



MONROE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Business Meeting
Tuesday, May 11, 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, and Scarboro. Rasmussen was excused.

Staff present:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Hanford.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Thomas proclaimed May 9-15, 2021 National Law Enforcement Recognition week and read the proclamation as provided in the packet.

Mayor Thomas proclaimed May 16-22, 2021 National Public Works Week and read the proclamation as provided in the packet.

CLOSED RECORD HEARING

Resolution No. 005/2021 Approving Eaglemont VII Preliminary Plat and Planned Residential Development; Closed Record Hearing and Final Action

City Attorney Lell read into the record information about the Appearance of Fairness Doctrine that governs a closed record hearing, being a quasi-judicial action. The doctrine requires the hearing be fair in both fact and appearance. Mr. Lell asked Council the following series of questions:

- Does any Councilmember have a financial interest in the project or the underlying property? There were no affirmative responses.
- Does any Councilmember have a family member who is a party of record to this proceeding? There were no affirmative responses.
- Does any Councilmember have a personal or familial employment or other business relationship with one of the parties of record? There were no affirmative responses.
- Does any Councilmember own property within 500 feet of the project site? There were no affirmative responses.



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- Is any Councilmember aware of any other personal interest or involvement with the project, the parties of record, or the property that should fairly be disclosed? There were no affirmative responses.
- Is any Councilmember aware of any personal bias for or against any party or for or against the underlying project? There were no affirmative responses.
- Has any Councilmember prejudged any of the issues that are before you this evening? There were no affirmative responses.
- Has any Councilmember not reviewed the record materials for this proposal? There were no affirmative responses.
- Is any Councilmember aware of any reason why he or she would not be able to perform his or her duties in an objective, impartial, and fair manner? There were no affirmative responses.
- Has any Councilmember had ex parte communications regarding this project while the proposal has been pending before the Council (i.e. since the date of the Hearing Examiner's recommendation)? If so, the substance of the communication must be formally disclosed, placed on the record, and an opportunity to rebut the substance of the communication must be provided to all parties of record. There were no affirmative responses.

Ms. Bright presented the record regarding this action as provided in the meeting packet to include a recap of the timeline of actions taken to this point.

Councilmember Cudaback requested clarification regarding 197th Avenue SE per the record. Ms. Bright responded per the information within the record found on page 12 of the packet.

Councilmember Hanford also requested clarification regarding how 197th Avenue SE, of which part is private, would be improved. Mr. Gathmann responded per the information within the record on lines 7 through 9 on page 12 of the packet.

Councilmember Scarboro clarified that the City can control having no parking on the City side of the street but had no control over the county portion. Staff responded in the affirmative. Councilmember Scarboro inquired if Councilmember Cudaback understood the travel lane width versus no parking issue. Councilmember Cudaback responded that the information within the record was clarified for her as to 197th meeting City standards. Staff stated there was further clarification on this issue in the record found on page 22 of the packet.

Councilmember Hanford expressed concern about future parking encroachment on 197th. Ms. Bright directed Council to the record beginning on line 25 on page 11 of the packet clarifying the easement and ownership of the western half of the roadway.

Motion: Move to adopt Resolution No. 005/2021, approving the Eaglemont VII Preliminary Plat and Planned Residential Development (PRD), a preliminary plat located within the Single Family Residential – 4 units per acre (R4) zoning district. Setting forth supportive findings, providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Rousey moved. Councilmember Gamble seconded. Motion passed 6-0.



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PUBLIC COMMENTS

George Newman – was here for the Eaglemont VII hearing.

Susan Davis – clarified they own half of 197th and the easement was over their land. She just wanted to make that correction. The plat that was just approved has an easement over their property.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 7.1. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for 04/27/2021
- 7.2. AP/ACH Payment Approvals
- 7.3. Approval of April Payroll expenses
- 7.4. Resolution 006/2021 Adopting an ACH/Electronic Funds Transfer Policy

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

NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1. Ordinance No. 003/2021 Downtown Fee Waiver Program Extension; First Reading

Ms. Bright presented the agenda bill as included in the meeting packet.

Councilmember Cudaback expressed it was important to extend this another year, especially after the last year with the pandemic impacts.

Councilmember Rousey expressed that although last year was a slower business year, it was important to keep this program going.

Motion: Move to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 003/2021 extending for an additional one-year period the temporary elimination of fees for certain permits associated with development in the downtown area and fixing a time when the same shall become effective. Councilmember Cudaback moved. Councilmember Gamble seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

- 8.2. Ordinance No. 004/2021 Adopting Zoning Amendments to Chapter 22.40 MMC, Nonconformance and Reuse Standards; First Reading

Ms. Bright presented the agenda bill as included in the meeting packet.

Motion: Move to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 004/2021 amending Chapter 22.40 MMC, Nonconformance and Reuse Standards; allowing for expansions of legal nonconforming uses within the Tourist Commercial zone; setting forth legislative findings; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Rousey moved. Councilmember Cudaback seconded. Motion passed 6-0.



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COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Scarboro inquired if we need to revisit the decision to remove the 191st Street project for another exit from Eaglemont and based on public comments from two weeks ago. Councilmember Rousey agreed that 191st would be worth another discussion and consideration again. Councilmember Gamble shared his recollection on the history regarding 191st to include costs and lack of ownership of the easements needed. He asked if the agenda information from 2019 could be shared with the Council again. Councilmember Scarboro stated with Gamble's explanation, he could retract his need to readdress the 191st street discussion but that the information still needs to be shared. Councilmember Gamble clarified he felt the request for another discussion is good; he just wanted to share that the original information is readily available for consumption. Councilmember Hanford echoed Councilmember Gamble's comments; this information is worth another review.

Councilmember Rousey shared which meetings she has attended since the last Council meeting. Many interesting things happening around the City and we are busy.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- 10.1. April 2021 Parks Department Report – Mr. Farrell presented the report as included in the meeting packet. Councilmember Gamble shared this was a great update, especially in regard to Lake Tye and wanted to highlight the work around homeless camp cleanups and commended Park staff for the work being done regarding this matter.
- 10.2. Public Works Department Report May 2021 – Mr. Roberts presented the report as included in the meeting packet.
- 10.3. Emergency Management Report – Mr. Feilberg presented information on Snohomish County COVID efforts and case counts and shared information on Smart 911 (attachment 1).

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Ms. Knight reviewed the extended agenda as presented in the meeting packet. Ms. Knight reminded Council of the Monroe Transportation Benefit District Board meeting for next Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Knight also shared that due to the scheduled items for the P3 committee meeting on May 25th, staff is recommending the start time be changed from 6:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. There were no objections from the committee members.

Ms. Knight informed Council there are currently not discussion items scheduled for the City Council Study Session on May 18, 2021.

Motion: Move to cancel the May 18, 2021 City Council Study Session. Councilmember Gamble moved. Councilmember Davis seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Knight provided an update on the Imagine Monroe Outreach schedule to include planned pop-up events to occur over the next two months. Materials will be provided in both English and Spanish.



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Ms. Knight inquired about Council attendance at the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) upcoming conference scheduled for June 22-25, 2021 and informed Council of the need to appoint up to three voting delegates for the AWC business meeting scheduled for June 24, 2021. Councilmembers Gamble and Rousey expressed interest in attending. This item will be discussed again on June 8, 2021 to give Council time to review their calendars.

Mayor Thomas shared he attended the joint Planning Commission/Community Human Services Advisory Board (CHSAB) last Monday. Topics included discussion about affordable housing plans. He and the Chief met with residents in the Sinclair Heights/Rainier View Road area on May 4, 2021 to discuss their neighborhood traffic concerns. Mayor Thomas attended the Monroe Equity Council (MEC) meeting on May 5, 2021 and the CHSAB meeting on May 6, 2021.

Mayor Thomas shared he and City staff ran a test on doing hybrid Council meetings on the afternoon of May 10, 2021. The system did not work as expected; staff is developing alternatives for further consideration. Another test is scheduled around June 8, 2021. More information to come.

Mayor Thomas provided the State of the City update to the Monroe Chamber of Commerce this morning. A copy of the presentation is available on the web site (attachment 2). Mayor Thomas felt one of the things that stood out was how much work was accomplished in 2020.

Mayor Thomas shared he issued two proclamation this last week: National Day of Prayer for May 6, 2021 and Mother's Day on May 9, 2021. Both are included the packet. He wished Ms. Rousey, Ms. Cudaback, and Ms. Knight a belated Happy Mother's Day.

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 potential litigation with legal counsel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) 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 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 8:28 p.m. for 5 minutes.

At 8:33 p.m. the executive session was extended to 8:38 p.m.

The executive session ended at 8:37 p.m.

The Council meeting reconvened to regular session at 8:38 p.m.



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ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Move to adjourn. Councilmember Gamble moved. Councilmember Rousey seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

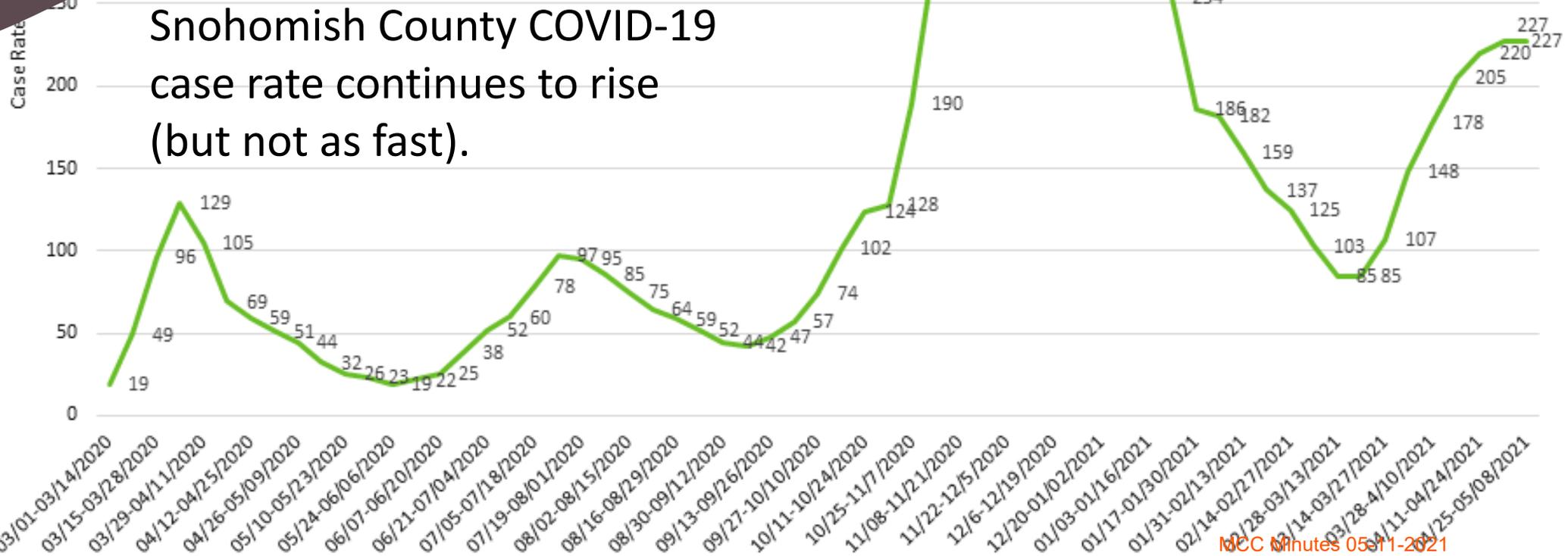
MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:39 p.m.

[Geoffrey Thomas \(Jun 9, 2021 17:47 PDT\)](#)

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

Rabecca R. Hasart, Interim City Clerk

COVID-19 Case Rate





Estimated Timeline to Fully Vaccinate 600,000 Snohomish County Residents

35K

First doses per week

25K

First doses per week

15K

First doses per week



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HEALTH DISTRICT
WWW.SNOHD.ORG



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Attachment 6

Plan Ahead For Any Emergency

Give 9-1-1 the information they need to help you fast.

SIGN UP TODAY

Smart911 protects over
66 million people nationwide.



Safety Profile

Provide additional information to 9-1-1 so they can help you faster in an emergency.



Alerts and Notifications

Stay informed of weather, traffic, and other emergencies in your community.



Vulnerable Needs Registry

Alert emergency managers that you need special assistance when a disaster strikes.

Smart 911



2021 State of City Address

Monroe Chamber of Commerce
Presented by Mayor Geoffrey Thomas



Early 2020...

- Business retention and recruitment
 - Sent letters to recruit wine tasting rooms
- #Finish522, and US2
 - Advocated for SR522 and US2 in Olympia and Washington, DC
- Tourism promotion



Date
Recipient Business Name
Business Street Address
Business City, Zip
Dear (Recipient Name),

As a member of the fast growing locally crafted food and beverage industry, I would like to invite you to explore Monroe, Washington as an opportunity for business expansion. With more than 1,000 active winery licenses, Washington is the second-biggest wine state in the country. The number of beer and craft distilleries continues to grow. With such a competitive landscape, finding new customers in an increasingly crowded market becomes critical for success.

