

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON APRIL 7, 2016 AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL
200 N. 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN

BLUE SKY SESSION

The Council conducted an Early Blue Sky Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the University of Michigan Health System Project. Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers Tobbe, Bohn, Pettengill and Gardner. The Council reviewed the University of Michigan Health System Project and 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, Pettengill and Gardner. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns and Brad Maynes, Fire Chief Mike O'Brian, Livingston County Road Commission Managing Director Michael Craine, Planner Kathleen Klien-Hudson, Engineer Gary Markstrom and Staff members Nate Geinzer, Tom Wightman, Diana Lowe, Pam Stewart, Dave Blackmar, Gretchen Gomolka, Tim Krugh and Matt Modrack and an audience of 6. Press and media included Noe Hernandez from the Press & Argus and Tom Tolen from WHMI.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Gardner to approve the agenda as amended. Add item 12a, Councilmember Resignation. Motion passed 6-0.

MINUTE APPROVAL

It was moved by mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Tobbe to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of March 17, 2016 as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

It was moved by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Pettengill to approve the Closed Session minutes of March 17, 2016 as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN PROCLAMATION

Mayor Muzzin read and presented a University of Michigan Health System Proclamation to Tony Denton.

Mr. Denton thanked the Council.

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT

Brighton Area Fire Authority Chief, Michael O'Brian thanked City Clerk, Diana Lowe for her service to the Authority and gave the 2015 Annual Brighton Area Fire Authority report.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:59 p.m. The following comments were heard:

Tom Larock, 1057 Steph Lane, expressed his concerns regarding the need to trim the street trees in his neighborhood.

Joyce Powers, 985 Hickory Drive, stated in 2017 will be the City of Brighton's sesquicentennial year (1867-2017) and suggested there be a celebration.

Hearing no further comment, the Call to the Public was closed at 8:11 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Tobbe to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 6-0 vote. The following items were approved:

1. Approved the 2016 Civic Event applications and schedule.
2. Reappointed Kate Lawrence to the Officer's Compensation Commission.

NORTHRIDGE WOODS AMENDED SITE PLAN

City Engineer, Gary Markstrom gave a brief history of the Northridge Woods amended Site Plan. He discussed the stability of the slopes, flooding, geotechnical Engineer report and standards and revegetation of the slope.

Councilmember Bohn discussed failure of the slope, flooding on the site and engineering standards. He suggested a retaining wall on the site.

Steve Davis stated he has been a builder in Brighton for 40 years. He discussed the slopes in Northridge Woods and gave a Powerpoint presentation illustrating improvements on the site.

City Engineer, Gary Markstrom explained Engineering Standards.

Councilmember Bohn discussed a failed retaining wall in the development.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Tobbe to table the Northridge Woods amended site plan pending Written Attorney/Client Privilege communication from the City Attorney. Motion passed 6-0.

COUNCILMEMBER RESIGNATION

It was moved by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Pipoly to accept Shanda Willis' resignation from City Council. Motion passed 6-0.

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It was moved Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Gardner to post the City Council vacancy, with a submittal deadline of April 29, 2016 and to conduct interviews at the May 19, 2016 City Council meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

2016/17 BUDGET TRANSMITTAL

City Manager, Nate Geinzer presented the 2016/17 Recommended Budget. From a Powerpoint presentation, he highlighted: Taking advantage of new opportunities, Dealing with budget impacts, Taxable value, Dealing with uncontrollable or unforeseen budget impacts, Year-end projections, Homestead Property, Revenue and expense trend line, Budgeted General Fund Revenue, Revenue trend, Expenditures, Six-Year Financial Forecast, Utilities fund expenditures, DDA Fund, Thinking different about Capital, Projects and Capital, Roads, Other Investments, Staffing model, Long term budget considerations, Capital improvement projects, Debt, Pension and OPEB.

Finance Director, Gretchen Gomolka highlighted Utility rate increases.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Police Chief, Tom Wightman gave a report on skimming at gas stations. He discussed the panhandlers in town, stating nothing can be done unless they are interfering with traffic. He suggested to stop giving them funds.

Utilities Director, Tim Krugh gave a utility repair update.

Manager Geinzer stated we received site plans for 5 Guys Burger and Chipotle.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly gave a PSD update.

Councilmember Tobbe gave a Zing Train training update.

Councilmember Pettengill gave an Imagination Station Volunteer update.

Mayor Muzzin stated the Council Retreat is this Saturday at 8:00 a.m. He discussed Steven McNally's observations of a previous City Council meeting.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin gave a Call to the Public at 9:52 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Gardner to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.

Diana Lowe, City Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor