



MONROE THIS WEEK

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GREETINGS FROM MAYOR THOMAS

Hello! Thank you for reading Monroe This Week. Learn what is happening and has happened during the week. If you have any suggestions, questions, or comments for "Monroe This Week" or the articles included, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I can be reached at gthomas@monroewa.gov

Thank you!
Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas



MAYOR HAPPENINGS

#Finish522 Update

On Tuesday, January 22nd, the City Council passed a resolution supporting a proposed 2019 Transportation Package, which includes funding for the following projects that would benefit people living and working in Monroe: SR522 interchange at I-405, SR522 interchange at Paradise Lake Road, widening SR522, and extending SR522 to curve around Fred Meyer and connect into Chain Lake Road (a phase of the US2 Monroe Bypass project); as well as improvements to SR9 and to the US2 trestle. This proposal includes a number of new funding sources including a six cent fuel tax and a carbon tax. If the package becomes a bill, then the projects and funding sources would be discussed by legislators and other people and revised.

On Thursday, January 24th, Councilmember Scarboro, Planning Commissioners Rousey and Silva, and myself, attended a public hearing of the Senate Transportation Committee in Olympia on this proposal. About

70 people representing cities and organizations across our State spoke in favor of a transportation package and encouraged the Senate transportation committee members to have the proposal move forward as a bill so that the funding sources and projects could be discussed and the bill be revised as needed.



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EVENT HAPPENINGS

01/27 Jayme Biendl Memorial 5K Run/Walk, Sky River Park, 10AM

01/28 Civil Services Commission Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 4:30PM
City Council Retreat/ Workshop, El Lago Mexican Restaurant, 5PM
Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM

We also met with Washington State Senator Hobbs, Senator Wagner, and Representative Eslick. THANK YOU for making time to meet with us!!

We will continue to track this proposal and will continue to lobby for SR522. Please join us in showing your support to [#Finish522](https://www.monroewa.gov/finish522).

City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'17 to 12/31/17: \$5,202,980
'18 to 12/31/18: \$5,227,287
UP \$24,307 or 0.46%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'17 to 12/31/17: \$1,621,391
'18 to 12/31/18: \$1,333,345
DOWN \$288,046 or -17.76%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'17 to 12/31/17: \$83,861
'18 to 12/31/18: \$88,063
UP \$4,203 or 5.01%

Business License Fees

'17 to 12/31/17: \$50,642
'18 to 12/31/18: \$49,949
DOWN \$693 or 1.36%

Building Permit Revenues

'17 to 12/31/17: \$617,823
'18 to 12/31/18: \$752,468
UP \$135,445 or 21.95%

Planning Fee Revenues

'17 to 12/31/17: \$41,041
'18 to 12/31/18: \$61,285
UP \$20,244 or 49.32%

SFR Permits YTD

'17 to 12/31/17: 138
'18 to 12/31/18: 190

Multi-Family Permits (#units)

'17 to 12/31/17: 24
'18 to 12/31/18: 0

Inspections YTD

'17 to 12/31/17: 3,001
'18 to 12/31/18: 2,466

CITY HAPPENINGS

Homeless Policy Advisory Committee

On Tuesday, January 22nd the City Council voted unanimously to establish the Homeless Policy Advisory Committee (HPAC). The purpose of the HPAC is to provide a forum for the coordination of information among local citizens and stakeholders to seek thoughtful, effective, and lasting solutions to the City's homelessness crisis, and to facilitate assistance for unsheltered persons in the Monroe community. The HPAC will provide the Mayor and City Council with nonbinding advice and recommendations regarding issues related to homelessness. [Applications](#) are available now and the deadline for submission is February 11, 2019. Thank you to the City Council for your support with this committee. For more information and the application please visit the [City's Homelessness Webpage](#).

Unified Development Regulations (UDR) Update -- Public Hearing

On February 11, 2019, the City's Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to review amendments to the city's zoning code and development regulations. These proposed amendments to the land use code will:

- Develop a greater emphasis on manufacturing uses in the light industrial zone by generally removing commercial and service based uses, such retail and restaurants. However, the proposal would continue to allow commercial and service based businesses in the buildings fronting Fryelands Boulevard.
- Allow for a greater range of uses on many commercial properties (vicinity of Fryelands and US-2) impacted by the airport restrictions
- Institute moderate design guidelines for commercial, single, and multifamily structures
- By March 2019, align the adopted Comprehensive Plan future land use map/designations with the proposed zoning map
- Establish a new tourist commercial zone adjacent to the fairgrounds
- Expand the area within the City where mobile vendors, such as food trucks, are allowed to operate

Please note, regardless of the proposed code amendments, all lawfully-established businesses may continue operations as legally nonconforming businesses. To learn more about the proposed changes and how they help the community address its growth and development issues, visit the city's website at: monroewa.gov/639/Unified-Development-Regulations.

We encourage interested parties to attend the February 11th Planning Commission meeting to comment on the new land use code. If you have questions, or would like to discuss how these changes could affect your business, please contact Shana Restall, Principal Planner at SRestall@monroewa.gov or call 360-863-4608.

City of Monroe Boards & Commissions Openings

- Ethics Boardmember (4)
- HPAC Member (9 to 11)
- LTAC Member (Hotelier)
- Salary Commissioner

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

- Lateral Police Officer
- Senior Planner (Parks)



Jayme Biendl Memorial 5K Run/Walk - THIS WEEKEND @ Sky River Park!

Join us at 10am this Sunday, January 27th at Sky River Park for the annual Jayme Biendl Memorial Run! This is a family-friendly 5K Fun Run/Walk to honor the memory of Correctional Officer Jayme Biendl killed in the line of duty on January 29, 2011. The event is pet-friendly and starts in Sky River Park, goes through the Washington State Reformatory grounds and ends back in the park. All proceeds will be donated to the Behind the Badge Foundation at the request of Jayme's family. We deeply appreciate all who organize and support this tremendous event!



MLK Day of Service Volunteer Tree Planting

Thank you to all who sponsored and came out to Al Borlin Park on Monday, January 21st to volunteer their time at the MLK Day of Service Volunteer Tree Planting event organized by Sound Salmon Solutions! That day, 48 volunteers planted 120 native trees and received public education about the environmental river ecology benefits of planting the trees in the park. We profoundly appreciate their support and are grateful to Ed and Bonnie Schein for inspiring this amazing restoration project.



COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, January 29, 2019, City Council Retreat/Workshop includes the following discussion items: Vision 2050; Municipal Campus Plan – Final Phase, Project Charter; and Long-Term Streets O&M/Stormwater Funding. The meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. at El Lago Mexican Restaurant in Monroe, WA. See you then!

Have a question for your Councilmembers? Contact them at councilmembers@monroewa.gov!!



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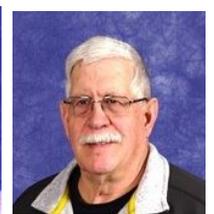
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