



MONROE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Business Meeting
Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
Zoom Online Meeting Platform

Mayor
Geoffrey Thomas

Councilmembers
*Heather Rousey, Mayor Pro Tem;
Patsy Cudaback; Kevin Hanford;
Jason Gamble, Jeff Rasmussen;
Ed Davis, & Kirk Scarboro*

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council meeting was held virtually via Zoom. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and Proclamation 20-28 issued by Governor Jay Inslee, in-person attendance is not permitted at this time.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present:

Rousey, Cudaback, Hanford, Davis, Gamble, Rasmussen, and Scarboro

Staff present:

Knight, Hasart, Swanson, Feilberg, Farrell, Jolley, Warthan, Criswell, Roberts, Lande, Huebner, Christian, Bright, and City Attorney Lell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Rasmussen.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Amsberry – requested that Council consider allowing gatherings, weddings, reunions, and other similar activities to occur in the downtown professional spaces

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1. City Council Meeting Minutes for 02/23/2021
- 5.2. Amendment to Consultant Agreement WWTP CIP 1 for Construction Management Services
- 5.3. Monroe Boys and Girls Club HVAC Retrofit and Improvement Project
- 5.4. Resolution 003/2021 Change of Indirect Control of WDH Black Rock Cable
- 5.5. Springbrook Contract

Motion: Move to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Scarboro moved. Councilmember Hanford seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- 6.1. Community Development Department January 2021 Report – Mr. Criswell presented the report as included in the meeting packet.
- 6.2. Public Works Report – Mr. Roberts presented the report as included in the meeting packet.
- 6.3. Emergency Management Report – Mr. Feilberg presented the report as included in the meeting packet. Mr. Feilberg updated numbers as of the prior Saturday: 31,478 confirmed cases; 548 deaths; 23 hospitalizations; and 4 on mechanical ventilation.



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- 6.4. Parks Department February 2021 Report – Mr. Farrell presented the report as included in the meeting packet.
- 6.5. Community Attributes Inc (CAI) Park Recreation and Open Space Plan Demographic Analysis – Ms. Knight shared a PowerPoint illustrating the data associated with this analysis (attachment 1).

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Davis provided the Public Safety Committee Report and encouraged the Council to read the State versus Blake information provided in the Public Safety packet. Councilmember Rousey also encouraged Council to read State v. Blake.

Councilmember Gamble provided details about the upcoming Monroe Public Schools Foundation virtual auction, to occur the weekend of March 19 through March 22. A live auction is scheduled for March 21 at 7:00 pm.

Councilmember Hanford expressed appreciation to Ms. Knight for the CAI report. He expressed that the demographic information without the prison numbers would be helpful when making policy decisions.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Administrator Update. Ms. Knight reviewed the extended agenda as presented in the meeting packet.

Ms. Knight provided information on the American Rescue Plan Act (CARES 2.0) and its estimated impact for the City. Ms. Knight acknowledged the following employees for their longevity and dedication to the City: Paul Ryan; Joy Petrick; John Lande; John Axtman; Jason Southard; Nathan Erdmann; Trevor Ore; Scott Barr; and Vicki Thayer. Ms. Knight expressed her appreciation for their service and longevity.

Ms. Knight reminded Council that their financial reports to the Public Disclosure Commission are due by April 15, 2021.

Mayor's Report. Mayor Thomas updated the Council on his recent meeting with Judge Ness. Discussion topics included the need for a probation officer and details on some of the Court's recent successes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Thomas noted the need for an executive session and provided the following information:

The City Council will convene an executive session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation with legal counsel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and to discuss pricing of property pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) for 5 minutes. The Mayor will notify the Interim City Clerk (Ms. Hasart) if the executive session has been extended; and the Interim City Clerk will notify the public. Council is anticipated to take action following the executive session. For purposes of the executive session, the Council will leave the current, publicly accessible



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Zoom meeting and will join a new Zoom meeting, for which the dial-in information has been separately provided to the Council Members.

The Council meeting was recessed to executive session at 7:52 p.m. for 5 minutes.

At 7:57 p.m. the executive session was extended to 8:02 p.m.

At 8:02 p.m. the executive session was extended to 8:07 p.m.

At 8:07 p.m. the executive session was extended to 8:10 p.m.

The executive session ended at 8:09 p.m.

The Council meeting reconvened to regular session at 8:10 p.m.

Councilmember Scarboro did not rejoin the regular session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Thomas noted that the Council will go to a Closed Session to discuss collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) after adjournment of this meeting.

