MONROE CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Bill No. 14-042

TITLE:	***Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Letter of Support for the Centennial Trail Extension from Monroe to Snohomish***

DATE:	DEPT:	CONTACT:	PRESENTER:	ITEM:
03/04/2014	Administration	Mayor Thomas	Mayor Thomas	**New Business #5**

Discussion: 03/04/14
Public Hearing – Plan. Com.: N/A
Public Hearing – Council: N/A
First Reading: N/A

Attachments: 1. Letter of Support for Centennial Trail Extension; Monroe to Snohomish

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND
On Friday, February 7, 2014, City staff and officials, along with representatives of regional trail user advocacy groups and City of Snohomish representatives, met with Snohomish County Parks & Recreation staff who briefed the group on the status of the Centennial Trail extension from Monroe to Snohomish. This project is identified in the comprehensive plans of the three agencies. During the meeting, it was suggested that letters of support from the Cities of Monroe and Snohomish would be helpful in Snohomish County's efforts in securing funding for the project.

The attached draft letter was reviewed by the Monroe City Council Transportation/Planning, Public Works, Parks & Recreation and Public Safety (P4) Committee at their scheduled February 24, 2014, meeting. Council discussion at Committee was in favor of the letter, and to discuss the preparation of a resolution from Council.

In addition, Snohomish County Parks & Recreation Director Tom Teigen has been invited to give a brief presentation at the March 18, 2014, City Council meeting about the Centennial Trail extension and the Evergreen State Fairgrounds.

IMPACT – BUDGET
N/A.

TIME CONSTRAINTS
N/A.

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Letter of Support for the Centennial Trail Extension from Monroe to Snohomish.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION
N/A.

ATTACHMENT 1

March 4, 2014

Snohomish County Council
3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 609
Everett, WA 98201

Snohomish County Executive John Lovick
3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 407
Everett, WA 98201

Re: Centennial Trail Extension, Monroe to Snohomish,

To the Honorable Snohomish County Councilmembers and Executive:

The City of Monroe greatly appreciates the investments Snohomish County has made to recreational facilities within and neighboring our community. While these facilities promote healthy opportunities for our residents and the employees of the businesses that call Monroe home, the City recognizes that these facilities also benefit the greater Monroe community – those who live outside our City, and also consider Monroe home.

Monroe continues to invest in our parks facilities and to develop activities to promote Monroe as a destination where "***The Adventure Starts Here***." Monroe's Chamber of Commerce recognizes the value of our parks and recreational facilities; this recognition is underscored with the Chamber's direction to promote Monroe under the "***Ride Here***" slogan. Cities, the County, and various special districts have worked toward expanding recreation along the Stevens Pass Greenway (US2) through coordinated efforts like the Port-to-Pass Innovative Partnership Zone (IPZ) efforts.

Monroe, our business community, and other local governments are committed to expanding outdoor recreation to "Open Up" our communities to healthy choices and business development. Completing the five-mile section of multi-purpose trail from Monroe to Snohomish will connect the Monroe community to the multi-county, Centennial Trail system. This connection is not just consistent with Monroe's vision, but supports a number of regional initiatives.

The Monroe City Council and I strongly support connecting the communities of Monroe and Snohomish with the Centennial Trail. We look forward to working with the County and to breaking ground on this regional facility.

Respectfully,

CITY OF MONROE

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

THE ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!

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