



MONROE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Study Session Meeting
Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
Zoom Online Meeting Platform

MINUTES

Mayor
Geoffrey Thomas

Councilmembers
Jason Gamble, Mayor Pro Tem;
Kevin Hanford; Ed Davis
Kirk Scarboro; Heather Fulcher,
Tammy Kinney & Kyle Fisher

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.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Fulcher, Davis, Hanford, Scarboro, Kinney, and Fisher.
Councilmember Gamble was excused.

Staff present: Knight, Hasart, Piland, Roberts, Ladwig, Jolley, Farrell, Huebner, Christian, and Wycoff

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Scarboro.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Kinney said that she and Councilmember Fisher recently met with directors and managers from the various city departments and that the meetings were very helpful.

Councilmember Fisher said that the onboarding meetings with staff was a huge help and thanked staff for all of their work.

6. MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.1 – Extended Agenda

Deborah Knight, City Administrator, reviewed the extended agenda as presented in the meeting packet.

6.2 – City Administrator Report

Ms. Knight said that the gateway signs for Main Street/SR 522 and Lewis Street are under construction and scheduled for installation starting in March. Ms. Knight said that Mike Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director, testified in favor of House Bill 1025 which is a voter approved 0.1% sales tax for parks operations and maintenance. Lastly, Ms. Knight said that she and Mayor Thomas met with Senator Brad Hawkins and discussed Senate Bill 5603 that he is proposing to support a plan to improve capacity along US 2 between Monroe and Wenatchee.

6.3 – Mayor’s Report – Imagine Monroe

Mayor Thomas said that he has been presenting the Imagine Monroe statement with various boards and commissions and received feedback about the section that mentions regional connections and asked Council if they are okay with adding the word “with” after “...regional connections and...”. There were no objections to making the edit. The section now reads *“We can find everything we need with regional connections and with a variety of choices for work, housing, dining, shopping, arts, and activities.”*

6.4 – Mayor’s Report

Mayor Thomas reported on recent meetings including a meeting with Councilmembers Fisher and Kinney, and a meeting with Senator Hawkins. Mayor Thomas said that he and other neighboring city officials testified at the recent the Senate Transportation Committee hearing about the importance of approving SB5603 and collecting studies and other work to provide for projects along SR 2 in 2023. Lastly, Mayor Thomas thanked everyone for doing service projects yesterday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 – American Rescue Plan Fund Distribution Update

Rich Huebner, Management Analyst, introduced this item and explained that the final rules for American Rescue Plan (ARP) fund distribution were recently published and staff has been working on updating contracts and processes accordingly. Mr. Huebner explained that the final rules provide more flexibility for some of the potential recipients. Mr. Huebner said that staff hopes to have the first round of contracts complete by the end of January and will open the second round of applications mid-February. Mr. Huebner reviewed the process of reviewing applications and said the funding is on a reimbursement basis. Lastly, Mr. Huebner thanked Finance Director Becky Hasart and Finance Manager Greg Piland for their help developing this process.

7.2 – OPMA/PRA Overview

Jodi Wycoff, City Clerk, gave a presentation on the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) and Public Records Act (PRA) and explained that all elected officials are required to take trainings on both acts pursuant to the Open Government Trainings Act.

7.3 – Council Meeting Basics/Protocols

Jodi Wycoff, City Clerk, led a discussion regarding various meeting basics and protocols including motions, voting, discussions, virtual meetings, and Council’s Rules of Procedure. There was Council consensus to have the Legislative Affairs Committee review the Rules of Procedure this year and bring back recommended updates.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Thomas noted that there was no longer a need for the executive session listed on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: *Councilmember Hanford moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Scarborough seconded. Motion passed 6-0.*

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:36 p.m.


Geoffrey Thomas (Feb 9, 2022 11:10 PST)
Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor


Jodi Wycoff (Feb 9, 2022 17:33 PST)
Jodi Wycoff, City Clerk

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