

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

June 10, 2025

6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and Council met for their Regular meeting.

- Those Present:

John Howard
Lee Malcom
Julie Sams
Adriane Brown
Tyler Gregory
Greg Thompson
David Dickinson
Logan Propes
Paul Rosenthal
Russell Preston

Mayor
Vice-Mayor
Council Member
Council Member
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Council Member
City Administrator
City Attorney
City Attorney
- Absent:

Myoshia Crawford
Charles Boyce
- Staff Present:

Danny Smith, Jeremiah Still, RV Watts, Andrew Dykes, Beth Thompson, Rodney Middlebrooks, Brian Wilson, Mike McGuire, Chris Bailey, Kaitlyn Stubbs
- Visitors:

Laura Powell, Gabriel Morris, Franklin and Lula Johnson, Moshe Webster, Andrea Wells, 6U Girls Sounders Soccer Team, Jayne Sinclair, Penny Anderson, Marvin and Brenda Fears, Joe Grizzle, and Will Derzis

I. CALL TO ORDER - JOHN HOWARD

1. Invocation

Council Member Lee Malcom gave the invocation.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Howard noted that all Council Members were present except Myoshia Crawford and Charles Boyce. There was a quorum.

3. Amend Agenda

Need to amend the agenda to add presentation of Seattle Sounders girls’ soccer team

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Brown.
Passed Unanimously

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. April 15, 2025 Planning Commission Minutes
- b. April 22, 2025 HPC Minutes
- c. May 6, 2025 Called Session Minutes
- d. May 13, 2025 City Council Minutes
- e. May 13, 2025 Executive Session Minutes
- f. May 28, 2025 Called Session Minutes
- g. May 28, 2025 Executive Session Minutes

To approve the consent agenda as presented.

*Motion by Gregory, seconded by Sams.
Passed Unanimously*

II. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Public Presentation

Seattle Sounders Soccer Team- The 6U Seattle Sounders went undefeated this year, and won the championship game.

Kade and Koen Eason- Star Readers- recognized for reading 1,000 books before Kindergarten

Monroe Estates- Volunteer Recognition- recognized for helping to take care of and maintain the common areas that have been neglected within Monroe Estates.

2. Public Comment

Brenda Fears- shared her frustrations with the state of Monroe Estates. She said stepping outside is like stepping into the ghetto. It is overgrown.

Joy Wilson- making an official request for grant funding toward long-term stability home and work.

Seifollah Aliahanbari-shared that due to the zoning change his property can no longer be used for what it has been used for in the past. The plan is for him to meet with the City of Monroe planning team to go through appropriate uses for his property now that we have had zoning changes.

Franklin Johnson- Shared his same frustrations with the overgrown state of Monroe Estates.

Jayne Sinclair- would like for GDOT to put more speed signs along 78 so that people are more aware of the speeds along this route.

III. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. City Administrator Update- Logan Propes

2. Assistant City Administrator Update- Chris Bailey

3. Department Reports

- a. Monthly Central Services Report- Chris Croy
- b. Monthly Code Report- Logan Propes
- c. Monthly Economic Development Report- Brian Wilson
- d. Monthly Finance Report- Beth Thompson
- e. Monthly Fire Report- Chief Dykes
- f. Monthly Police Report- RV Watts
- g. Monthly Solid Waste Report- Danny Smith
- h. Monthly Streets & Transportation Report- Jeremiah Still
- i. Monthly Telecom Report- Mike McGuire
- j. Monthly Water, Sewer, Gas & Electric Report- Rodney Middlebrooks

4. Department Requests

a. Approval for Jacks Creek Wastewater Treatment Engineering

Mr. Middlebrooks- asking for the approval to proceed with the engineering services with Weidman and Singleton for the design and bidding out of the wastewater sewer plant expansion. This will double our capacity at the plant. It is for \$1,619,665. Mr. Propes

recommended using the Utility Capital Reserve, which will get us kick started.