Why Choose Monroe

Recent studies done for Snohomish County by consumer trend analysts Arrivallier reveals Monroe had:

- Nearly 10,000 unique visitors in 2019 who traveled more than 10 miles;
- Each visitor spent on average 10.9 hours in Monroe;
- About 80% of these visitors traveled from Seattle/Tacoma;
- About 5.25% from Spokane;
- About 4.8% from Portland, Oregon.

This data does not include Canadians who make up a portion of our tourism visitors.

Additional incentives:

- Waiver of tenant improvement permit fees in the City's downtown;
- Waiver of sign permit fees in the City's downtown;
- Immediate availability of real estate accommodating to the unique footprint of a winery/tasting room;
- Dedicated Economic Development Specialist James Palmer, who can work with you to show you properties, discuss the benefits of operating a business in Monroe, and assist in any preliminary planning specific to your needs.

I would like to invite you to visit Monroe and see for yourself what our community has to offer. Monroe continues to develop its position as a commercial hub for the Sky Valley with new development and new residents fueling an unprecedented period of growth and seeking more options for entertainment and food choices. Along with new residents and the growing number of tourism visitors, these numbers show increasing traffic, higher demand for food/beverage choices, and solid prospects for those who wish to serve them.

With Best Regards,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

City of Monroe
www.monroewa.gov



March 2020 – Initiated Response to Covid 19 Pandemic

- City responded quickly to changing conditions
 - Supported residents and businesses in response to changing rules at the State level.
- Signed Executive Orders with Council's support
 - Authorized restaurants to use parking stalls in the right of way.
 - Removed delinquent account penalty on utility bills.
 - Waived fees for people to make payments online or by phone.
 - Placed a hold on city expenses.



Emergency Executive Order No. 2020-010 Restaurant and Retail COVID-19 Recovery Plan – Temporary Outdoor Use

Purpose:

To establish a Recovery Plan for Restaurant and Retail businesses impacted by the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, and allowing for temporary outdoor use of the Public Right-of-Way.

Discussion:

- I. On February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed a State of Emergency due to the public health emergency posed by the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes the coronavirus disease COVID-19.
- II. On March 2, 2020, Mayor Thomas proclaimed a State of Emergency in the City of Monroe due to the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes the coronavirus disease COVID-19.
- III. Pursuant to chapter 38.52 Revised Code of Washington and chapter 2.60 Monroe Municipal Code, Mayor Thomas has broad authority to issue, amend, and rescind orders, rules, and regulation on matters reasonably related to the protection of life, property and economic well-being in responding to a proclaimed emergency.
- IV. The current and ongoing COVID-19 emergency has resulted, and continues to result, in financial hardship for many businesses in and residents of Monroe.
- V. On November 15, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-25.8 – Rollback of County-by-County Phased Reopening – enacting restrictions upon Restaurants and Bars, and closing the same to indoor dining.
- VI. Without the emergency action set forth in this Executive Order, a significant probability exists that the continued operation of many Monroe restaurants will become economically unviable, leading to temporary and/or permanent closures of such businesses.

Action:

Pursuant to my Proclamation of Emergency, issued March 2, 2020, and in further utilization of the emergency powers granted under Section 38.52.070 of the Revised Code of Washington and Section 2.60.050 of the Monroe Municipal Code:

Effective immediately, restaurants may receive City authorization to establish temporary outdoor dining areas in up to two (2) parking spaces in the public right-of-way that are situated immediately in front of the restaurant's storefront by applying for a Sidewalk Use Permit in accordance with Chapter 12.30 MMC. Permits authorizing the use of such parking spaces shall be issued under the following guidelines:

City of Monroe
806 West Main Street, Monroe, WA 98272
Phone (360) 794-7400 Fax (360) 794-4007
www.monroewa.gov

Speaking Up for Monroe Small Businesses

April 24, 2000 – Request Governor adopt recovery plan

May 6, 2000 – Request Governor adopt phased reopening

April 27, 2021 – Request alternative phasing plan **with Monroe Chamber**



CITY OF MONROE
806 W. Main Street
Monroe, WA 98272

MONROE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
125 S. Lewis Street
Monroe, WA 98272



April 27, 2021

The Honorable Jay Inslee
Governor of Washington
P.O. Box 40002
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

RE: Healthy Washington – Roadmap to Recovery Phases

Dear Governor Inslee:

Counties across the State are experiencing increases in COVID-19 case counts while at the same time, vaccines have become more available. And clearly, some residents are opting not to be vaccinated. We acknowledge the importance of ensuring adequate hospital capacity to treat people with COVID-19. But, it is not fair or just that residents who have chosen to be vaccinated continue to experience the negative effects of the existing phases, including loss of income for business owners and other residents, simply because residents have decided not to be vaccinated.

