

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON DECEMBER 18, 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, Cooper and Tobbe. 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 Bandkau, Cooper, Tobbe and Bohn. Also in attendance was Attorney Paul Burns and Brad Maynes, Engineers Kyle Ramakers and Kari Jozwik, Special Legal Counsel Mike Wasburg, Staff members Dana Foster, Diana Lowe, Dave Blackmar, Tom Wightman and an audience of 10. Press and media included Tom Tolen from WHMI.

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Bandkau to excuse Councilmember Willis from the evening's meeting. Motion passed 5-0-2.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Tobbe to approve the agenda as written. Motion passed 5-0-2.

MINUTE APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Bandkau, seconded by Bohn to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of December 4, 2014 as presented. Motion passed 5-0-2.

COUNCILMEMBER COOPER RECOGNITION

City Manager, Dana Foster read and presented a plaque to Councilmember Cooper recognizing his years of service to the City of Brighton.

Councilmember Cooper stated it is a great honor and take courage to serve as a Councilmember. He thanked everyone and stated it has been a great privilege.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:35 p.m. The following comment was heard:

Nancy Durance, 4616 Spring Mountain Drive, questioned as to whether the engineer has been out to inspect the wall. She stated there are still issues with 11, 10 and 9.

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Councilmember Pipoly arrived at 7:36 p.m.

Janet Joseph, 721 Advance Street, gave a history of their business and asked for help from City Council regarding Code Enforcement issues.

Jerry Joseph, 721 Advance Street, requested fairness, justice, oversight and accountability of projects, Code Enforcement and site plan compliance.

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Tobbe to give Mr. Joseph three additional minutes to speak. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Mr. Joseph discussed road deterioration and the need for a bond.

Phil Harness, Novex Tool, 777 Advance Street, expressed his support for the Joseph's for proper enforcement in the area.

Hearing no further comment, Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to the Public at 7:54 p.m.

City Manager, Dana Foster stated City Staff has followed up on the issues raised by the Joseph's and Mr. Harness. He stated he has been in contact with Mr. Corrigan regarding issues raised by his project and continued enforcement.

There was Councilmember discussion regarding a work plan to see the execution of a site plan through and a meeting of the Joseph's, Corrigan's and Staff.

City Manager, Dana Foster stated Mr. Corrigan will be coming back to the City with an amended site plan for review and approval.

City Attorney, Paul Burns gave a Springhill development update. He discussed approving the as-built plans, title insurance, dedication of the streets to the City and consent judgment. He also stated the Letter of Credit has been extended until the next Council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Pipoly to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 6-0-1.

The following item were approved:

1. Appointed Councilmember Bohn as Council Liaison to the Planning Commission.

PINE CREEK SUBDIVISION STREET CLOSING

City Manager, Dana Foster briefed the City Council regarding the proposed street closing in the Pine Creek Subdivision in Genoa Township. He stated the Traffic Safety Advisory Board has review the request.

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Police Chief, Tom Wightman stated the Traffic Safety Advisory Board does not support the closure of the Pine Creek Subdivision entrance, as it will cause extra traffic into the City streets.

Engineer Kyle Ramakers stated a gated community would delay response time for emergency services.

It was moved by Councilmember Pipoly, seconded by Bandkau to support the Traffic Safety Advisory Boards recommendation to not close the street in the Pine Creek Subdivision. Motion passed 5-1-1, with Councilmember Cooper voting "no".

It was moved by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Pipoly to Direct City Staff to offer an Intergovernmental Agreement for traffic enforcement in the Pine Creek subdivision. Motion passed 6-0-1.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

City Manager, Dana Foster discussed the recent power outages in the City of Brighton. He stated he would provide the same correspondence to the media regarding the Call to the Public topic regarding code enforcement.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly apologized for arriving late, as he was assisting one of his parents. He gave a DDA update.

Councilmember Bohn gave a Traffic Safety Advisory Committee update. He discussed an email he received regarding pending litigation and another asking if we have a full time City Manager.

Mayor Muzzin gave a Brighton Area Fire Authority update.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin gave a Call to the Public at 8:50 p.m. Hearing none, the Call to the Public was closed.

PENDING LITIGATION CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Bandkau to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation pursuant to MCL 15.268(e). A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Bohn, Pipoly, Muzzin, Bandkau, Cooper, Tobbe. No: none. Motion passed 6-0-1.

The Council convened into Closed Session at 8:54 p.m.

The Council reconvened the Regular Session at 9:05 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Tobbe to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Diana Lowe, City Clerk

Jim Muzzin, Mayor