



MONROE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Business Meeting
Tuesday, April 13, 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 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present:

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

Staff present:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Scarboro.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for 03/23/2021
- 5.2. Approval of March Payroll expenses
- 5.3. AP/ACH Payment Approvals
- 5.4. Approval of the 2022 Budget Development Calendar
- 5.5. Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services with Snohomish County
- 5.6. South Taft Lane Sewer Main Replacement Project Contract

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

NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1. Ordinance No. 002/2021 Amending Monroe Municipal Code Chapter 3.54.130, Transportation Impact Fees; First Reading

Mr. Peterson presented the agenda bill as included in the meeting packet.

Motion: Move to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 002/2021 amending Chapter 3.54.130 MMC, Transportation Impact Fees; updating the City's codified transportation impact fee schedule pursuant to MMC 3.54.130; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Scarboro moved. Councilmember Davis seconded. Motion passed 7-0.



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COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Davis presented the report on the most recent Public Safety Committee meeting.

Mayor Thomas recapped the State versus Blake ruling and its impacts locally. The state legislature is working on a fix. The bill with the highest probability of passage could preempt local authority. Discussion at the Public Safety Committee included 1) a request for direction regarding sending a letter to the state legislature asking for local ability to enforce locally adopted drug possession laws, such as what was enacted by the City of Marysville and 2) depending on what happens at the state legislative level by April 25, 2021, what Council's desire is regarding preparation of a local drug possession ordinance for consideration at either the April 27, 2021 Council meeting or have the ordinance go to the next Public Safety Committee meeting on May 4, 2021 and then to Council for consideration at the May 11, 2021 meeting. Mr. Lell confirmed the validity of Mayor Thomas' recap of State v Blake, mentioned there are many bills that may address this case, and stressed the validity of any ordinance adopted by the City may be suspect if and when the state adopts legislation that addresses State v. Blake. Ms. Knight shared that Mr. Justin, our lobbyist, feels that SB 5476 is the most likely to move forward. Association of Washington Cities also share this opinion. Mayor Thomas inquired as to Council's direction.

Councilmember Rousey feels we need to pursue a policy on this issue. Supports sending a letter and receiving an update on legislative action on April 27, 2021.

Councilmember Gamble aggress with sending the letter and preparing an ordinance.

Councilmember Davis supports sending the letter and feels we need to prepare to go on our own if the legislature does not act. We don't need to act immediately but we shouldn't wait too long.

Councilmember Hanford supports Councilmember Davis's statements and wanted to confirm this corresponds with the discussion at the Legislative Affairs Committee. Mayor Thomas reiterated what he heard was send a letter in the next few days, monitor the legislative actions, provide a report at the April 27, 2021 Council meeting, and then receive Council's direction for moving forward. Direction could include going to the Public Safety Committee with an ordinance for consideration on May 4, 2021 and then bringing the ordinance to Council for action on May 11, 2021. Councilmember Hanford confirmed that this was his recollection of the Legislative Affairs discussion.

Councilmember Cudaback is not in favor in sending a letter and asked that her name not be included on the letter. She is in favor of receiving a report of legislative action on this topic on April 27, 2021 and then having any local action go through the Public Safety Committee on May 4 and then to Council on May 11. She supports this process but does not support sending a letter at this time. Councilmember Scarboro inquired as to why. Councilmember Cudaback expressed her concerns that a local ordinance on this issue would adversely affect the homeless and those with mental health issues. She does not feel a small amount of possession should be our focus; this could adversely affect populations at a disadvantage.

Mayor Thomas asked if there were any other Council that had concerns about sending a letter or had other concerns regarding this topic. There were no other objections. Councilmember Cudaback requested the letter have the Councilmember names fully documented and that her name not be included. Mayor Thomas inquired if there were concerns if he alone signed on behalf of the City. Councilmember Cudaback expressed concerns regarding that action. Mayor Thomas inquired if the



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remaining Councilmembers would be willing to sign on the letter. There were no objections. Staff will prepare the letter in the next few days. Ms. Knight thanked the Council for their quick consideration of this item.

