



**MONROE CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Business Meeting  
Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 7:00 P.M.  
Zoom Online Meeting Platform

**Mayor**  
*Geoffrey Thomas*

**Councilmembers**  
*Heather Fulcher, 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 meetings are not being held at this time.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present:

Fulcher, Cudaback (arrived 7:30), Davis, Hanford, Rasmussen, and Scarboro. Councilmember Gamble was excused.

Staff present:

Knight, Hasart, Swanson, Farrell, Jolley, Roberts, Criswell, Restall, Huebner, Christian, Peterson, and City Attorney Lell

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Scarboro.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Thomas recognized September 15, 2021 through October 15, 2021 as Hispanic Heritage Month by reading the proclamation in English. Mayor Thomas invited Mr. Benito Montiel to read the proclamation in Spanish. Mayor Thomas invited Ms. Aracely Jaminez, Ms. Von Thompson-Wynn, and Ms. Mariana Medina to speak to Council.

### PUBLIC HEARING

- 5.1. First Reading – Proposed Code Amendment Regarding Temporary Homeless Encampments. Ms. Restall reviewed the information as included in the meeting materials and reviewed the applicable time limits associated with this issue (attachment 1). Mayor Thomas opened the public hearing.

**Motion:** Move to close the public testimony portion of the public hearing. Councilmember Rasmussen moved. Councilmember Scarboro seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilmember Rasmussen asked for clarification if proposed ordinance puts the City in line with state law. Staff responded yes. Councilmember Rasmussen proposed consideration of being more specific on the timing in the ordinance in case state law changes.

Councilmember Scarboro agreed with Councilmember Rasmussen's comments but inquired if the City would have to go through adoption again if the state changes the timelines in the future. Staff and City Attorney Lell responded.



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**Motion:** Move to close the public hearing. Councilmember Rasmussen moved. Councilmember Hanford seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

**Motion:** Move to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 007/2021 amending Monroe Municipal Code Chapter 22.90, Temporary Encampments, to update the City's provisions regulating temporary homeless encampments to reflect current state law; setting forth legislative findings; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Rasmussen moved. Councilmember Scarboro seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Liz Nugent, Columbia Street – is raising traffic concerns regarding the high school students and the added congestion. Is concerned about creating a better cohesion between the City and the School Board.

Councilmember Scarboro asked for the Mayor to follow up with Ms. Nugent on whether her concern is at the roundabout or when students are exiting the high school.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- 7.1. August 2021 Payroll Claims
- 7.2. City Council Meeting Minutes 08/24/2021
- 7.3. 2021-2022 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Appointments
- 7.4. Authorization of Applications for Snohomish County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Funds
- 7.5. Award Bid/Authorize Mayor to Sign Contract with Graphic House, Inc. for the Monroe Wayfinding Signage Project
- 7.6. Final Action: Ordinance No. 008/2021, An Ordinance of the City of Monroe Adopting Emergency Interim Development Definitions for Chapter 22.12 MMC, Definitions
- 7.7. EnviroIssues Addendum No. 3: Imagine Monroe

Councilmember Fulcher asked for Consent Agenda item 7.6 to be pulled for further discussion.

Councilmember Cudaback joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 7.6. From Consent Agenda: Final Action: Ordinance No. 008/2021, An Ordinance of the City of Monroe Adopting Emergency Interim Development Definitions for Chapter 22.12 MMC, Definitions.

Councilmember Fulcher referred to an inquiry regarding a connectivity definition not listed and townhome definition. Concerned about the impact to affordable housing. Mr. Swanson responded.

**Motion:** Move to adopt Ordinance No. 008/2021 adopting interim, emergency zoning amendments to Chapter 22.12 MMC, Definitions; setting forth preliminary supportive findings; requiring a post adoption public hearing; providing for severability; declaring an emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date. Councilmember Fulcher moved. Councilmember Hanford seconded. Motion passed 6-0.



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## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 8.1. Ordinance 009/2021 Amending the 2021 Budget, First Reading. Ms. Hasart presented the materials as provided in the meeting packet.

Councilmember Cudaback inquired if we had an estimate of the total cost of law enforcement impacts due to state actions. Staff responded.