We are requesting that an alternative phasing plan be developed and implemented to remove limitations on employers and residents who have been vaccinated. Alternatives could include adding a metric of the number of people vaccinated to offset other metrics in determining phases and/or significantly reducing or preferably removing restrictions, e.g. occupancy, and issuing a statement that people who have chosen not to be vaccinated should only enter more crowded public spaces at their own risk.

It will be difficult to justify the current phase strategy to our residents and employers as more and more of the general public are now becoming fully immunized. We are hopeful and feel that a new strategy could be implemented as early as mid-late June, which would have allowed people over the age of 16 a total of eight to ten weeks to be fully vaccinated. We are requesting public presentation of this strategy by middle to end of May.

We thank you for the work you and your administration are doing and we thank you for considering our request.

Respectfully,


Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

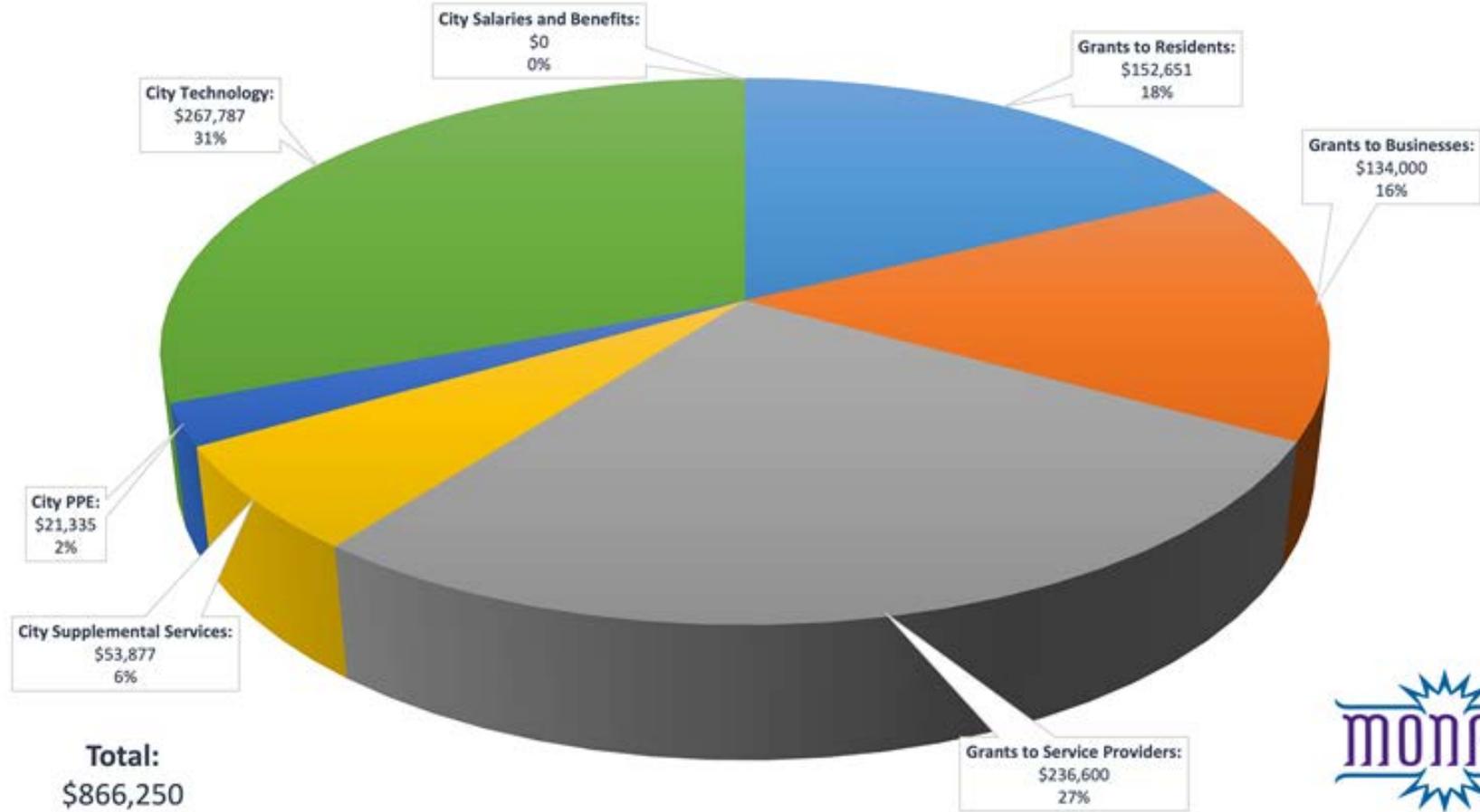

Mike Buse, President
Monroe Chamber of Commerce


Heather Rousey, Mayor Pro Tem


Janelle Drews, Executive Director
Monroe Chamber of Commerce

CARES Act Disbursement

City of Monroe CARES Act Funds Usage Breakdown



Inclusion, Equity, & Justice for all



acts of racism, discrimination, and hatred; and

Whereas, words and acts of racism, discrimination, and hatred can be both intentional and unintentional, but either way such words and acts are unjust; and

Whereas, Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends" and it is only right and moral that we identify, condemn, and stand against all forms of racism, discrimination, and hatred; and

Whereas, it is important that we recognize and own our biases, that we listen, that we strive to do better, and that we take genuine action to stand against racism, discrimination, and hatred; and

Whereas, our community and our country must do better to take genuine action to stand against racism, discrimination, and hatred; and

Whereas, we are committed to equality, recognize that life is sacred to all, and we believe that black lives matter.

Together, we hereby promise to:

1. Condemn and stand against racism, discrimination, and hatred, and
2. Better understand and acknowledge those privileges we encounter while others do not, simply because of heritage, background, and experiences, and
3. Enforce accountability, fairness, equity, and justice in the court and all departments at the City of Monroe, including within our Police Department, and
