator Update

Ms. Knight reported on the following topics: recognition of Director Warthan in regards to filling open positions; and review of upcoming City Council agendas.

Councilmember Gamble noted his upcoming absences on March 10, and March 24, 2020.

2. Mayor's Update/Monroe This Week (*Volume 6, Edition 7*)

Mayor Thomas noted the Monroe This Week included in the meeting materials; and reported on the following items: upcoming trip to Washington DC; French Creek Control District; quarterly meetings with individual Councilmembers; community court discussions with Judge Ness; meetings with Sno/Sky Valley Mayors; letter to local businesses; and State of City Address at upcoming Monroe Chamber Luncheon.

**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 (7-0).

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:13 p.m.**

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Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

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Elizabeth M. Adkisson, MMC, City Clerk

*Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of March 10, 2020.*