**Motion:** Move to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 009/2021, An Ordinance of the City of Monroe, Washington, Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 to Account for New or Decreased Revenues and Expenditures; Providing for Severability; and Establishing an Effective Date. Councilmember Cudaback moved. Councilmember Hanford seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

## **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmember Rasmussen asked everyone for compassion for our businesses that have to comply with mask mandates; they do not make the rules but have to enforce them.

Councilmember Scarboro shared a recent experience he witnessed regarding bad behavior over not wearing a mask in a business and agreed with Councilmember Rasmussen's request for compassion. Councilmember Scarboro attended the Downtown Block Party where everyone had a good time and provided kudos for the 3 on 3 tournament at the Galaxy Theater parking lot the same weekend.

Councilmember Hanford enjoyed the Block Party and enjoyed the fair. Good to see the community enjoying themselves.

Councilmember Cudaback expressed gratitude kids are back in school; it is great to see. Agreed with Councilmember Rasmussen; the community should come together with grace and compassion despite differences in opinion.

## **STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- 10.1. Parks Dept. Report August 2021 – Mr. Farrell presented the report as included in the meeting packet.
- 10.2. Public Works Dept. Report – Mr. Roberts presented the report as included in the meeting packet. Councilmember Cudaback inquired about the Chain Lake trail completion date. Staff responded October to early November.
- 10.3. Emergency Management Report – Mr. Roberts shared the most recent case counts and vaccinations numbers regarding COVID (attachment 2).

## **MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Ms. Knight reviewed the extended agenda as presented in the meeting packet. Councilmember Hanford will be absent on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Cudaback will not be able to attend the September 21<sup>st</sup> Finance/Human Resources Committee meeting.



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Ms. Knight shared the Stage 2 Burn Ban has been lifted to allow recreational fires. Ms. Knight updated regarding Imagine Monroe. A small group is meeting on September 20, 2021 to fine tune the vision statement alternatives.

Ms. Knight shared the Human Services Needs Assessment findings will be shared with the Community Human Services Advisory Board this week.

Ms. Knight mentioned the current board and commission vacancies; staff is actively recruiting for these positions. Councilmember Rasmussen inquired about filling vacant City staff positions. Ms. Knight responded.

Mayor Thomas shared he was involved with some of the vacant staffing recruitment efforts in the last week. Mayor Thomas shared he met with Mr. Olson from Take the Next Step (TTNS) to discuss next meeting with the Latinx community. Good opportunity to share what TTNS does and what resources are available to the community.

## 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 purpose of discussing property acquisition pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and for the purpose of discussing potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 15 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 8:15 p.m. for 15 minutes.

At 8:30 p.m. the executive session was extended to 8:35 p.m.

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At 8:38 p.m. the executive session was extended to 8:43 p.m.

At 8:43 p.m. the executive session was extended to 8:45 p.m.

At 8:45 p.m. the executive session was extended to 8:48 p.m.

The executive session ended at 8:48 p.m. The Council meeting was reconvened at 8:49 p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:50 p.m.

  
Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

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Rebecca R. Hasart, Interim City Clerk

