

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON DECEMBER 17, 2015 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 Pipoly, Councilmembers Tobbe, Bohn and Gardner. 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. Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers Bohn, Tobbe and Gardner. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns, Special Legal Counsel Dennis Gabrian, City Engineer Gary Markstrom, Livingston County Planner Kathleen Kline-Hudson and Staff members Dana Foster, Diana Lowe, Dave Blackmar, Kelly Hanna, Patty Thomas, Tim Krugh, Matt Modrack and Tom Wightman and an audience of 20. Press and media included Tom Tolen from WHMI and Noe Hernandez of the Press & Argus.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, supported by Tobbe motioned to excuse Councilmember Bandkau and Willis from the evening's meeting for personal reasons. Motion passed 5-0-2.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Gardner seconded by Pipoly to approve the agenda with the following changes: Delete item # 11, Pay & Benefits Plan Study. Add Closed Session Minutes of December 7, 2015 to item #5, item #6a, Presentation and #16a, City Manager position. Move to Action Agenda item #8, Design Services. Move to Consent Agenda item #13, Northridge Ponds Site Plan. Motion passed 5-0-2.

MINUTE APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Tobbe to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of December 3, 2015 as presented. Motion passed 5-0-2.

It was moved by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Gardner to approve the Closed Session minutes of December 3, 2015 with the correction of the title to read "Attorney/Client Confidential Written Confidential Communication. Motion passed 5-0-2.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Tobbe to approve the Special Meeting minutes of December 7, 2015 as presented. Motion passed 5-0-2.

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Pipoly to approve the Closed Session minutes of December 7, 2015 with the correction of the title to read "Attorney/Client Confidential Written Confidential Communication. Motion passed 5-0-2.

EAGLE SCOUT PROCLAMATION

Mayor Muzzin read and presented an Eagle Scout Proclamation to Reid Shinabarker.

Reid Shinabarker stated his Eagle Scout project was to build a 10x12 storage shed at Brighton Victory Garden on the Brighton NC Machine property, which helps with the Gleaners Food Bank.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Muzzin read and presented a Proclamation to Dana Foster for his 24 plus years of service to the City of Brighton in light of his resignation.

Kate Lawrence thanked Dana Foster for his 24 plus years of service and it was an honor to work with him and she and Larry wish him the best in his future.

Steve Monet stated that the City of Brighton would not be half of what it is today without him and has done a great job.

Dennis Nauss stated Dana Foster has done such an outstanding job in the City of Brighton.

Mayor Muzzin presented an engraved clock to Dana Foster. And stated dev a friendship and hope it continues.

City Manager, Dana Foster thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers past, present and future, all City Employees, Boards, Commissions and Volunteers. He stated he is proud of the fact that he was City Manager, think forward, concentrate on the future and we have always expected, demanded and achieved excellence. He wished everyone nothing but the best.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:59 p.m.

Pam McConeghy stated Dana Foster is excellent and will be missed. God bless you and your family.

Jim Vichich, Buno Road, thanked Dana Foster for the awesome job he had done and thanked City Council and Pam McConeghy, stating everyone should be proud of our City.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Willis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The following items were approved.

1. Approved a request from the Livingston Educational Service Agency to Collect all of their Operating Property Taxes on the City's Summer 2016 property tax bills.

2. Approved a Site Plan amendment for Northridge Ponds.

Motion passed 5-0-2.

PRELIMINARY DESIGN SERVICES PROPOSAL

City Manager, Dana Foster introduced the preliminary design services proposal for street, water utility, and storm drainage improvements for N. 6th Street, N. 7th Street, and State Street between 6th & 7th Streets as a result of a pending redevelopment site plan application & rezoning application for the former Lindbom School property/site

City Engineer, Gary Markstrom highlighted the design, survey work, field work and later complete the construction plans. The site plan would be a Planned Unit Development that would go to Planning Commission then to City Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Bohn to move forward with the survey work for the preliminary design services proposal for street, water utility, and storm drainage improvements for N. 6th Street, N. 7th Street, and State Street between 6th & 7th Streets. Motion passed 5-0-2.

SMARTZONE PRESENTATION

Jayson Boyers, President of Cleary University, thanked the Council for the opportunity for this Smartzone presentation.

Marlowe Rencher, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Cleary University, stated they would like to have a satellite SmartZone in the Brighton/Howell area, partnering with Sterling Heights. She highlighted importance of the Smartzone, supporting entrepreneurs, roles and responsibilities, resources, fees, funding, Tax Increment Financing, LDFA will control the resources, partnership with Sterling Heights benefits, Opportunity, focus on efforts, workforce development, outcomes to expect and the next steps to take.

It was moved by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Gardner to support partnering with Genoa, Howell and Cleary University for Smartzone. Motion passed 5-0-2.

NORTHRIDGE WOODS SITE PLAN AMENDMENT

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Gardner to refer the Northridge Woods Site Plan attorney letter to the City Attorney for a legal opinion at the next Council meeting. Motion passed 5-0-2.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER APPOINTMENT

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Gardner to ask Police Chief, Tom Wightman as Interim City Manager. Motion passed 5-0-2.

There was Council discussion regarding compensation for the Interim City Manager.

Police Chief Tom Wightman accepted the position of Interim City Manager.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

City Manager, Dana Foster stated it has been an honor and privilege to serve as City Manager and will continue to live in the City of Brighton. He thanked the Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly gave a DDA update. He stated Dana Foster has trained Council to lead and has helped everyone who has sat on City Council and thanked him for his service.

Councilmember Bohn wished Dana Foster the best in the future.

Councilmember Tobbe thanked Dana Foster for his service to the City of Brighton.

Councilmember Gardner thanked Dana Foster for his support.

Paul Burns stated Dana Foster has always been positive and constructive and appreciates his service to the City.

Mayor Muzzin gave a BAFA update. He stated it has been an honor and a privilege to have worked with Dana Foster.

CITY MANAGER POSITION

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Bohn to request the other five City Manager resumes from the MML and schedule a Special Meeting for January 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to review the resumes. Motion passed 5-0-2.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin gave a Call to the Public at 9:39 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Pipoly to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Motion passed 5-0-2.

Diana Lowe, City Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor