

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON MARCH 21, 2013 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 Pro-Tem Cooper, Councilmembers Bohn, Bandkau, Schillinger, Roblee and Pipoly. The Council reviewed the agenda items.

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper called the regular meeting to order at 7:30p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called, there being present were Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, Councilmembers Bandkau, Schillinger, Pipoly, Roblee and Bohn. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns and Brad Maynes, Staff members Dana Foster, Matt Schindewolf, Kelly Hanna, Jennifer Burke, Diana Lowe, Amy Cyphert, Matt Modrack and Jon Westendorf and an audience of 6. Press and Media included Tom Tolen from WHMI.

It was moved by Councilmember Pipoly, seconded by Bandkau to excuse Mayor Muzzin from the evening's meeting. Motion passed 6-0-1.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved Councilmember Pipoly, seconded by Roblee to approve the agenda as amended. Delete item #13, Fireworks Ordinance. Move from Consent Agenda to Action Agenda item #9, Principal Shopping District. Motion passed 6-0-1.

MINUTES APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Bandkau, seconded by Bohn to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of March 7, 2013 as presented. Councilmember Schillinger abstained. Motion passed 6-0-1.

It was moved by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Bandkau to approve the Closed Session minutes of March 7, 2013 as presented. Councilmember Schillinger abstained. Motion passed 6-0-1.

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

None.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper opened the Call to the Public at 7:33 p.m. The following comment was heard:

Mark Binkley, 713 Fairway Trails Drive, Chairperson of the Principal Shopping District, asked Council to consider approving the extension of the Principal Shopping District.

Hearing no additional comment, the Call to the Public was closed at 7:35 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Bohn to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 6-0-1.

The following items were approved:

1. Renamed the DDA-owned property at 202 E. Main Street/Cobb Hall site, to be the “Brighton Arts & Culture Commission Sculpture Garden”.
2. Approved the reappointments of Ted Richardson to the Officer’s Compensation Commission and Nick Palizzi, Lisa Nelson and Claudia Roblee to the Principal Shopping District.

PRINCIPAL SHOPPING DISTRICT

Councilmember Bohn expressed his concerns on how the Principal Shopping District markets only for the Downtown Area and not the entire City and that the organization should be self funded.

There was Council discussion regarding marketing businesses outside of the downtown area, four point redevelopment approach, the marketing brings awareness to the City and the fact that merchants have contributed to the PSD by a Special Assessment District.

DDA Director, Matt Modrack gave a slide presentation, highlighting the Request to Extend Operation of the Principal Shopping District Board, the Market Study, PSD Boardmembers, some of the advertising they have done, 2011-12 Accomplishments and the strength of the downtown drawing an investment from Vail, Colorado in our neighboring township.

City Manager, Dana Foster stated he had requested Matt Modrack to give this additional information on the PSD.

It was moved by Councilmember Pipoly to approve Resolution 13-04, Extending the Principal Shopping District for another three years. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Schillinger, Bohn, Cooper, Bandkau, Roblee, Pipoly. No: none. Absent: Muzzin. Motion passed 6-0-1.

MILL POND DREDGING & IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Department of Public Services Director, Matt Schindewolf explained the dredging process, weed harvesting, sampling of the bottom of the Mill Pond, the importance of aerators, taking the dredged material out, testing of the organic content and working with a Consultant during this process. He also stated that there are other options to improve the Mill Pond that do not involve dredging.

City Manager, Dana Foster discussed the funding of the Mill Pond Dredging and Improvement project, stating it will be \$700,000 if the material has to be taken to a special landfill. He stated this is a public/private partnership with Corrigan Oil and Development Company who is offering to contribute \$300,000 if there is not any contamination of the material and if it is not required to be landfilled.

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City Attorney, Paul Burns expressed his concerns if hazardous waste is found in the Mill Pond boring samples, as it may be very expensive to clean-up. He suggested that the City Engineer be involved in this process.

It was moved by Councilmember Pipoly, seconded by Roblee to authorize the City Manager to consult with the City Engineer regarding the proposed Mill Pond dredging before moving any further. Motion passed 6-0-1.

FISCAL YEAR 13-14 CITY BUDGET

City Manager, Dana Foster presented the proposed 2013-2014 Fiscal Year City Budget. He highlighted the Baseline Forecast, Six Year Financial Forecast Assumptions, Alternative Six Year Forecasts and the upcoming Budget calendar.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper gave a Budget and Finance Subcommittee update regarding decisions that will have to be made and the level of service.

Councilmember Bohn stated we are running into a deficit and asked what the City Manager's priorities are?

City Manager, Dana Foster gave a slide presentation explaining his groups of priorities. He highlighted People Want to Live & Work Here; Public Safety, Infrastructure, Arts & Culture, Quality Place to Live & Work, Business Facilitation and City Government with Integrity & Excellence. He thanked the City's volunteer intern, JT from Michigan State University attending from Thailand, for his help with preparing the presentation.

Councilmember Schillinger stated the \$20,000,000 investment Vail spent was for two facilities, not just the one in Genoa Township

Council thanked Staff for their work on the proposed budget.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Councilmember Bandkau stated they are moving forward on the Brighton Veteran's Memorial and that the bricks they are selling are tax deductible.

Councilmember Roblee stated they received response from the Detroit Institute Arts for the Inside-Out Program. They will be meeting again and have decided where the pieces of art will be placed.

Councilmember Pipoly gave a DDA update.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper gave a SELCRA update and Zoning Board of Appeals update.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper gave a Call to the Public at 9:35 p.m. Hearing none the Call to the Public was closed.

ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED WRITTEN COMMUNICATION CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Councilmember Pipoly, seconded by Roblee to go into Closed Session to discuss written Attorney-Client privilege communication. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Bohn, Cooper, Schillinger, Bandkau, Roblee, Pipoly. No: none. Absent: Muzzin. Motion passed 6-0-1.

The Council convened into Closed Session at 9:36 p.m.

The Council reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:50 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION

It was moved by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Pipoly to amend the agenda to add Closed Session Action. Motion passed 6-0-1.

It was moved by Councilmember Pipoly, seconded by Bohn to authorize the Staff to set a Public Hearing and proposed Resolution at the April 4, 2013 City Council meeting regarding changing the date in which the City holds regular election for local offices to the November even year election date. Motion passed 6-0-1.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Bandkau, seconded by Roblee to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 p.m. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Diana Lowe, City Clerk

Chad Cooper, Mayor Pro-Tem