Motion: Move to adjourn. Councilmember Davis moved. Councilmember Rasmussen seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:12 p.m.

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Geoffrey Thomas (Mar 29, 2021 09:43 HST)

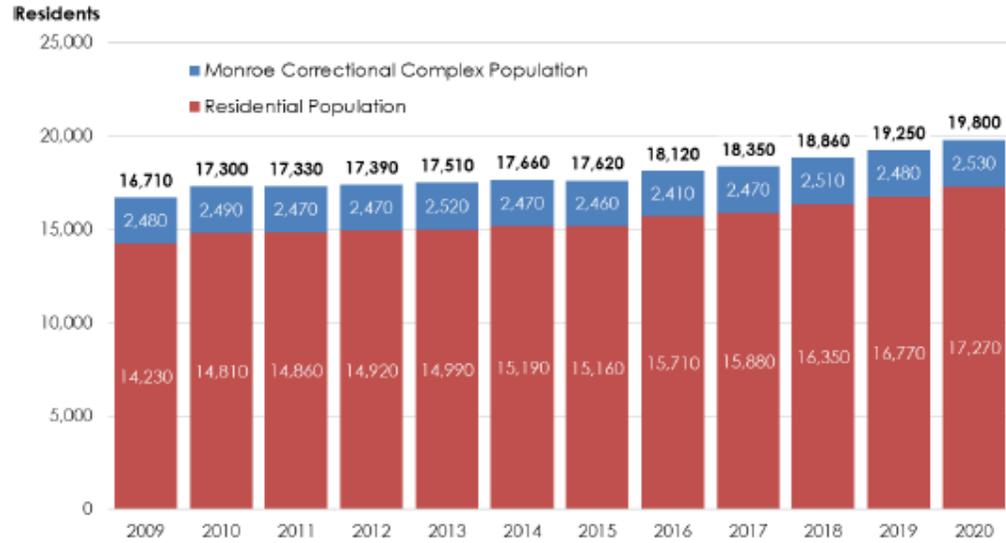
Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

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Rebecca R. Hasart, Interim City Clerk

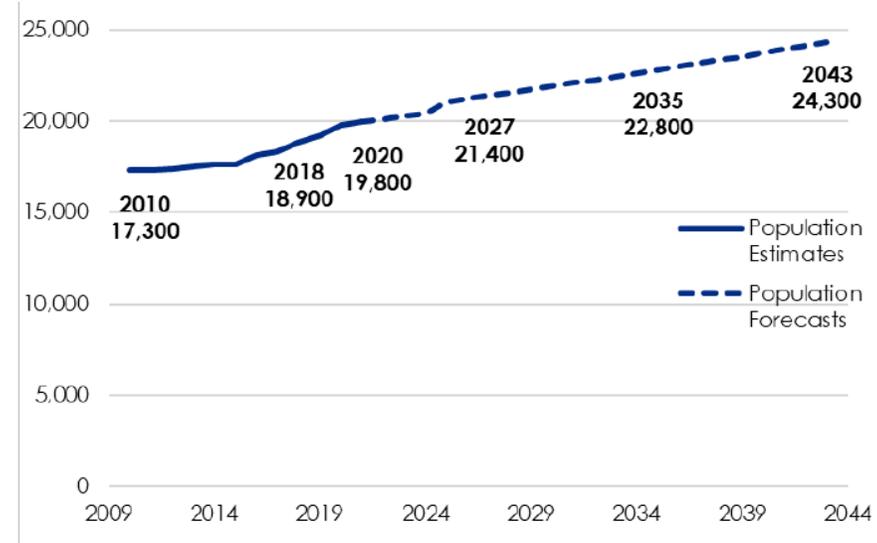
Monroe by the Numbers





Data sources: Washington State Office of Financial Management (2020); Washington State Department of Corrections (2021).

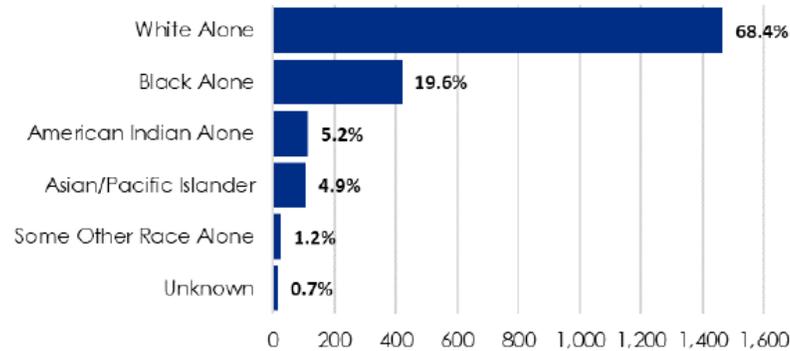
Exhibit 1. City of Monroe Population, 2010-2043



Sources: Washington State OFM, 2020; PSRC, 2020; Community Attributes Inc., 2020.

