

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON OCTOBER 20, 2011 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 Bandkau, Mayor Pro-Tem Bohn, Councilmembers Schillinger, Muzzin, Cooper, Roblee and Pipoly. The Council reviewed the agenda items.

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Bandkau called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called, there being present were Mayor Bandkau, Mayor Pro-Tem Bohn, Councilmembers Schillinger, Muzzin, Roblee, Cooper and Pipoly. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns and Staff members Dana Foster, Jennifer Burke, Diana Lowe, Amy Cyphert, Matt Schindewolf, Tom Wightman, Kelly LaLonde, Matt Modrack and an audience of 18. Press and Media included Nicole Krawcke from The Patch.

MINUTES APPROVAL

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Bohn, seconded by Muzzin to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of October 6, 2011 as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

EAGLE SCOUT AWARDS

Mayor Bandkau read an Eagle Scout Proclamation to Matthew Hummel.

Mr. Hummel stated his final Eagle Scout project consisted of building a butterfly garden for the Spencer Elementary School, which is like an outdoor classroom.

Mayor Bandkau read an Eagle Scout Proclamation to Quaid Stouder.

Mr. Stouder stated his final Eagle Scout project consisted of building four shooting benches for the Livingston Conservation Association for the marksman ship program.

Dennis Kallio stated he has helped produce 63 Eagle Scouts since he has been Scoutmaster.

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

Mayor Bandkau read a Citizens Inquiry - Susan Walters-Steinacker - 1) Are council members paid for "non" public meetings? 2) How is attendance verified? 3) Are council members paid for "non" city sanctioned meetings? 4) Why did Council members Roblee and Cooper billed the tax payers for more meetings than any other council members? 5) Will the city put the council submitted for payment documents on line?

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Pipoly to approve the Agenda as amended. Add item 4a, Eagle Scout Proclamations. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Schillinger, Cooper, Bohn, Bandkau, Muzzin, Roblee, Pipoly. No: none. Motion passed 7-0.

The following items were approved on Consent Agenda:

1. Approved the Art & Acoustic Music Festival for 2012 Civic Event.
2. Resolution 11-22, Place a lien on property for unpaid code violations related maintenance.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Bandkau opened the Call to the Public at 7:44 p.m. The following comments were heard:

Ray Smith, Howell, gave information regarding Smart Meters and the dangers of having them. He encouraged residents to refuse to have Smart Meters installed on homes.

Pauline Holton, precinct delegate from Shelby Township, stated Smart Meters are not mandatory. She handed out literature and a DVD regarding Smart Meter information, how it violates resident's privacy and their dangers. She encouraged residents not to have Smart Meters installed on their homes.

John Holton, 2392 Bark Avenue, Shelby Township asked the City Council to pass a Resolution to encourage people not to have Smart Meters installed on homes in the City of Brighton.

City Manager, Dana Foster stated the City's right-of-way Ordinances are the closest way we have to regulate installation of these meters. He suggested requesting our DTE Manager, Paul Ganz, to attend a future City Council meeting to address this issue.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bohn suggested discussing this issue at the upcoming City Council Retreat.

Pat Cole, Brighton City, stated the information boxes at the cemetery were installed prior to her request and that there are no rules in the box. Citizen Inquiries are directed to the City Council, not to Manager Foster. She suggested the people be able to elect their Mayor as a Charter revision.

Hearing no further comment, the Call to the Public was closed at 8:09.

FAÇADE GRANT PROGRAM FOR 412, 416 & 420 W. GRAND RIVER PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Bandkau opened the Public Hearing for the façade grant project for 412, 416 & 420 W. Main Street in the amount of \$108,000 for a total project cost of \$144,000 pursuant to Michigan Economic Development Corporation requirements for MSC 211004-CDF at 8:10 p.m. The following comment was heard:

Pat Cole stated she is opposed to have funds being spent on buildings that are for sale and because the City will have to put in funds from the DDA.

Hearing no further comment, Mayor Bandkau closed the Public Hearing at 8:13 p.m.

DDA Director, Matt Modrack stated the MEDC Funds will have conditions such as job creation, how it is advertised, put out for bid, have a payback provision and becomes an interest free loan. He discussed the partnership program.

