

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON JUNE 5, 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 Bandkau, Tobbe, Bohn, Cooper and Willis. 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, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers Bandkau, Tobbe, Cooper, Willis and Bohn. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns, Staff members Dana Foster, Kelly Hanna, Diana Lowe, Amy Cyphert, Matt Modrack, Patty Thomas, Lauri French, Tom Wightman and an audience of 12. Press and Media included Tom Tolen from WHMI.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe seconded by Bandkau to approve the agenda as amended. Delete item #9, Mill Pond Manor PILOT Agreement. Add item #10a, Cancellation of July 3, 2014 City Council meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

MINUTE APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Willis to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of May 15, 2014 as presented. Motion passed 6-0-1, with Councilmember Cooper abstaining.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:34 p.m. The following comments were heard:

Mary Todd Lincoln thanked the Council and City Manager for the use of Old Town Hall for the Livingston Players.

John Herzog, 135 W. North Street, stated his opposition to the proposed PSD SAD.

Mike Kuehnl, First and Second street buildings owner, expressed his opposition to the proposed PSD SAD.

Muscott, 315 North Street, Masonic Lodge, expressed his opposition to the proposed PSD SAD.

Hearing no further comment, Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to the Public at 7:44 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

none

PRINCIPAL SHOPPING DISTRICT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Mayor Muzzin opened the Public Hearing for the proposed assessments for the proposed Principal Shopping District Special Assessment District at 7:45 p.m. The following comments were heard:

Mike Bignell, Hamilton Farms Condominium, stated Brighton has shown through a very tough economic time. He expressed his support of the proposed PSD SAD.

Jon Innes, 134 North First Street, expressed his support for the proposed PSD SAD.

Mark Binkley, 334 W. Main Street, expressed his support of the proposed PSD SAD.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Muzzin closed the Public Hearing at 7:53 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded Bandkau to adopt Resolution 14-12, Confirming the Special Assessment Roll for the Principal Shopping District Special Assessment District. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Willis, Bohn, Pipoly, Muzzin, Bandkau, Tobbe. No: none. Motion passed 7-0.

MICHIGAN BY RAIL PRESENTATION

Dan Sommerville, Staff director for the Michigan Environmental Council, gave a presentation of the Michigan By Rail coalition. He asked for support for the coalition's pending Federal Government grant application for a feasibility study.

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Tobbe to approve the proposed letter of support for the Michigan By Rail coalition's pending federal government grant application for a related feasibility study. Motion passed 7-0.

OFF-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS

Planning & Zoning Director, Amy Cyphert discussed grass as an alternative surface for parking and the disadvantage of maintenance of gravel surfaces.

Councilmember Cooper discussed the alternative parking surfaces that Planning Commission reviewed and that every application for same would go through Planning Commission for review.

Council directed Staff to review definitions in the Off-Street Parking regulations, transition and leased parking lots in the DBD, including City and private sector parking/properties as well as overflow parking.

JULY 3, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLATION

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Bandkau to cancel the July 3, 2014 City Council meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

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CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

City Manager, Dana Foster encouraged Council and the general public to pay attention to Proposal 1 regarding the Personal Property Tax. He stated Staff has been following up on drainage concerns.

Councilmember Bohn stated he received an inquiry regarding the SELCRA skate park and splash pad.

Councilmember Tobbe stated a new sculpture was installed downtown.

Councilmember Willis gave a Principal Shopping District update.

Mayor Muzzin gave a DDA update. He stated he attended a Firefighters kick-off of a smoke detector blitz to install 3000 smoke detectors.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin gave a Call to the Public at 9:00 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Willis to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Diana Lowe, City Clerk

Jim Muzzin, Mayor