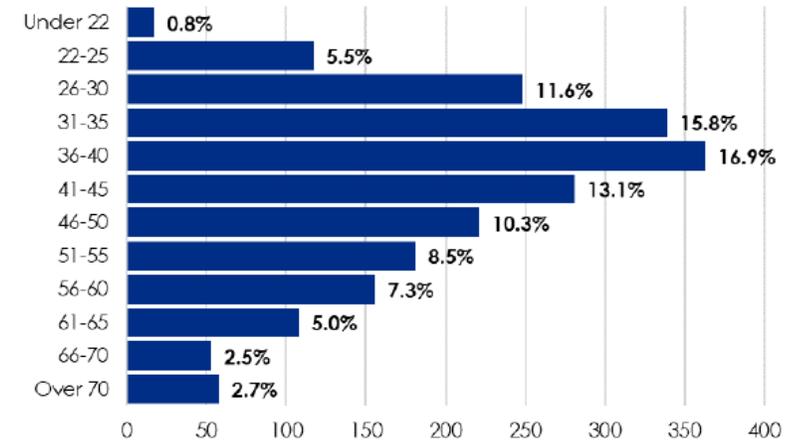
Population and Housing

Exhibit 8. Monroe Correctional Complex Population by Race, 2020



Source: Washington State DOC, Agency Fact Card – Expanded, 2020.

Exhibit 7. Monroe Correctional Complex Population by Age, 2020



Source: Washington State DOC, Agency Fact Card – Expanded, 2020.

Inmate Age and Race

Population at MCC is slightly more diverse than City's overall population:

- 68% white alone
- 20% black alone
- 14% Hispanic

Exhibit 9. Estimated Monroe Non-Inmate Demographic Composition by Age, 2018

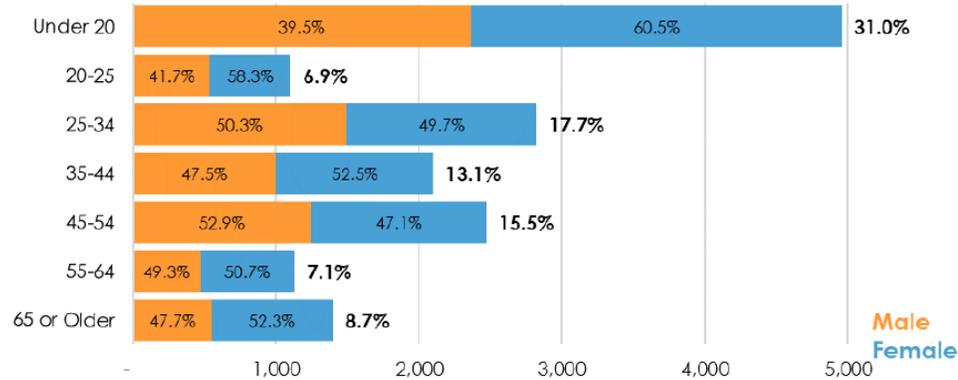
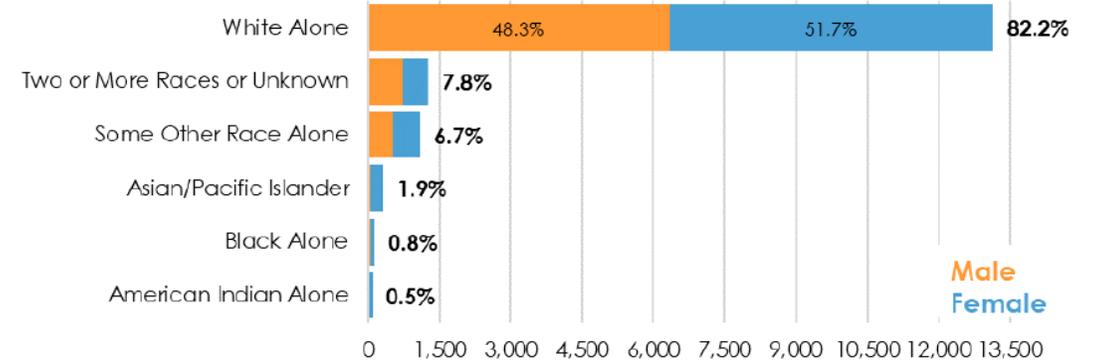