City Manager, Dana Foster stated if the City does not pursue the grants we are receiving, someone else in the State will and we are doing better than most jurisdictions for these grant/tax dollars.

Mayor Bandkau thanked Matt Modrack and staff for searching out these grants.

DDA Director, Matt Modrack stated a thriving downtown in a community could result in improved neighborhoods. He has partnered with two banks and structured a possible \$200,000 line of credit subject to future City Council approval and committed \$30,000 as a loan from the DDA.

FINAL FAÇADE GRANT PROJECT RESOLUTION

It was moved by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Roblee to approve Resolution 11-23, Authorizing the City Manager to submit the final façade Grant project related documentation to the MEDC and designate the City Manager to serve as the certifying officer for the environmental review. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Schillinger, Cooper, Bohn, Bandkau, Muzzin, Roblee, Pipoly. No: none. Motion passed 7-0.

ANNAUL FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Kelly LaLonde briefed the City Council on the annual external audit report. She thanked the Finance Department for all of their efforts on the recent audit. She thanked Plante and Moran and Tim St. Andrew and Chris Jones for keeping her well informed and for helping with the Citizens Guide to get posted on the City's website.

Chris Jones, Plante and Moran Partner stated the documents received from the City of Brighton Finance Department have been accurate and this should qualify the City for the 24th consecutive Unqualified Auditors Review.

Tim St. Andrew, Plante Moran Manager, discussed the Powerpoint slides: General Fund Revenue, Taxable Value Breakdown, Taxable Value vs. State Equalized Value, General Fund Expenditures, Expenditure Trends, Comparison of General Fund Balances, Governmental Activities and Governmental Activities.

6-YEAR FINANCIAL FORCAST REPORT AND PRESENTATION

Finance Director, Kelly LaLonde gave a presentation regarding the 6-Year Financial Forecast. She displayed slides regarding Fund Balance and Operating Expenditures, OPEB Contribution and General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance.

City Manager, Dana Foster discussed the changes in the Trend Line of General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance. He thanked Kelly LaLonde and staff for the updates on these forecasts.

2010 ADOPTED GOALS PROGRESS REPORT

City Manager, Dana Foster discussed gave a progress report and ranking of the 2010 Adopted Goals.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

City Manager, Dana Foster stated the City received the 6th consecutive Distinguished Budget Award from the GFOA. He gave an Imagination Station progress update stating the repairs should be completed Wednesday of next week. He displayed a chart regarding the DDA and Regional Revenue produced by the DDA District, stating these are dollars that are kept in our City and how it helped pay for the eastbound I-96 entry ramp.

Councilmember Muzzin gave a Brighton Area Fire Authority update, stating there was an internal promotion of a new fire inspector. Monday the 24th at 8:00 a.m. there will be a Special meeting for a New Fire Chief.

Councilmember Cooper encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election and there is a City Council Retreat this weekend from 8-4 on Saturday and from 8-11 on Sunday.

Councilmember Roblee stated the Grand Reopening of the Imagination Station on October 29th at 11:00 p.m. and the will also be the last day of Farmers Market. October 31st is the Tridge or Treat Spooktacular Civic Event from 5-7 p.m. in partnership with the Brighton Area Fire Authority.

Councilmember Pipoly stated the DDA no longer owns the former Chamber site. Backfilling of the Barton property is complete and the parking lot will be done by late November. 121 W. North Street property is reserved on an option and the environmental bore is forthcoming. The ornamental trees from the former Chamber site will be relocated to the Pierce Street parking lot greenbelt.

Mayor Bandkau stated she attended the Metrology grand opening.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Bandkau gave a Call to the Public at 9:39 p.m. The following comments were heard:

Pauline Holton, Shelby Township, asked Council to look at the DVD's she passed out earlier and to remember the health effects from the meters, privacy and the fact that they can catch fire.

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John Holton, Shelby Township, asked City Council to look at the DVD that was passed out earlier. He discussed the cancer risks of Smart meters, cell phone and cell towers.

Pat Cole asked when the weatherproof information box would be installed at the cemetery? She stated Champs Pub does not need a for sale sign to be for sale. She asked where the money is going to come from to build the proposed DDA parking garage?

Hearing no further comment, the Call to the Public was closed at 9:49 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Cooper to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Diana Lowe, City Clerk

Ricci Bandkau, Mayor