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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Monroe, Louisiana will meet in Legal and Regular Session at its regular meeting place, the Council Chamber, City Hall Building, Monroe, Louisiana, Tuesday, March 9, 2021 beginning at 6:00 p.m., for the following purpose:

1. To consider and act on all items listed on the attached agenda.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Council reserves the right to change, add to or delete, any item listed on the attached agenda.

All interested persons are urged to attend these meetings.

Carolus S. Riley, CMC/MMC
Council Clerk

Please be advised that the City Council will embrace public participation to the maximum extent while still adhering to the occupancy limitation and social distancing guidance per executive order by the Governor and the Attorney General's Memo concerning the Open Meetings Law.

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AGENDA
City of Monroe

LEGAL & REGULAR SESSION – MARCH 9, 2021, 6:00PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL

I: ROLL CALL AND DECLARE QUORUM:

II: INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MRS. DAWSON:

III: COMMUNICATIONS & SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Mr. Harvey
2. Mrs. Ezernack
3. Ms. Woods
4. Mr. Marshall
5. Mrs. Dawson
6. Mayor Ellis

IV: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LEGAL AND REGULAR SESSION OF FEBRUARY 23, 2021
AND THE LEGAL AND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2021:
(Public Comment)

V: PRESENTATION:

NONE.

VI: PUBLIC HEARINGS:

NONE.

PROPOSED CONDEMNATIONS:

Public Comment:

1. 115 Egan Street (D4) (Owners - Charles Smith, Jr.) (OPPJ - non-curator)
2. 211 Mays Drive (D5) (Owners Ray D & Claudette Jones)
3. 2707 Lee Avenue (D4) (Owner - Kenneth Blankenship)

VII: ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF BIDS:

(Public Comment)

None.

VIII: RESOLUTIONS AND MINUTE ENTRIES:

1. Council:

Public Comment:

(a) Adopt a Resolution nominating Ivan Thomas to the Downtown Economic Development District Board and further providing with respect thereto. (Woods)

(b) Adopt a Resolution approving the appointment of Donald Johnson to the Board of Directors of the I-20 Economic Development Commission, and further providing with respect thereto. (Harvey)

(c) Adopt a Resolution appointing William Krutzer to the Monroe Capital Infrastructure Commission, and further providing with respect thereto. (Harvey)

2. Department of Administration:

Public Comment:

(a) Adopt Resolution authorizing the City of Monroe, Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana to incur debt and to issue not to exceed Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000) aggregate principal amount of taxable or tax-exempt Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, in one or more series; making application to the State Bond Commission; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

3. Department of Planning & Urban Development:

Public Comment:

(a) Consider request from Credell Scott for a Major Conditional Use Permit authorizing the use of the location at (910 S. 4th Street) to operate as Transitional Housing. The Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance allows Transitional Housing as a Major Conditional Use in the R-4, High Density Multi-Family District. Major Conditional Uses are those uses that require another level of approval; therefore, this request comes before the City Council for their approval in addition to that of the Planning Commission.

4. Legal Department:

Public Comment:

(a) Adopt a Resolution Rescinding Resolution Number 7896 and stating the City of Monroe's endorsement of Miller Roy Development, LLC and their Project #20200312-RTA to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Restoration Tax Abatement Program.

(b) Adopt a Resolution approving the appointment of _____ to the board for the Downtown Economic Development District (DEDD) and further providing with respect thereto. (Chamber Appointment)

5. Mayor's Office:

Public Comment:

(a) Adopt a Resolution authorizing Stacey Rowell to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Ouachita Green and further providing with respect thereto.

(b) Adopt a Resolution authorizing Stacey Rowell to sign and accept a \$61,500 Grant from the Convention and Visitors Bureau for Christmas at the Civic Center and further providing with respect thereto.

(c) Adopt a Resolution authorizing Stacey Rowell to sign and accept a \$403,000 Grant from the Convention and Visitors Bureau for Phase 1 of Louisiana Purchase Garden and Zoo Master-Plan and further providing with respect thereto.

