



# MONROE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Business Meeting  
Tuesday, June 22, 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 with limited in person attendance in the Council Chambers. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and Proclamation 20-28 issued by Governor Jay Inslee, remote attendance is still available.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present via Zoom:

Rousey, Cudaback, Hanford, Davis, Gamble, and Rasmussen. Scarboro was excused.

Staff present:

Knight (in person), Hasart, Swanson, Warthan, Feilberg, Farrell, Jolley, Roberts, Peterson, Huebner (in person), Christian, Haley, Judge Ness, and City Attorney Lell

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Davis.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Thomas recognized the following employees from the Police Department and shared some career highlights for each:

- Sherri Simonson is moving from the Police Department to Records Management;
- Debbie Willis is retiring from the Police Department;
- Darryl Stamey has thirty-five years of law enforcement with Monroe and is retiring from the Police Department.

Chief Jolly shared some personal experiences with each of these employees and praised each for their dedication and community services.

Councilmember Rousey thanked each for their endeavors and wished them luck in the future.

Councilmember Hanford thanked all three on behalf of himself and his father Chaplain Hanford and stated they have been blessed with the three's experience.

Mayor Thomas thanked all three from his heart and wished them all the best.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.



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### 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 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.

The Council meeting was recessed to executive session at 7:15 p.m. for 10 minutes.

At 7:25 p.m. the executive session was extended to 7:30 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m. the executive session was extended to 7:35 p.m.

At 7:35 p.m. the executive session was extended to 7:40 p.m.

At 7:40 p.m. the executive session was extended to 7:45 p.m.

At 7:45 p.m. the executive session was extended to 7:50 p.m.

At 7:50 p.m. the executive session was extended to 7:55 p.m.

The executive session ended at 7:53 p.m.

The Council meeting reconvened to regular session at 7:55 p.m.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- 7.1. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for 06/08/2021
- 7.2. AP/ACH 06/22/21 (2) Payment Approvals
- 7.3. AP/ACH 06/22/21 Payment Approvals
- 7.4. Purchase of Wetland Credit from Habitat Bank LLC for Chain Lake Road Phase 2A
- 7.5. Evergreen State Fair Traffic Control Agreement

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

### NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 006/2021, 2021 Budget Amendment; First Reading

Ms. Hasart presented the materials as included in the meeting materials and fielded questions from Council.

**Motion:** Move to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 006/2021 An Ordinance of the City of Monroe, Washington Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 to Account for Actual Beginning Fund Balances, New or Decreased Revenues and Expenditures; Providing for Severability; and Establishing an Effective Date. Councilmember Cudaback moved. Councilmember Rousey seconded. Motion passed 6-0.



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### COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Hanford stated it was an honor and privilege to attend the Juneteenth celebration at Sky River Park. He wished everyone a happy Independence Day.

Councilmember Cudaback wished everyone a happy and safe Fourth.

Councilmembers Gamble, Davis, and Rousey wished everyone a happy Fourth of July.

### STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- 10.1. HR & IT Department Report – Mr. Christian presented the report as included in the meeting packet.
- 10.2. May 2021 Community Development Department Report – Mr. Swanson presented the report as included in the meeting packet.
- 10.3. May 2021 Police Department Report – Chief Jolley presented the report as included in the meeting packet.
- 10.4. Monroe Municipal Court Report – Judge Ness presented the report as included in the meeting packet.
- 10.5. June 2021 Economic Development Report – Mr. Huebner presented the report as included in the meeting packet.
- 10.6. May 2021 Human Services Report – Ms. Knight presented the report as included in the meeting packet.
- 10.7. Emergency Management Report – Mr. Feilberg presented information on Snohomish County COVID efforts and case counts (attachment 1). Mr. Feilberg provided information regarding the hot weather warning and updated Council that the current chlorine shortage is does not affect the City of Monroe.

### MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

Ms. Knight mentioned the open house for the Housing Action Plan is June 28, 2021 at 6:00 pm on Zoom after which it will be discussed at the Planning Commission.

Ms. Knight informed Council there have been more than 425 completed Imagine Monroe surveys received to date. The goal is to have over 1,000 responses. The survey closes July 9, 2021 and Ms. Knight shared information about various events at which she and the City's interns will be promoting the survey.

Ms. Knight provided information regarding a recycling study to be conducted by Republic Services from June through October of this year.

Mayor Thomas shared he walked with Councilmember Hanford and others on Juneteenth and then attended the festival. He was invited to speak and shared some thoughts on the value of Juneteenth. He estimated there were 75-100 attendees and commended Janelle Lewis for facilitating the event.



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Mayor Thomas noted that he is attending the Council meeting in the Chambers along with select staff to test offering a hybrid in-person/remote option for future Council meetings. The Mayor shared some details on how the hybrid option would operate and invited those Councilmembers who would like to attend in person at the next meeting arrive at least a half hour early so that the associated IT infrastructure may be tested.

Mayor Thomas administratively issued a Proclamation declaring July Parks and Recreation month.

Mayor Thomas shared a draft resolution regarding COVID health issues. Mayor Thomas shared the genesis of the resolution and provided the detail of the contents of the resolution.

Councilmember Gamble appreciates the time spent to develop this resolution and home inclusive it is. He feels we have been on the right side of this issue all along and that the resolution documents everything we have been doing.

Councilmember Cudaback agrees with Councilmember Gamble that we have done a lot for the City; we have helped our residents and advocated for the City. Councilmember Cudaback stated we have done a great job managing our resources and commended the staff and Council for how we have managed our resources. Does believe there should be a religious and medical exemption for masks but feels the resolution does not do enough to encourage vaccinations. Does not agree with the statements about how choosing not to be vaccinated does not affect others and does not agree that the City should oppose mask mandates for those that chose to forego vaccination without a religious or medical exemption. We have a responsibility to make good choices for the entire community. Also stated that she believes the wearing of a mask is not a freedom issue but a public health issue, except in the case of religious or medical reasons. These statements in the resolution are what will hold Councilmember Cudaback back from supporting this resolution.

Councilmember Rousey shared she likes the way the resolution is worded. She understands it is a choice and that the choice should stay in the hands of the individual.

**Motion:** Move to approve Resolution No. 007/2021 Expressing the City's Position Regarding the Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and Supporting Personal Healthcare Choices. Councilmember Rousey moved. Councilmember Gamble seconded. Motion passed 5-1. Councilmember Cudaback voted nay.

Councilmembers voting in favor expressed interest in signing the resolution.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Move to adjourn. Councilmember Cudaback moved. Councilmember Hanford seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 9:08 p.m.

  
Geoffrey Thomas (Jul 28, 2021 13:52 PDT)

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



Rabbecca R. Hasart, Interim City Clerk

# COVID-19 Case Rate

Snohomish County COVID-19 case rate continues to fall.



# Vaccination Progress

**As of June 17, 2021**

**Total Doses Administered: 833,645**

**Completed Vaccinations: 396,654**

**Percent of Snohomish County  
who have initiated vaccination: 65.6%**

**Percent of Snohomish County  
Completely Vaccinated: 56%**

Based on Percentage of  
Snohomish County Residents Aged 12+

[www.snohd.org/covidvaccine](http://www.snohd.org/covidvaccine) or [bit.ly/snocovaccine](https://bit.ly/snocovaccine)



# MCC Minutes 06-22-2021

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