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CORRECTION

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, September 10, 2024 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, social distancing guidance and the Open Meetings Law.

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AGENDA
City of Monroe

LEGAL & REGULAR SESSION – SEPTEMBER 10, 2024, 6:00PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL

I: ROLL CALL AND DECLARE QUORUM:

II: INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MR. MUHAMMAD:

III: COMMUNICATIONS & SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Mr. Harvey
2. Mrs. Ezernack
3. Ms. Woods
4. Mr. McFarland
5. Mr. Muhammad
6. Mayor Ellis

IV: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LEGAL AND REGULAR SESSION OF AUGUST 27, 2024:
(PUBLIC COMMENTS)

V: PRESENTATION:
NONE.

VI: PUBLIC HEARINGS:
NONE.

PROPOSED CONDEMNATIONS:
(Public Comment)
None.

VII: ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF BIDS:
(Public Comment)
None.

VIII: RESOLUTIONS AND MINUTE ENTRIES:
1. Council:

Public Comment:

(a) Adopt a Resolution requiring specific council authorization for all public work contracts and further providing with respect thereto.

(b) Adopt a Resolution appointing Elijah Brass to the Monroe Capital Infrastructure Commission.

(c) Adopt a Resolution appointing Frankie Miller to the Monroe Board of Adjustment.

(d) Adopt a Resolution appointing Eddie J. Douzart, III to the Monroe Capital Infrastructure Commission.

(e) Adopt a Resolution re-appointing Donald Johnson to the Board of Directors of the Interstate 20 Economic Development Corporation. (Harvey)

(f) Adopt a Resolution re-appointing Charles Pritchard to the Board of Directors of the Interstate 20 Economic Development Corporation. (Ezernack)

(g) Adopt a Resolution granting an exception to the Open Container Ordinance to the Twin City Arts Foundation for an Exhibition Reception and Talk for the River is the Road: Paintings by George Rodrigue at the Masur Museum of Art pursuant to Monroe City Code Sec. 12-231 D (Open Container Ordinance), and further providing with respect thereto.

(h) Adopt a Resolution granting an exception to the Open Container Ordinance to the Chennault Aviation and & Military Museum for a Hot Air Balloon Festival pursuant to Monroe City Code Sec. 12-231 D (Open Container Ordinance), and further providing with respect thereto.

(i) Adopt a Resolution granting an exception to the Open Container Ordinance to the Northeast Louisiana Children's Coalition for the 2nd Annual Harvest Under the Stars: A Taste of the Garden pursuant to Monroe City Code Sec. 12-231 D (Open Container Ordinance), and further providing with respect thereto.

2. Department of Administration:

Public Comment:

(a) Consider request from the Purchasing Division for authorization for an authorized City representative to advertise for bids for the DeSiard St. Improvements (S. Grand St. to North 6th St.) Phase II. The engineer's estimate is \$4,539,767.28. The DBE goal is 15% and the source of funds is the Downtown Economic Development District. (This item was passed over at the last meeting.

3. Department of Planning & Urban Development:

Public Comment:

(a) Adopt a Resolution authorizing a Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Monroe and the Louisiana Housing Corporation for \$127,943.00 in HUD/Emergency Solutions Grants Program Funding and further providing with respect thereto.

(b) Adopt a Resolution authorizing a Subrecipient Contract between the City of Monroe and Christopher Youth Center, Inc. for up to \$82,217.00 in HUD/Emergency Solutions Grants Program Funding and further providing with respect thereto.

(c) Adopt a Resolution authorizing a Subrecipient Contract between the City of Monroe and the Wellspring Alliance for families for up to \$42,000.00 in HUD/Emergency Solutions Grants Program Funding and further providing with respect thereto.

(d) Adopt a Resolution authorizing an Agreement between the City of Monroe and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) AHAYA Community Development Corporation, Inc. in the amount of \$50,000.00 from HOME M-23-MC-23-0206, and further providing with respect thereto.

(e) Adopt a Resolution authorizing an Agreement between the City of Monroe and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Quest 4 Success in the amount of \$31,000.00 from HOME M-23-MC-23-0206, and further providing with respect thereto.

(f) Adopt a Resolution authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with United Way of Northeast Louisiana for the PUD TBRA Financial Education Series and further providing with respect thereto.

(g) Adopt a Resolution authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Let's Fix It! LLC for the PUD's Nonprofit Capacity Building Program and further providing with respect thereto.

4. Legal Department:

Public Comment:

None.

5. Mayor's Office:

Public Comment:

None.

6. Department of Public Works:

Public Comment:

None.

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 approving Change Order No. One (1) for the WPCC – UV Disinfection System Project and further providing with respect thereto.

(b) Adopt a Resolution authorizing Task Order No. 8 with S.E Huey Co. to provide CE&I for the La 15 (Winnsboro Road) Streetscaping Project and further providing with respect thereto.

BREAK IF NEEDED:

IX: INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Public Comment:

(a) Introduce an Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 12,225 (Purchasing and Bidding Procedures) and further providing with respect thereto. (McFarland)

(b) Introduce an Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 12,220 (Special Tax Election) and further providing with respect thereto. (McFarland)

(c) Introduce an Ordinance amending Section 36-23 of the City of Monroe Code and further providing with respect thereto. (Muhammad)

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

Open Public Hearing/Public Comment/Close Hearing:

(a) Finally adopt an Ordinance declaring certain property in the Monroe Air Industrial Park no longer necessary for public use and authorizing said property to be sold at private sale to Ochsner LSU Health System of North Louisiana and further providing with respect thereto.

Open Public Hearing/Public Comment/Close Hearing:

(b) Finally adopt an Ordinance repealing Ordinance No, 12,192, which purported amended the Monroe City Charter without voter approval, and to restore the Charter to its prior state. (Muhammad/McFarland)

Open Public Hearing/Public Comment/Close Hearing:

(c) Finally adopt an Ordinance authorizing the City of Monroe to take corporeal possession of and sell to Karen M. Jefferson, all rights, title, and interest that the city may have acquired to the Lot in Lot 1, Sq. 2, Resub Sq. 18, Terminal Heights Addition, Ouachita Parish, no situs – Reed St., District 4, Monroe, La, by Adjudication at Tax Aale dated June 4, 2018, and further providing with respect thereto.

Open Public Hearing/Public Comment/Close Hearing:

(d) Finally adopt an Ordinance authorizing the City of Monroe to take corporeal possession and sell to Kevin Lee, all rights, title, and interest that the city may have acquired to the Lot 6, Square 19, Alexander's Addition, Ouachita Parish, 3910 Lee, District 4, Monroe, La, by Adjudication at Tax Sale dated June 4, 2018, and further with respect thereto.

Open Public Hearing/Public Comment/Close Hearing:

(e) Finally adopt an Ordinance amending and re-enacting Chapter 13 of the Monroe City Code, Entitled Drainage and Flood Control, and further providing with respect thereto.

Open Public Hearing/Public Comment/Close Hearing:

(f) Finally adopt an Ordinance approving a Lease Agreement between the City of Monroe and Miller International Properties, LLC for the parcel and building located at 507 Wood Street and further providing with respect thereto.

Ordinances Vetoed by the Mayor:

(g) Return of vetoed Ordinances (Ord. No. 12,229 and 12,230)

XI: CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

XII: ADJOURN.