(d) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City of Monroe to enter into an Agreement with Plugged In Creative for Professional Services and further providing with respect thereto.

6. Department of Public Works:

Public Comment:

(a) Adopt a Resolution authorizing Stacey Rowell to enter into and execute Work Authorization #11 between the City of Monroe and Garver, L.L.C., related to the Airport Drainage Project at the Monroe Regional Airport and further providing with respect thereto.

(b) Adopt a Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 2 in connection with the work on the administration office at the WPCC by Benchmark Construction Group of La, LLC, for a sixty-nine day increase in the contract time and further providing with respect thereto.

(c) Consider request from the WPCC, a Division of the Public Works Department, for Council approval to advertise for bids for repairs to the Secondary Clarifier #1 located at WPCC. Funds for these repairs will come from Repairs and Maintenance Account, which has a balance of \$595,021.

7. Department of Community Affairs:

Public Comment:

None.

8. Police Department:

Public Comment:

None.

9. Fire Department:
Public Comment:
None.

10. Engineering Services:
Public Comment:

(a) Adopt a Resolution accepting as substantially complete work done by and between the City of Monroe and Alpha Service and Products, Inc., for the Guardrail Replacement Project, and further providing with respect thereto.

(b) Adopt a Resolution authorizing an authorized city representative to advertise for bids on the WTP Expansion & Renovations Project. The estimated cost of this project is \$47,778,000.00. The DBE Goal is _____% and source of funds Water Capital Funds and Capital Infrastructure Sales Tax Revenue Funds.

(c) Adopt a Resolution authorizing an authorized city representative, to execute Change Order No. Two (2) to the Water Distribution System Improvements Contract, between the City of Monroe and Jabar Corporation, for an increase in the contract time of 58 days and further providing with respect thereto.

(d) Adopt a Resolution authorizing an authorized city representative, to execute Change Order No. Two (2) to the US 165 Turn Lanes at Venable and Venable Lane Reconstruction Contract, between the City of Monroe and Amethyst Construction, Inc., for an increase in the contract time of 22 days and further providing with respect thereto.

(e) Adopt a Resolution authorizing an authorized city representative, to execute Change Order No. Two (2) to the Texas Sewer Lift Station Bar Screen Replacement contract, between the City of Monroe and Dixie Overland Construction, LLC, for a decrease in the construction cost of \$ _____ and further providing with respect thereto.

(f) Adopt a Resolution authorizing an authorized city representative, to execute Change Order No. one (1) to the Guardrail Replacement Contract, between the City of Monroe and Alpha Service & Products, Inc., for a decrease in the contract amount of \$12,275.00 and further providing with respect thereto.

(g) Adopt a Resolution authorizing Friday Ellis, Mayor, to enter into and execute a Professional Services Agreement with RCH Company, Inc., to provide Engineering Services for the Enhancement Project on Desiard Street S.P.N. – H.009752 and further providing with respect thereto.

(h) Adopt a Resolution authorizing an authorized city representative, to enter into and execute a contract with New Edge Services, LLC, to provide support GIS Services and further providing with respect thereto.

(i) Adopt a Resolution authorizing Friday Ellis, Mayor, or authorized representative of the City of Monroe to sign and execute documents relating to the Louisiana Watershed Initiative Round 1 Grants and further providing with respect thereto.

BREAK IF NEEDED:

IX: INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Public Comment:

(a) Introduce an Ordinance adopting a Budget of Revenues and providing for an estimate of items and expenditures for the fiscal year 2021-2022. (Admin.)

(b) Introduce an Ordinance adopting a Capital Improvements Program for the City of Monroe and providing for a detailed statement of the contents for a Five (5) year period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2026. (Admin.)

X: RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION AND SUBJECT TO PUBLIC HEARING:

Open Public Hearing/Public Comment/Close Hearing:

(a) Ordinance amending Section 15-16 Section (a) and deleting Sub Sections (1) and (2), of Chapter 15 Entitled “Fire Prevention and Protection”, of the City of Monroe Code and further providing with respect thereto. (Fire Dept.)

XI: CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

XII: ADJOURN.