Exhibit 10. Estimated Monroe Non-Inmate Demographic Composition by Race, 2018

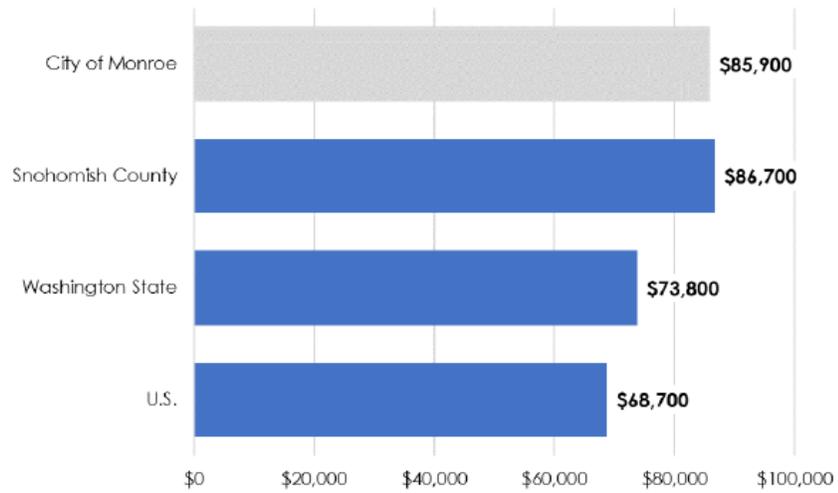


Non-Inmate Age and Race

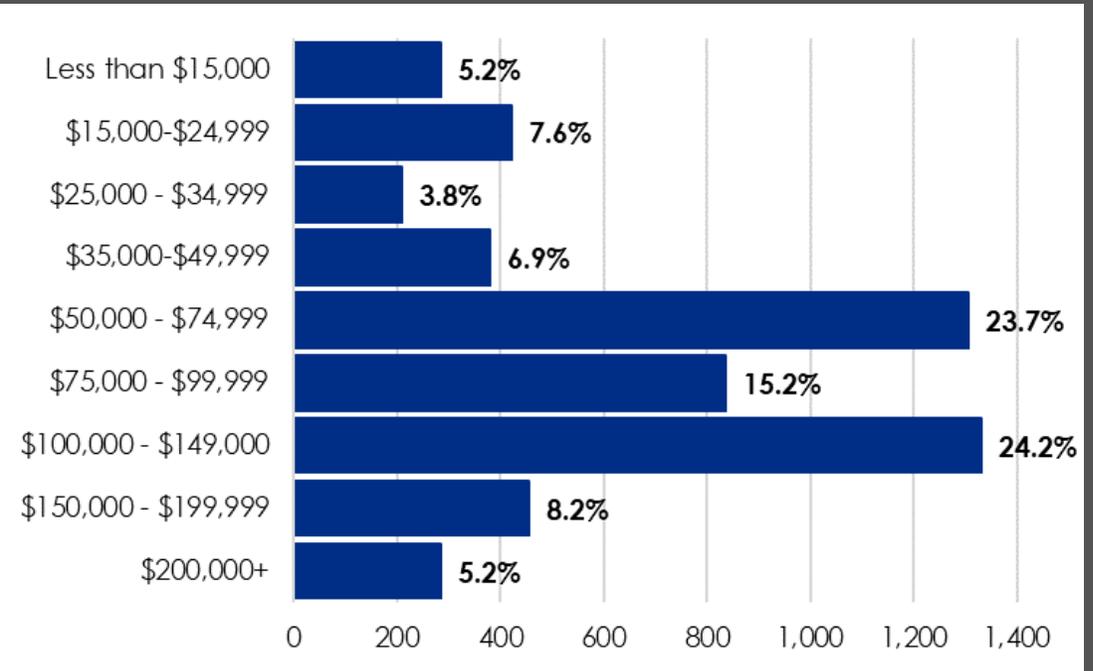
The population excluding the MCC is:

- Less diverse 82% white vs. 80% with inmates
- Population that is Black Alone decreases from 3% to less than 1%
- The proportion of Hispanic residents increases from 18% to 19%

Exhibit 12. Median Real Household Income, City of Monroe, Snohomish County, Washington State, U.S., 2019



Data source: U.S. Census Bureau (2020).



Income

Questions



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Final Audit Report

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