4. Listen and learn about how we can do better and how our community can do better to embrace, support, and lift up people who are discriminated against and marginalized, and
5. Promote and embrace diversity, equity, inclusiveness, and justice for everyone in our community

Our Council and I issued a joint statement condemning and standing against racism, discrimination, and hatred.

Since then, we have been more conscious of how cultural, financial, and legal systems affect people with different lived experiences.

In Monroe, we've had civil discourse.

City staff and I continue moving forward to affect change at the city level to better ensure fairness, equity, access, safety, and liberty for everyone in our community.



Legislative Advocacy

- #Finish522 – Working with **County, State, and Federal** levels to secure funding to #Finish522's widening and replacing the light with an interchange at Paradise Lake Road.
- Submitting funding requests to our **Federal delegation** to #Finish522 (both widening and replacing the stoplight at Paradise Lake Road with an interchange), and US2,
- Installing quiet train crossings at Frylands, 179th St, S. Kelsey, Lewis Street, and Main St.
- Requesting funding from the State to complete needed work at the Boys & Girls Club in part to support opportunities for children in our community.
- Supporting reasonable changes to police tactics regulations at the State level.
- Ensuring there is accountability when people are contacted with illegal drugs.

Continued Getting Work Done

- Keeping roads, sidewalks, parks, and facilities open and maintained;
- Ensuring sewer and water systems are working;
- Tracking expenses and paying bills;
- Approving building and land use applications;
- Supporting human resources, IT, and city fleet needs;
- Providing law enforcement;
- Keeping court in session; and
- Helping people in need.

We have an awesome staff, supportive Council, and remarkable community. 😊

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Last week, Public Works O&M Division crew members Dustin and Jason assisted the Parks & Recreation Department by completing a trail connection project off of Fryelands Boulevard, just north of Wales Street. This project connects the popular Lake Tye walking path to local businesses, and improves accessibility to and from Lake Tye Park.



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Construction Underway: The Parks Department will be replacing boards on the Al Borlin pedestrian bridge over the next few days. The bridge will remain open with staff directing crossers. Please be careful if you need to cross the bridge.