Councilmember Rousey had a chance to address the Senate Transportation Committee twice this last week and thanked them for including SR522 on their project list. Thanks for the opportunity.

Councilmember Cudaback is happy Snohomish County has stayed in Phase III for the Road to Recovery, our case counts remain low, and we continue making progress on opening up the economy.

Councilmember Gamble agreed with both Councilmembers Rousey's and Cudaback's statements having also testified. He is encouraged about the transportation project list. Councilmember Gamble is looking forward to the hybrid opening of the grades 6-12 school opening this week. Excited for the path forward and we keep moving. Councilmember Gamble reiterated prior comments about how much he appreciates this Council. We have the ability to disagree but it does not turn personal; we appreciate each other's differences. We move forward and we take care of City business. Councilmember Gamble appreciates everyone here tonight.

Councilmember Scarboro informed the Council he has had questions about projects around town and Ms. Knight answered all his questions. He specifically asked about the old Pan-Alaska building, Oaks Street behind Coastal, what is happening next to Goodwill, and about the food truck in the Lowe's parking lot. Ms. Knight invited Mr. Swanson to address the question regarding Goodwill. Mr. Swanson informed Council there is a car wash being located there.

Councilmember Davis shared he is a new first-time grandparent. His granddaughter is doing well and he is excited. Council, the Mayor, and staff all congratulated him.

Councilmember Hanford wanted to echo what Councilmembers Rousey, Gamble, and Cudaback have said.

Councilmember Rasmussen also echoed a lot of what has already been said; staying in Phase III is excellent and glad to see schools continue to open up to get more kids back in the classroom.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- 8.1. Public Works Department Report April 2021 – Mr. Roberts presented the report as included in the meeting packet. Mayor Thomas expressed his appreciation to Mr. Roberts and his staff for the work they have done advocating for transportation issues important to Monroe. It is greatly appreciated.
- 8.2. Emergency Management Report – Mr. Feilberg presented information on Snohomish County COVID efforts and case counts and shared information about the planned earthquake Shake Alert (attachment 1). Mayor Thomas mentioned that beginning April 15, 2021, everyone 16 and older will become eligible to receive a vaccination and he encouraged everyone to get vaccinated once eligible.
- 8.3. March 2021 Parks Department Report – Mr. Farrell presented the report as included in the meeting packet. Mayor Thomas thanked Mr. Farrell for his work regarding the City's Tree USA status and the Growth Award grant. It is greatly appreciated.



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MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Ms. Knight reviewed the extended agenda as presented in the meeting packet. Councilmember Scarboro informed the Council and staff he will be absent on June 29, 2021. Councilmember Cudaback asked if the traffic calming policy will start with the Public Safety Committee or come directly to Council. Mr. Feilberg provided some background information on this item. Councilmember Cudaback shared if this is more than a refresh, it should go to the Public Safety Committee before coming to the full Council. There was no objection from the Council on this course of action.

Ms. Knight gave a legislative update regarding ESHB1054 regarding police tactics. Senator Wagoner presented our requested amendment to remove the restriction on the use of MWRAPs, which did pass on the floor. Ms. Knight commended the work done by Chief Jolley and Mr. Justin with Senator Wagoner. Ms. Knight informed Council that we have received the request to certify our match for our Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) grant for \$1 million to cover acquisition costs of the North Hill park property. Our match is about \$330,000 so if successful, this is a good use of leveraging local dollars for City priorities. This request is good news for our potential success on this grant. Ms. Knight updated about HB1222, which potentially preempt local land use authority on siting housing. This appears to be moving towards signature. Ms. Knight added her appreciation to the Mayor's for the work Councilmembers Rousey and Gamble have made in testifying on behalf of the City along with all the hard work from the Mayor and staff in advocating for the items and projects, especially SR522, important to the City. Mayor Thomas asked Ms. Knight to inform Council about which SR522 projects are included in the Senate transportation package. Ms. Knight clarified that the widening project is included but she did not see the Paradise Lake Road interchange. Mr. Justin will follow up with Senator Hobbs' office on this issue. Mayor Thomas shared that while the interchange has historically been considered first, widening seems to be the priority to the community but we have never tried to decouple the two. Information will be shared when it is received.

Mayor Thomas discussed the current situation regarding filling the Small Cities representative on the Snohomish County Health Board. Currently this position is not filled. The Health District is working on a path forward and Mayor Thomas will share this when he is informed. Councilmember Rasmussen stated he feels we do have representation on the Board of Health in County Councilmember Sam Low and asked for clarification interim service for this position until a successor is appointed. Mayor Thomas clarified that the by-laws do not allow the incumbent to continue to serve without a supermajority vote.

Ms. Knight updated the Imagine Monroe project. We are finalizing the communications component and will be coming to Council with the proposed project budget amendment on April 27, 2021.

Ms. Knight mentioned the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Mayor and Senior Leadership have been developing proposals on the use of this money, which is scheduled for the Finance/Human Resources Committee on April 20, 2021. We are soliciting input from the City's various boards and commissions as well.

Ms. Knight informed Council that when the annual Council meeting calendar was approved earlier in the year, the May 25, 2021 regular business meeting was cancelled to accommodate Memorial Day weekend. This year Memorial Day is later (May 31, 2021). Ms. Knight inquired if Council would be willing to reinstate the May 25, 2021 meeting and cancel the June 1, 2021 Council Study Session instead. Ms. Knight disclosed that if June 1, 2021 is cancelled, all the first study sessions for June, July, August, and September would be cancelled.



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Motion: Move to reinstate the May 25, 2021 Council Business Meeting and cancel the June 1, 2021 Council Study Session. Councilmember Scarboro moved. Councilmember Hanford seconded. Motion passed 7-0. Councilmember Rasmussen informed Council he will be absent on May 25, 2021.

Mayor Thomas discussed a potential letter of support for the Snohomish County Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for improvements to two buildings at the Evergreen State Fair Park to help provide greater flexibility during emergency events and inquired if Council had objection to the letter. Councilmember Scarboro inquired if there were City costs associated with this. The Mayor responded no. Councilmember Gamble asked if there was a definition for emergency events. This request makes sense but wanted to be sure this is for emergent events such as the pandemic. The Mayor shared he felt this would be the case. Councilmember Gamble has no objections if this is for emergent, emergency events. There were no other discussion or objections.

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 purposes of discussing property acquisition pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and discussing potential litigation with legal counsel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 10 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 Zoom meeting and will join a new Zoom meeting, for which the dial-in information has been separately provided to the Council Members.

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

The Council meeting was recessed to executive session at 8:16 p.m. for 10 minutes.

At 8:26 p.m. the executive session was extended to 8:31 p.m.

At 8:31 p.m. the executive session was extended to 8:36 p.m.

At 8:36 p.m. the executive session was extended to 8:41 p.m.

At 8:41 p.m. the executive session was extended to 8:46 p.m.

At 8:46 p.m. the executive session was extended to 8:51 p.m.

At 8:51 p.m. the executive session was extended to 8:56 p.m.

At 8:56 p.m. the executive session was extended to 9:01 p.m.

At 9:01 p.m. the executive session was extended to 9:06 p.m.

At 9:06 p.m. the executive session was extended to 9:11 p.m.

At 9:11 p.m. the executive session was extended to 9:16 p.m.

At 9:16 p.m. the executive session was extended to 9:21 p.m.

The executive session ended at 9:21 p.m.

The Council meeting reconvened to regular session at 9:22 p.m.



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ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Move to adjourn. Councilmember Davis moved. Councilmember Scarboro seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:23 p.m.