*Motion to approve by Dickinson, Seconded by Gregory
Passed unanimously*

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing

a. Post Award RDF Public Hearing

Mr. Gabe Morris with our Grant Administrator, Carter and Sloope went over the award. He shared this was the official post award public hearing the redevelopment fund application that was submitted and awarded. The award date from DCA is April 1st. This redevelopment fund project is for the rehabilitation of the Old Ford Building. The Old Ford building is being rehabilitated with a million dollars in loan assistance from DCA. This award is a little bit different than the standard CDBGs that the City is used to because it is a redevelopment process, so it was a grant to the city that is then being loaned out to the developer. Kickoff meeting with the DCA staff will be upcoming. They will review everything submitted so far and make sure that our paperwork is off to a good start.

Public Comment

No public comment

b. Environmental Variance #3757 – 311 Stokes St.

Mr. Propes shared that an administrative special exception variance has been granted to the property owner to reduce the principal front building setback and accessory building setback by 20%. That is allowable under our code rules; however, there has been an additional petition to make the project feasible. They are seeking an environmental variance asking for a reduction of the 25-foot impervious setback. This setback is attached to the 50 foot undisturbed stream buffer. The owner proposes to raise an existing single-family dwelling and replace it with a new single-family dwelling.

Public Comment

No public comment

2. New Business

a. Environmental Variance #3757 – 311 Stokes St.

*Motion to approve by Dickinson, Seconded by Malcom
Passed unanimously*

b. Mauldin & Jenkins 2024 Financial Report

Will Derzis with Mauldin & Jenkins gave an analysis of the annual audit they do with the City of Monroe.

*Motion to approve by Malcom, Seconded by Sams
Passed unanimously*

c. Application – Beer & Wine on Premise Consumption – Your Pie

*Motion to approve by Sams, Seconded by Brown
Passed unanimously*

d. Application - Spirituous Liquors and Beer & Wine On - Premise Consumption - Red Crawfish

*Motion to approve by Malcom, Seconded by Sams
Passed unanimously*

e. Application - Beer & Wine Package Sales - 914 Broad St.

*Motion to approve by Sams, Seconded by Malcom
Passed unanimously*

f. Application - Brewery - Grizzle Beer

*Motion to approve by Thompson, Seconded by Sams
Passed unanimously*

I. DISTRICT ITEMS

1. District Updates

- a. Malcom- Thank you to City staff for all that was done during the storms this past weekend. Power still out on W Spring st, but they were all very respectful and understood.
- b. Sams- Thank you to the City staff for getting everything cleaned up so quickly.
- c. Brown- Thank you to the City staff for the hard work during the storms. Also, a thank you to the Monroe Estates delegation for coming in and speaking about what is going on in their community. A reminder to everyone about Habitat for Humanity's book bag and health fair that is coming up on Saturday July 26th. In addition, on July 19th Shepherds House will be having a family fun day!
- d. Gregory-Thank you to the City staff for getting the city cleaned up so quickly.
- e. Thompson- Starting to get questions about the traffic in downtown. Mr. Thomson asked for a quick overview of what is going on with the bypass. Mayor Howard shared that we were on track and ahead of schedule. GDOT is saying October. Mr. Propes shared that another big piece of this is the traffic signal project at 78 and 11. GDOT finally understands the need for this. Our engineers have submitted a permit this past week.

2. Mayoral Update

- a. Mayor Howard shared that the Liverpool group came to town and they learned about Southern Hospitality. Many great comments from groups that continue to visit here. Recognizing Laura Powell.

II. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Motion by Thompson, Seconded by Brown
Passed unanimously*

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Real Estate

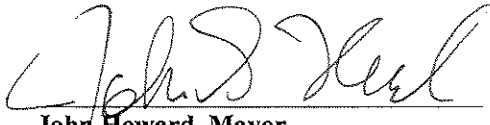
Motion to Adjourn out of Executive Session

*Motion by Malcom, Seconded by Thompson
Passed unanimously*

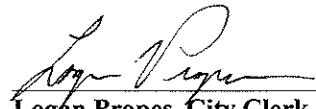
Meeting Called Back to Order at 7:45pm

IV. ADJOURN- 7:47pm

*Motion by Thompson, Seconded by Malcom
Passed unanimously*



John Howard, Mayor



Logan Propes, City Clerk