

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON**  
**HELD ON AUGUST 20, 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, Councilmembers Bandkau, Willis, Pipoly, Tobbe, Bohn and Gardner. 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, Councilmembers Pipoly, Bandkau, Bohn, Tobbe, Willis and Gardner. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns, Engineer Gary Markstrom, Staff members Dana Foster, Diana Lowe, Kelly Hanna, Dave Blackmar, Tom Wightman and an audience of 1. Press and media included Tom Tolen from WHMI.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

It was moved by Councilmember Bandkau seconded by Willis to approve the agenda as amended. Change item #13 to "Read a communication from the City Manager". Motion passed 7-0.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Tobbe to approve the Special Meeting minutes of August 20, 2015 as presented. Motion passed 6-0-1, with Councilmember Willis abstaining.

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Pipoly to approve the Closed Session minutes of August 20, 2015 as amended. Change "Pending Litigation" to "City Manager to invoke his right to have his Annual Evaluation in Closed Session" and change the starting time from "1:10 p.m." to "8:10 p.m.". Motion passed 6-0-1, with Councilmember Willis abstaining.

It was moved by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Bandkau to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of August 20, 2015 as presented. Motion passed 6-0-1, with Councilmember Willis abstaining.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:34 p.m. Hearing no comment

**CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Willis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Willis, Bohn, Pipoly, Muzzin, Bandkau, Tobbe, Gardner. No: none. Motion passed 7-0.

The following items were approved:

1. Approved Resolution 15-13, Authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign the Contract between the City of Brighton and MDOT, Contract No. 15-5402, Control Section EDA 47522, Job Number 127446A.
2. Approved the Quarterly Investment Report.

### **POSSIBLE SPRINGHILL ACTIONS**

City Attorney, Paul Burns suggested to discuss Springhill in Closed Session.

### **LINDBOM SCHOOL PROPERTY**

City Manager, Dana Foster stated an inquiry was received regarding the permitted use of the former Lindbom school property.

City Attorney, Paul Burns suggested the City Manager write a letter stating that a school is a permitted use.

### **PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES STAFFING**

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Pipoly to direct the City Manager to obtain a related proposed intergovernmental services' contract for Planning, Zoning and Development Services from Livingston County and the City Engineer to submit to the City Attorney for review. Motion passed 7-0.

### **PROPOSED SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM**

It was the consensus of Council not to pursue a sidewalk repair program as referenced in the City Ordinance.

### **READ A COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

Mayor Muzzin read a letter from the City Manager regarding his formal notice of resignation effective December 18, 2015 and this letter is not a retirement letter, as he will not receive retirement benefits. He offered his assistance to the City for a smooth transition.

City Manager, Dana Foster stated he will be giving a similar letter to the department directors. He discussed the hard work and dedication that all City employees at all levels maintain. He thanked the Council and Staff for their patience of his schedule with his family taking on the responsibility of being Foster parents to three young children.

It was moved by Councilmember Bandkau, seconded by Bohn to accept Dana Foster's formal resignation effective December 18, 2015. Motion passed 7-0.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Gardner to engage the Michigan Municipal League to quote for services for a City Manager search and a recommendation for an interim candidate and to give a presentation at the next City Council meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

**CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

City Manager, Dana Foster stated September 26<sup>th</sup> is the resealing date of the Imagination Station. He also stated DTE informed the City they will be doing upgrades to their system to improve reliability of their service and help minimize power outages.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly gave a DDA update.

Councilmember Gardner gave a SELCRA update.

Mayor Muzzin added to the DDA update and gave a Brighton Area Fire Authority update. He read a letter from Congressman, Mike Bishop congratulating the City of Brighton on the 2014 Community Water Fluoridation Award.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Muzzin gave a Call to the Public at 8:50 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Willis to go into Closed Session at 8:52 p.m. to discuss Attorney/Client written communication and pending litigation. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Willis, Bohn, Pipoly, Muzzin, Bandkau, Tobbe, Gardner. No: none. Motion passed 7-0.

The Council convened into Closed Session at 8:53 p.m.

The Council reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:23 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Gardner to direct the Engineer do a final inspection on the Springhill development. Motion passed 6-0-1, with Councilmember Pipoly abstaining.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Bandkau to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

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Diana Lowe, City Clerk

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Jim Muzzin, Mayor