

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2014 AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL
200 N. 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN

BLUE SKY SESSION

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

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Muzzin called the regular meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called. Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers Willis, Bandkau, Cooper, Tobbe and Bohn. Also in attendance was Attorney Paul Burns and Brad Maynes, Engineer Gary Markstrom, Staff members Dana Foster, Diana Lowe, Tim Krugh, Dave Blackmar, Kelly Hanna, Tom Wightman, Colleen Barton and an audience of 6. Press and Media included Tom Tolen from WHMI.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Tobbe to approve the agenda as amended. Delete item #9, Chamber Site Plan, add and #10a, Michigan Tax Tribunal litigation and item #12a, Springhill Litigation update. Motion passed 7-0.

MINUTE APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Bandkau to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of October 16, 2014 as presented. Motion passed 6-0-1, with Councilmember Cooper abstaining.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:33 p.m. The following comments were heard:

Pat Cole, Brighton City, expressed her concerns regarding snow and fire hydrants being covered with snow and not being accessible to the Fire Department. She asked to have the American flag brought in front of the other two flags in the Council Chambers. She referenced an article in the newspaper regarding a memorial that is occurring this weekend.

Hearing no comment, Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to the Public at 7:38 p.m.

Mayor Muzzin stated it is the responsibility of the Fire Department and they have equipment to locate and utilize the fire hydrants.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Bandkau, seconded by Cooper to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion passed 7-0. The following items were approved:

1. Approved the Quarterly Investment Report.
2. Approved a Proclamation for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.
3. Approved an agreement with Brighton Area Schools for the City to collect the School District's Operating Property Taxes on the City's Summer 2015 Property Tax Bills.
4. Authorized the City Attorney to execute settlement of the Brighton Commercial Holdings LLC Michigan Tax Tribunal case as proposed.

Mayor Muzzin read the Pancreatic Cancer Proclamation.

Meghan Combs spoke regarding pancreatic Cancer Awareness and accepted the Proclamation from Mayor Muzzin.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES TEMPORARY LAND USE

Mayor Muzzin opened the Public Hearing for the Temporary Land Use for Christmas tree sales at 711 Rickett Road for Saint Patrick's Church Dad's Club at 7:45 p.m. Hearing no comment the Public Hearing was closed.

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Tobbe to approve the application from St. Patrick Church dated October 15, 2014 for a Temporary Land Use Permit for Christmas tree sales from November 28, 2014 through December 13, 2014. Motion passed 7-0.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL – SPARK PRESENTATION

City Manager, Dana Foster expressed his support for the renewal of the City of Brighton's participation in the Economic Development Council Contract with SPARK for EDC economic development staff services. He stated this is beneficial to the City, it is important to continue to participate in the program and it enhances the business retention effort. He discussed the importance of the EDC and Mike Corrigan in obtaining State funding for the ENA expansion.

Economic Development Council Board Vice-Chairman Mike Kennedy thanked the Council for their partnership with the EDC. He discussed funding, a future change to the EDC Board of Directors for a voting representative from each local government providing funding to the EDC and Collaborative Economic Development.

EDC-SPARK Staff Rep Phil Santer, discussed the firms that they have worked with, new job commitments, investment, referrals, increased opportunities for the region, Business Development Program,

SPARK President, Paul Krutko thanked Council to allow them to do their work in Brighton. He discussed resources, representatives on the Board, Site selection, advertising and stated they are proud to represent the City of Brighton. He also discussed their strategic plan, values and competition.

Mayor Muzzin thanked the EDC Representatives.

Councilmember Bohn discussed representation on the Board and updates to City Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Pipoly to renew the amended EDC Contract with SPARK for EDC economic development staff services subject to the City Attorney's final review and approval. Motion passed 7-0.

It was moved by Pipoly, seconded by Willis to use the restricted EDC Fund balance of \$2,138.00 to pay the FY 14/15 annual EDC contract fee. Motion passed 7-0.

SPRINGHILL LITIGATION UPDATE

City Attorney, Paul Burns gave an update on the Springhill litigation. He updated the Council on the process that is left a Consent Judgment will be brought back City Council. He stated the roads have to be transferred to the City.

Engineer Gary Markstrom gave an update on the progress of Springhill improvements. He discussed the improvements of the boulder walls behind units 11 & 12 and other improvements that need occur. He stated he is satisfied with the progress.

City Attorney Paul Burns stated in the last 60 days they have been cooperative in making the required improvements.

SIX YEAR FINANCIAL FORECAST REPORT

City Manager, Dana Foster stated the forecast update includes General Fund, DDA Fund and LDFA Fund.

Finance Director, Kelly Hanna highlighted changes in the fund forecast in revenues and expenditures. She discussed the personal Property tax reimbursement, Forecast assumptions, General Fund Forecast Updates, Trend Chart, Committed Fund Balance, DDA Fund Forecast updates and the Local Development Finance Authority Fund Forecast.

City Manager, Dana Foster discussed the FY 14/15 Expenditures for the General Fund, the three different scenarios for the General Fund Forecast Update, Fund Balance Trend Chart and DDA Fund Forecast Updates.

RECENT POWER OUTAGES

It was moved by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Pipoly to direct the City Manager to send correspondence to the State Legislators, Public Service Commission and the MML and copy the surrounding Townships regarding recent power outages in the City of Brighton. Motion passed 7-0.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

DPW Director, Dave Blackmar stated leaf collection has been ongoing and we are in good shape with our supply of road salt.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly gave a Principal Shopping District update.

Mayor Muzzin stated this weekend is the annual Council Retreat. He gave a Brighton Area Fire Authority update. He gave a DDA update. He stated he attended an Arbor Day event. Saturday is the Veteran's parade and rededication of a headstone in the Old Village Cemetery.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin gave a Call to the Public at 9:51 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Bandkau to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Diana Lowe, City Clerk

Jim Muzzin, Mayor