

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON**  
**HELD ON JANUARY 17, 2013 AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL**  
**200 N. 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN**

**BLUE SKY SESSION**

The Council conducted a Blue Sky Session at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper Councilmembers Bohn, Bandkau, Schillinger and Pipoly. The Council reviewed the agenda items.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Mayor Muzzin called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called, there being present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, Councilmembers Bandkau, Schillinger, Pipoly and Bohn. Also in attendance were Attorney Brad Maynes and Paul Burns, Staff members Dana Foster, Matt Schindewolf, Kelly Hanna, Jennifer Burke, Denise Meier, Tim Krugh, Todd Bennett, Brian Lieberman, Colleen Barton, Diana Lowe and Tom Wightman and an audience of 11. Press and Media included Nicole Krawcke from the Patch and Tom Tolen from WHMI.

It was moved by Councilmember Bandkau, seconded by Pipoly to excuse Councilmember Roblee from the evening's meeting. Motion passed 6-0-1.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Bandkau to approve the agenda as amended. Add item #6a, Employee Recognition and item #15a, Pending Litigation Closed Session. Delete item #11, Quota Liquor License Policy Resolution. Change the wording of item #12 to: Consider setting a date and publishing a notice of public hearing for the new Quota Liquor License. Motion passed 6-0-1.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Bandkau to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of January 3, 2013 as presented. Motion passed 6-0-1.

It was moved by Councilmember Pipoly, seconded by Cooper to table the Closed Session minutes of January 3, 2013. Motion passed 6-0-1.

**CITIZEN INQUIRIES**

None.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

City Manager, Dana Foster stated Water Utility employees received a Water Fluoridation Quality Award. He recognized Matt Schindewolf, Tim Krugh, Todd Bennett and Brian Lieberman.

Todd Bennett, Water Department Crew Leader, stated that he and Brian are both State certified Water Operators and they monitor the water daily. He stated they are honored to get this award.

Tim Krugh stated the contents of this award are special and unexpected from the Federal level. He explained the responsibility of the Water Treatment Plant.

Department of Public Services Director, Matt Schindewolf commended the Water Treatment Operators for achieving this award.

City Manager, Dana Foster recognized Hal Steurer and the Water Treatment Operators family members in the audience.

Mayor Muzzin congratulated the Water Treatment Operators on this award.

City Manager, Dana Foster recognized Kelly Hanna and Denise Meier for receiving the Government Finance of America Distinguished Budget Award.

Assistant Finance Director, Denise Meier stated that earning this award is very time consuming. It involves City Council, City Manager, Department Directors and Staff to achieve this award. The City is only one of eight entities in Michigan to receive this award, as well as the CAFR Award. She explained the purpose of the award in order to learn more from GFOA on how to improve our budget process.

Finance Director, Kelly Hanna further explained the purpose of the award. She recognized Denise for her work in obtaining the information for this award. She stated the Department will continue to submit for a future award.

City Manager, Dana Foster stated the City submits for this award to see what we need to do to improve on this process.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 8:02 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Bandkau to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 6-0-1.

The following items were approved:

1. Approved Resolution 13-01, request by DSAD Pub, Inc. owned by David C. Norman to sell alcohol at 125 E. Grand River Avenue in accordance with the City of Brighton code of ordinances 6-31 through 6-41.
2. Approved opting in to the Brighton Area School District and Livingston Educational Service Agency (LESA) Intermediate School District Election Coordination Committee Initial Reports to the State of Michigan.

3. Reappointed Claudia Roblee for a two-year term and Kris Tobbe for a one-year term and appointed Shanda Willis to the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission.

### **CLASS C QUOTA LIQUOR LICENSE**

City Manager, Dana Foster briefed the Council on the available Quota Liquor License. He stated per the City's Attorney's recent advice that the City's existing Ordinance establishes the criteria for decision making and requires a separate Public Hearing for Liquor Licenses.

It was moved by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Schillinger to direct staff publish a notice in the local paper of record, establishing a Public Hearing on liquor license at the next City Council meeting in accordance with Section 6-37 of the Brighton City Code and to solicit additional possible proposals for the new Quota Liquor License. Motion passed 6-0-1.

### **CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

Police Chief, Tom Wightman thanked Tetra Tech for their donation of a defibrillator to the Police Department.

Department of Public Services Director, Matt Schindewolf stated the contractor looked at the timing of the signals at North Street and Main Street at Grand River and made a correction.

Councilmember Bandkau stated she attended Governor Snyder's speech today at Crystal Gardens with Dana Foster and Jim Muzzin and it was an excellent speech.

Mayor Muzzin gave a DDA update stating the officer's will stay the same this year and they approved the flower program for this year. He gave a Brighton Area Fire Authority update stating the officer's will stay the same for the upcoming year.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Muzzin gave a Call to the Public at 8:21 p.m. Hearing none, the Call to the Public was closed.

### **PENDING LITIGATION CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Bohn to go into Closed Session to discuss Michigan Tax Tribunal Pending Litigation. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Schillinger, Bohn, Cooper, Muzzin, Bandkau, Pipoly. No: none. Absent: Roblee. Motion passed 6-0-1.

The Council convened into Closed Session at 8:24 p.m.

The Council reconvened the Regular Session at 8:36 p.m.

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**CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

It was moved by Councilmember Pipoly, seconded by Bohn to authorize the settlement of the Michigan Tax Tribunal cases as directed by City Attorney. Motion passed 6-0-1.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Bandkau to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Motion passed 6-0-1.

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Diana Lowe, City Clerk

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Jim Muzzin, Mayor