

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON MARCH 7, 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, Roblee and Pipoly. The Council reviewed the agenda items.

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Muzzin called the regular meeting to order at 7:30p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called, there being present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, Councilmembers Bandkau, Pipoly, Roblee and Bohn. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns, Staff members Dana Foster, Matt Schindewolf, Kelly Hanna, Jennifer Burke, Diana Lowe, Amy Cyphert, Laurie French, Matt Modrack and Tom Wightman and an audience of 5. Press and Media included Nicole Krawcke from the Patch and Tom Tolen from WHMI.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Bandkau to excuse Councilmember Schillinger from the evening's meeting. Motion passed 6-0-1.

STREETSCAPE PROJECT AWARD

City Manager, Dana Foster recognized the DDA Board Members and Community Development Staff for a recent Streetscape Project Award received for the recently completed West Street and Main Street streetscape project. Present were: Bob Herbst, Laurie French, Matt Modrack and Amy Cyphert.

Kerry Sutton, Representative from the Michigan Concrete Association was present and stated this award was given to the City of Brighton for the decorative concrete pavement in the project. She recognized Brendan Fonson, Mike Campbell, Mike O'Leary and Mike Moran and presented a Special Achievement Award to Amy Cyphert.

Matt Modrack referenced the lighted cross-walks in the downtown and stated he is happy to have the local contractors employed for these types of projects.

DDA Chair, Bob Herbst stated he is thankful to be able to serve the City.

Mayor Muzzin recognized the local contractors for their work on these projects.

FIRST RESPONDERS PRESENTATION

Mayor Muzzin stated he attended a presentation Sunday evening at the Cornerstone Church recognizing First Responders. He presented a plaque to Police Chief, Tom Wightman for emergency first responders named "Our Heroes".

Police Chief, Tom Wightman thanked the Mayor and the Cornerstone Church for the plaque and for the recognition.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Pipoly to approve the agenda as amended. Delete item #10, Ordinance summaries. Add item #8a, Brighton Arts & Culture Commission appointment. Move from Action Agenda to Consent Agenda item #9, Council Minute Summaries. Motion passed 6-0-1.

MINUTES APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Bandkau, seconded by Cooper to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 21, 2013 as presented. Motion passed 6-0-1.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Bohn to approve the Closed Session minutes of February 21, 2013 as presented. Motion passed 6-0-1.

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

Mayor Muzzin stated it is the consensus of Council not to read the three previously submitted Citizen Inquiries, as they are regarding pending litigation and submitted by a representative of the plaintiff.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:42 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. Motion passed 6-0-1.

The following items were approved:

1. Appointed Cori Senak to the Brighton Arts & Culture Commission to fill an unexpired term of February, 2014.
2. Authorized the City Clerk and City Manager to publish summaries of City Council meeting minutes in place of complete sets of minutes.

FIREWORKS ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Planning and Zoning Director, Amy Cyphert briefed the Council on the possible Ordinance amendments regarding fireworks.

Police Chief, Tom Wightman stated they anticipate higher use of fireworks, more vendors and usage.

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It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Pipoly to limit the discharge of fireworks to the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday, with the addition of special event fireworks and to set First Reading of the Ordinance amendments for March 21, 2013. Motion passed 6-0-1.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Councilmember Bandkau stated Chili's will have a fundraiser on Thursday's this March and April for the Brighton Veterans Memorial where a portion of the bill will go towards the memorial.

Councilmember Roblee walked around with a Detroit Institute of Arts representative for the Inside Out Art program locations. There will be a special meeting of the BACC, Chamber of Commerce and the Brighton Art Guild on how to market and promote the project, as well as all of the art currently in the City.

Councilmember Bohn gave a Budget and Finance Subcommittee update.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin gave a Call to the Public at 8:12 p.m. Hearing none the Call to the Public was closed.

PENDING MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL PENDING LITIGATION CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Pipoly to go into Closed Session to discuss written Attorney-Client privilege communication regarding MTT pending litigation. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Bohn, Cooper, Muzzin, Bandkau, Roblee, Pipoly. No: none. Absent: Schillinger. Motion passed 6-0-1.

The Council convened into Closed Session at 8:13 p.m.

The Council reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:18 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION

It was moved by Councilmember Pipoly, seconded by Bandkau to add a Closed Session Action agenda item. Motion passed 6-0-1.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Bohn to authorize the City Attorney to accept the proposed stipulation of as set forth in the letter dated March 6, 2013 from the City Assessor. Motion passed 6-0-1.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Bandkau to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Diana Lowe, City Clerk

Jim Muzzin, Mayor