



# MONROE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Business Meeting  
Tuesday, April 27, 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, Davis, Gamble (arrived at 7:20 pm), Rasmussen, and Scarboro

Councilmember Hanford was excused.

Staff present:

Knight, Hasart, Swanson, Warthan, Farrell, Jolley, Criswell, Roberts, Peterson, Huebner, Christian, Consultant Adams, Judge Ness, and City Attorney Lell

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Cudaback.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Thomas proclaimed May Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and read the proclamation into the record.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Arin Hedin – Rainier View Road SE and Sinclair Heights Homeowners' Association Board member – have tried to work with the City Police about speeding on Rainier View Road Se. Radar signs were brought out and there were increased patrols but no follow up. Efforts have been ineffective. At residents' expense, traffic study was conducted, and radar speed signs seemed to be the most cost-effective solution and were installed. Shared specific statistics from the traffic study. Received a demand from City to remove signs within 72 hours due to liability issues. Sinclair Homeowners have submitted permits for the signs and would press the City to review and install these signs into the existing speed limit signs currently installed along Rainier View Road. Also requesting trees be trimmed around existing traffic signs, and installation of additional traffic calming measures. Also looking to change mailboxes to face the sidewalk; can't let kids check the mail due to safety concerns.

Lisa Brown – Rainier View Road SE in Sinclair Heights – lived here for 16 years. Have children, 11 and 15, and does not and has not let them play in their front yard due to traffic and speeds of people driving by. Have been asking the City for years with help on the traffic issues. Have been told that 191<sup>st</sup> St SE would be reopened to take the overflow traffic of the new developments. Has not come to fruition, even after installation of the roundabout. City has sent Police to monitor the road but does not last. Residents installed the radar signs at their own expense, and she has seen a reduction in speeds. If radar signs cannot be put back, ask that other types of traffic calming devices be considered instead. Other communities use many different types of devices. She inquired about the vehicle load for the road due to increased traffic from the new



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developments and daily construction truck traffic. Ask that the HOA be allowed to reinstall the radar signs or install alternative traffic calming on Rainier View Road.

Tammy Hedin – Rainier View Road – been here for 16 years also and works out of her home for 14 years. Office faces Rainier View Road. Has seen cars racing up and down the road; cars passing those that do the speed limit; construction trucks that go way too fast. The quiet street has become noisy and unsafe. Have had numerous accidents on Rainier View Road. Sinclair Heights HOA installed the radar signs about a year ago and has noticed cars do slow down when they approach the signs. Have not had to call the Police since the signs were installed. Now that signs are gone, cars are going fast again. Asked that the City allow the signs to be reinstalled and if not, what can the City do to make the road safer.

Suzanne McGill – Sinclair Heights off 137<sup>th</sup> Place – just in support of the traffic issues we have. Walk the area every day and did notice a reduction in speeds since the signs went up. Since the signs came down, speeds are up again. Worries about crossing the street. Don't know what the City can do. Feels the radar signs would work best as speed humps are not good for emergency vehicles. Rainier View feels like an arterial. She is hoping the City can develop a resolution quickly. She has been pushed and passed when driving on this road.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- 6.1. Approval of 04/13/2021 City Council Meeting Minutes
- 6.2. Approval of 04/20/2021 City Council Meeting Minutes
- 6.3. AP/ACH Expenditures Approvals
- 6.4. EnviroIssues Amendment No. 2: Imagine Monroe
- 6.5. Utilizing 2021 Salary Savings for Internship Program
- 6.6. Closure of Transaction Terms of Purchase and Sale Agreement to Acquire New Park Property in North Hill Area
- 6.7. Ordinance No. 002/2021, Amending MMC 3.54.130, Transportation Impact Fees; Final Reading and Adoption
- 6.8. Agreement between the City of Monroe and Prothman for the recruitment of the vacant City Clerk position

**Motion:** Move to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Scarboro moved. Councilmember Cudaback seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

### NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1. Traffic Calming Device Installation Request

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

Councilmember Cudaback asked how long it would take to develop a policy. Staff responded this item is scheduled for the P3 committee on May 25, 2021 and scheduled to come before the full Council in July 2021.

Councilmember Davis stated it is time to have a policy in place instead of addressing requests one at a time. He is in favor of development of a policy and would like to see one as soon as possible for this recent request can be addressed.



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Councilmember Rasmussen agreed with Councilmember Davis. This has come up before so we need a policy to be uniform across the City. Based on the City's growth, this policy is now moved up in priority.

Councilmember Rousey would like to see what can be done as soon as possible with City approved traffic calming on Rainier View Road. As a member of the P3 committee, she is ready to discuss a policy as soon as it is presented. Councilmember Rousey does not agree with the motion to deny the request but is ready to move on the motion to develop a policy.

Mayor Thomas clarified this is being presented to the P3 committee on May 25, 2021 and will be presented to the full Council in July.

Councilmember Scarboro agreed with Councilmember Davis and Councilmember Rousey.

Councilmember Gamble inquired about enforcement actions on Rainier View Road. What can we do until a policy is in place. Chief Jolley stated historically there had been enforcement in this area but not recently and he has not had any recent inquiries about this area. He can have police increase patrol of this area. Councilmember Gamble shared he used to live in this area and stated he was always tailgated doing 25, even before the new construction. Would like to see enforcement there. Mayor Thomas indicated he will ask the Chief to reach out to the president of the HOA to set up a meeting to discuss the issues and enforcement.

Councilmember Cudaback agrees we need to develop the policy as soon as possible and inquired of staff if there is anything we can do immediately to address the problem. Staff will follow up. Councilmember Cudaback had concerns about being in violation of Washington law if we allowed the HOA to reinstall their devices. Mr. Roberts clarified we would be as well as we would violate Monroe's Municipal Code. Mr. Roberts did offer we could request the police install their radar trailer in this area until a policy is developed. Due to her concerns about violating Washington law, Councilmember Cudaback is in favor of both motions as requested but would support intermediate actions such as enforcement and use of the police radar trailer.

Councilmember Scarboro clarified that the 191<sup>st</sup> Street project was vacated when it was established there is additional ingress and egress to the new developments. But maybe this should be revisited.

Mayor Thomas stated he will have Chief Jolley reach out to the Rainier View neighborhood to discuss their concerns and Mayor Thomas will direct staff to get the police radar trailers deployed to the area since they can be compliant with RCW.

**Motion:** Move to request development of a policy to be administered by the Public Works Director that will guide the consistent application of traffic calming features and efforts throughout the City of Monroe Transportation system. Councilmember Rousey moved. Councilmember Cudaback seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

**Motion:** Move to deny request to install traffic calming devices in the right of way of Rainier View Road. Councilmember Cudaback moved. Councilmember Scarboro seconded. Motion passed 5-1. Councilmember Rousey opposed.



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Councilmember Cudaback explained she made the motion to deny because she does not want the City to be out of compliance with state law and she feels the City can take intermediate steps to address the situation until a policy is finalized.

## COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Knight provided an update on the most recent Legislative Affairs Committee meeting.

Councilmember Cudaback provided an update on the most recent Finance/Human Resources Committee meeting.

Councilmember Rousey thanked Mr. Farrell and the Parks staff for the recent path and trails maintenance at Al Borlin Park.

Councilmember Cudaback is waiting for the COVID data for May 3rd. She is hoping our county does not roll back to Phase II. Councilmember Cudaback stated she walks frequently on the trails behind Walmart and wanted to thank the Police for doing a great job in being out there and connecting with that community.

## STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- 9.1. Finance Report March 2021 – Ms. Hasart presented the report as included in the meeting packet.
- 9.2. Human Resources/IT Report April 2021 – Mr. Christian presented the report as included in the meeting packet.
- 9.3. Community Development February and March 2021 Report – Mr. Criswell presented the report as included in the meeting packet.
- 9.4. Police Department Report March 2021 – Chief Jolley presented the report as included in the meeting packet.
- 9.5. Municipal Court Report April 2021 – Judge Ness presented the report as included in the meeting packet.
- 9.6. Emergency Management Report – Mr. Roberts gave an update on the most recent COVID case counts and presented information regarding the ShakeAlert program (attachment 1).
- 9.7. Economic Development Report April 2021 – Mr. Huebner presented the report as included in the meeting packet.
- 9.8. Human Services Report March 2021 – Ms. Adams presented the report as included in the meeting packet.



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### MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Ms. Knight reviewed the extended agenda as presented in the meeting packet. Ms. Knight informed Council that the May 4, 2021 Public Safety Committee meeting is already cancelled and that there are no discussion items scheduled for the May 4, 2021 Council Study Session and inquired if Council would like to cancel this meeting.

**Motion:** Move to cancel the May 4, 2021 City Council Study Session. Councilmember Rasmussen moved. Councilmember Cudaback seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Knight stated there will be a legislative update provided at the next Legislative Affairs Committee meeting and to the Council on May 18, 2021. Ms. Knight thanked Ms. Adams for her Human Services report and provided information on the Human Services Needs assessment, of which interviews for a consultant occurred earlier today. After reference checks, this item will come back in May to the Council for an award recommendation.

Mayor Thomas discussed a potential letter addressed to Governor Inslee requesting a revised strategy to the COVID-19 pandemic, to significantly reduce or remove restrictions as more people are vaccinated. Mayor Thomas inquired if Council had any suggested changes or if Council would like to also sign the letter. Councilmember Davis expressed an interest in signing. Councilmember Cudaback thanked the Mayor for arranging this and would like to sign. Mayor Thomas asked if there was anyone that would not want to sign. All indicated they wish to sign. Councilmember Gamble appreciated the phrasing used in the letter. It does not single out anyone so he too would like to sign. Mayor Thomas thanked Councilmember Gamble for noticing the phrasing. It was the Mayor's intent to honor individual choice while also requesting the Governor's office to consider the number of vaccinations when determining our County's opening phases.

Mayor Thomas informed Council that we will be opening City Hall to the public soon, most likely by end of June/beginning of July. The City continues to encourage all staff to get vaccinated and targeting end of June/beginning of July will allow that. Mayor Thomas also provided details on the test runs done to allow Council hybrid meetings and provided the estimated timeline on when we would go live with hybrid meetings. Current timelines do remain fluid as the situation can change rapidly.

Mayor Thomas provided information about his meeting with Executive Somers and Ms. Knight held April 26, 2021. Discussion revolved around the 0.1% sales tax for affordable housing the County can impose. Mayor Thomas informed Council that he and Ms. Knight shared what the City has done regarding homelessness and CHSAB. They emphasized with Mr. Somers, who seemed receptive, that regarding the 0.1% sales tax that the City wants to be certain we are not isolated, that we would receive some benefit from this tax. The help would be available where it was needed. Mayor Thomas appreciated the time with Mr. Somers yesterday.

Mayor Thomas attended the Monday evening joint meeting between the Planning Commission and the Parks Board where the Parks and Recreation Open Space (PROS) Plan survey results were discussed. This information will be coming to Council in the near future.

Mayor Thomas informed Council that he issued the following Proclamations administratively: A proclamation recognizing May 2021 as Building Safety Month and a proclamation recognizing May 2-8, 2021 as National Correctional Officers and Employees Week.



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Mayor Thomas also noted he will be issuing the Proclamation for the May 6, 2021 National Day of Prayer via video for next week.

### ADJOURNMENT

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:34 p.m.

Geoffrey Thomas (May 12, 2021 07:15 PDT)

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Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

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Rabecca R. Hasart, Interim City Clerk

SNO

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

# COVID-19 Case Rate

Snohomish County COVID-19 case rate continues to rise.



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# ShakeAlert

ShakeAlert earthquake warnings go live for Washington on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

# MCC Minutes 04-27-2021

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