 City of Monroe, WA
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Roadside mowing is an important service provided by the City's Public Works Department. It prevents vegetation from growing into the roadway, sight obstructions at intersections corners, and driveways. Roadside mowing of our ditches and swales also helps our City to manage urban stormwater runoff and prevent flooding in the fall. JP, one of our PW crew members, has been with the City for 14 years and is who you'll see out there helping to keep our city safe and well managed... [See More](#)



Growing Community

- Comprehensive Plan Update in 2022, to be completed by June 30, 2024.
- Working on annexations with a 150 acre one in progress east of The Foothills in NW Monroe.
- Realizing our Downtown Master Plan with a new 166-unit apartment community and smaller mixed-use developments in downtown.
- Updated building and planning customer service to be more online.
- Building permit activity is strong
 - **multi-family units**: 182 under construction in 2021.
 - **New single-family**: 66 units in 2020 and 19 permits issued as of April 2021.
 - **Permits** (roofing, fence, plumbing, etc.): 711 issued in 2020 and 221 issued as of April 2021.
- Hired 2nd code enforcement officer in 2021
- Updating other plans to guide development including an Affordable Housing Plan.

Economic Development Web Page

- Description, data, and reports
- Help us tell our story to people interested in choosing Monroe to live, work, and visit.
- Available reports include:
 1. Economic Baseline and Regional Demand Analysis Report
 2. Annual Report
 3. Business Survey
 4. Economic Development Strategy
 5. Downtown Revitalization Strategy
 6. Economic Development and Marketing Plans

For this reports and other info, check out:
[Economic Development | Monroe, WA - Official Website \(monroewa.gov\)](https://www.monroewa.gov)

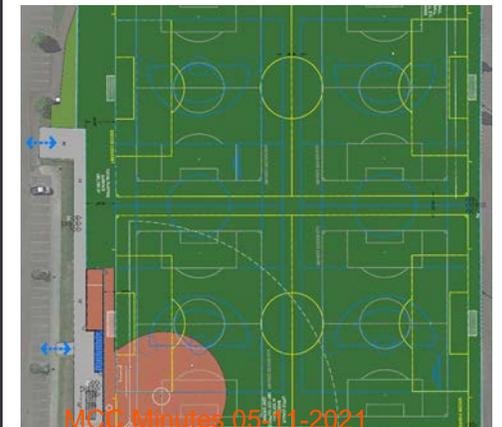
Projects Coming Soon...



North Hill Park Site Project # 20-1288 ACQS
Concept Plan



- Just a few highlights include:
- Lake Tye Park's synthetic turf fields (est. Sept. 2021),
- New Gateway signs (2021/2022), and
- North Hill Park acquisition.



Imagine Monroe

Our Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) recommended to me and our City Council that our community should update our City's vision, mission, and core values statements to guide long-range strategic planning.

Imagine Monroe is designed to engage staff, stakeholders, and the Monroe community including residents, employers, and service providers.

The desired outcome is an aspirational vision statement that will be used to build mission and core value statements. From there, we will update our comprehensive plan, policies, and ways our City works in our community.

To get involved, please check out:

<http://www.monroewa.gov/995/Imagine-Monroe-Visioning-Project> and sign up for updates.

IMAGINE MONROE



COVID-19: Recovery, Reconnecting, and Building Resiliency

Supporting Recovery: *People and businesses are hurting. Businesses need capital to reopen doors, and people need assistance with rent, mortgage payments, utilities, and skills development to match them to available jobs.*

Reconnecting Community: *COVID-19 has forced us into social distancing, isolation and quarantine. These conditions may foster widespread anxiety and loneliness in our community. However, they've also made the need for socially connected, vibrant public spaces, such as city parks, and community events obvious to everyone.*

Building Resiliency: *Investment in critical infrastructure is particularly well-suited use of ARPA funds. When we invest in resiliency and build stronger systems, we can save more in reactive response when disaster strikes.*

We've asked: **What programs can we invest in to help our most needy residents and businesses?**

We've asked: **What activities, events, and programs can we support to bring children, seniors, and others isolated during the pandemic back into public spaces?**

How can the city use funding to support the arts, and performance venues closed during the pandemic?

We've asked: **What have we learned from COVID-19, and how can we be better prepared for the future?**

Email me your thoughts at gthomas@monroewa.gov.

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Our City and our community have suffered losses and, at the same time, has shown compassion, strength, humility, unity, and resiliency.

It's because of these qualities that I'm resolved that together we'll succeed in recovery, reconnecting, and building resiliency while continuing to get our good work done.

For a place of business, a place to live, a place to visit this is why each of us continues to **Choose Monroe.**

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Final Audit Report

2021-06-10

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