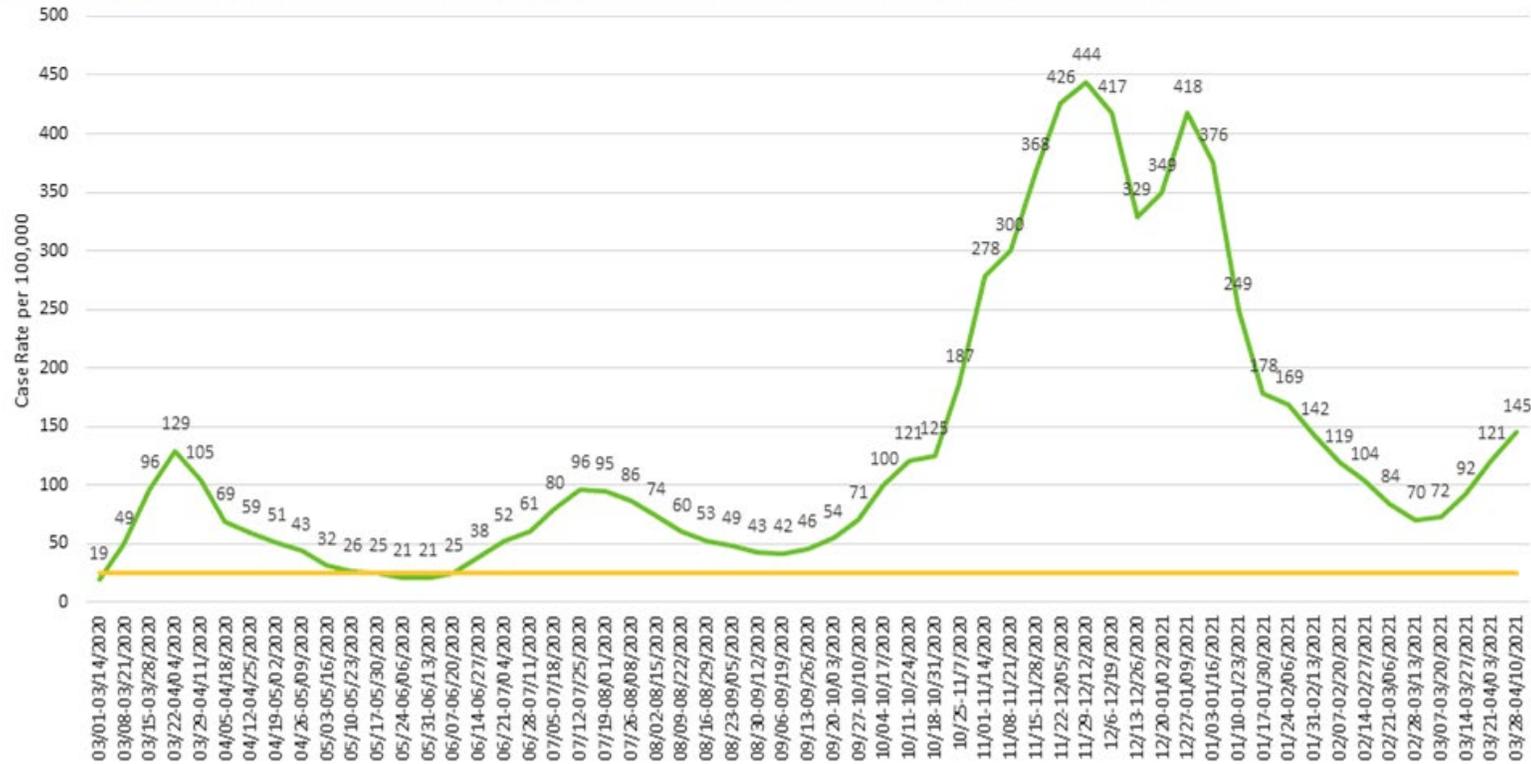
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Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

Rabecca R. Hasart, Interim City Clerk

COVID-19 Case Rate

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COVID-19 CASE RATE PER 100,000 FOR 2-WEEK ROLLING PERIOD (UPDATED MONDAYS)



SNOCO PHASE 3

5 THINGS TO KNOW NOW

- Snohomish County is still in Phase 3.
- Case rates continue to rise.
- We remain at risk for rollback to Phase 2.
- Gatherings are largely responsible for the current uptick in infections.
- Everyone age 16+ will be eligible for vaccination starting April 15th.

HEALTHY WASHINGTON METRICS

Indicator	Metric	SnoCo
New COVID cases per 100K population over 14 days	Below 200	152.3
New hospitalizations per 100K population per 7 days	Less than 5	3.1



ShakeAlert



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Final Audit Report

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