GUEST COLUMN For the Thursday, November 30, 2017 Edition From: Mayor James E. "Jamie" Mayo

THANK YOU, MONROE,!

THANK YOU, Monroe voters, for your overwhelming support of the six tax renewals that the City of Monroe had on the November 18th Election Ballot. As I stated before, your vote was vital for the future of our city in multiple ways.

Collectively, these six property taxes will bring in just over \$5 million dollars per year, for the next 10 years. Thanks to your support, our Civic Center, Zoo, Capital Improvements, Police, Fire and Airport can count on critical funding to be used for the operation, maintenance, repairs, improvements, and personnel that serve and benefit you – the public.

I also want to thank you for voting to support the Southside Economic Development District's 2% Hotel Occupancy Tax on the ballot. With this funding secured, the public will help create a revenue stream that the SEDD can use to partner with the City of Monroe and several other agencies to help grow south Monroe through infrastructure and economic development improvements.

By working together, we are making a difference!