These time limits apply solely to **OUTDOOR ENCAMPMENTS**

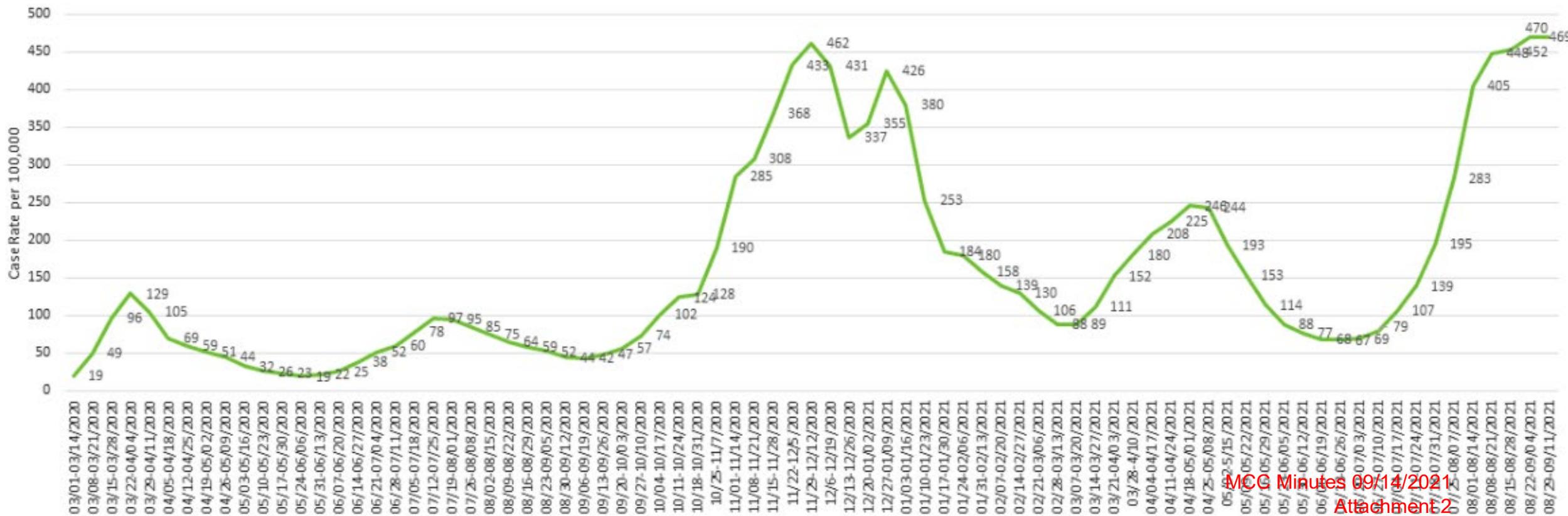
Requirement	State Law RCW 35A.21.360	Proposed by Ordinance 007/2021	Comparison with State Law
Religious organization's availability to host in a calendar year	Code city may not limit encampments to fewer than 6 months per calendar year	MMC 22.90.060(A): "The hosting term...shall not exceed 6 months at a particular site in a calendar year."	Proposed code allows the minimum host time per calendar year allowed by state law
Separation of time between outdoor encampments at a particular site	Code city may require a separation of time of no more that 3 months	MMC 22.90.060(B): "A minimum of three months must elapse..."	Proposed code requires the maximum separation time between encampments that's allowed by State law
Religious organization's outdoor encampment hosting term (i.e. consecutive months)	Code city may not limit encampments to fewer than four consecutive months	MMC 22.90.060(A): "The hosting term...shall not exceed 6 months at a particular site in a calendar year."	The code is silent on the minimum consecutive months an encampment is allowed. It does set a maximum hosting term of 6 months.

To harmonize the distinction between calendar year and consecutive months in State law, the proposed ordinance simply allows a religious institution to host an encampment for 6 months. For example. A Religious Organization may host an outdoor encampment for 6 consecutive months. After that 6 month hosting term expires, the encampment would need to relocate to a different property owned by a religious institution.

# Sno Co COVID-19 Case Rate

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

Snohomish County COVID-19 Case Rates per 100,000 for 2-week Rolling Periods





As of September 13, **75.1%\*** of the population 12 and up has **received at least one dose** and **68.1%\*** is **fully vaccinated**.

\*This percent includes aggregate data from the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs and is higher than the DOH data dashboard.

As of September 13, 75.1% of Washingtonians 12 and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and 68.1% of people 12 and older are fully vaccinated. This number is higher than the DOH data dashboard because it includes state Immunization Information System (IIS) data, as well as aggregate data from the Department of Defense (DoD) and Veterans Affairs (VA):

4,901,110 people with at least one dose (4,742,312 IIS + 158,798 DoD and VA)

6,529,327 (Population 12 and older, 2020 Office of Financial Management estimates)

4,446,282 people are fully vaccinated (4,301,308 IIS + 144,974 DoD and VA)

6,529,327 (Population 12 and older, 2020 Office of Financial Management estimates)

If you haven't been vaccinated, visit [Vaccine Locator](#) or call 833-VAX-HELP to make your appointment today.

# MCC Minutes 09-14-2021

Final Audit Report

2021-09-30

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