

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON NOVEMBER 15, 2012 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, Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper Councilmembers Bohn, Bandkau and Roblee. 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, there being present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, Councilmembers Bandkau, Roblee and Bohn. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns and Brad Maynes, Staff members Dana Foster, Kelly Hanna, Matt Schindewolf, Amy Cyphert, Diana Lowe and Tom Wightman and an audience of 10. Press and Media included Jim Totten from Livingston County Press & Argus and Tom Tolen from WHMI.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Roblee to excuse Councilmembers Schillinger and Pipoly from the evening's meeting. Motion passed 5-0-2.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Bandkau, seconded by Cooper to approve the Agenda as amended. Delete item #6, Recognition Presentation. Add to item #18, Pending Michigan Tax Tribunal. Add item #18a, Possible Action for Closed Session. Move from Action to Consent Agenda item #11, 8580 West Grand River. Motion passed 5-0-2.

NORMA GRAY GALLERY

Mayor Muzzin presented a Proclamation to Norma Gray for the designation of a gallery in her name at the Brighton District Library.

Norma Gray thanked the Council for the recognition and stated her accomplishments have not been done alone.

Viva Johnson, Coordinator of Art at the Library, thanked the Council for their recognition of Norma Gray. She invited everyone to the Library for the Norma Gray Ribbon Cutting on December 15th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Nancy Johnson, Brighton Area District Library Director, also invited everyone to the naming of the Norma Gray Gallery.

MINUTES APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee seconded by Cooper to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of November 1, 2012 as presented. Motion passed 4-0-2-1, with Councilmember Cooper abstaining.

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It was moved by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Bandkau to approve the Closed Session Meeting minutes of November 1, 2012 as presented. Motion passed 4-0-2-1, with Councilmember Cooper abstaining.

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

None.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:39 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Bohn to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0-2.

The following item was approved on the Consent Agenda:

1. Approved Resolution 12-17, Bond Refunding/Refinancing sale.
2. Received a report on the inspection of the vacant building located at 8580 West Grand River.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Councilmember Bandkau updated the Council regarding the Veteran's Memorial Improvement Project. She introduced Brian Bradford, Ken Francheski and Bill Rubin representing the Project.

Bill Rubin gave an update regarding funds for the Veteran's Memorial Improvement Project. He discussed fund raising by selling commemorative memorial bricks.

City Manager, Dana Foster stated Jim Barnas has obtained \$50,000 in donations from contractors and suppliers for the project and additional public help is needed.

Brian Bradford, Chairman of the Veteran's Memorial Committee stated there are new officers to the Board. He stated the Brighton Sunrise Rotary have been responsible for a percentage of the donations. To make a donation, go to: brightonveteransmemorial.com.

NORTHRIDGE HILLS INSPECTION REPORT

City Manager, Dana Foster read an email from City Engineer, Gary Markstrom regarding the slope at Northridge Hills stating there are bumps and lumps in the slope from varying soil types and the developer has satisfied the provisions contained in the agreement with the City. He also added that he saw nothing to cause him to change his previous report on the subject to the City Manager.

CITY COUNCIL GOAL SETTING MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Bandkau, seconded by Roblee to approve the November 10 and 11, 2012 City Council Goal Setting Retreat minutes. Motion passed 5-0-2.

It was moved by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Bandkau to approve the Closed Session minutes of November 11, 2012. Motion passed 5-0-2.

CITY MANAGER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Mayor Muzzin gave a brief synopsis of the City Manager, Dana Foster's recent review, stating his review was positive and he is doing an excellent job.

City Manager, Dana Foster thanked the Council for his recent review and stated the accomplishments of the City come from City staff, governing body, advisory boards and commissions.

Mayor Muzzin stated Chamber Director, Pam McConeghy had positive things to say at the Retreat regarding City Council, staff and the merchants, as we all strive for the same goals. He thanked the Department Heads and Attorneys for attending to the retreat.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Department of Public Services Director, Matt Schindewolf gave an update on the leaf removal process. He stated CSX Railroad will be installing crossing gates at Hyne Street next spring.

City Manager, Dana Foster stated pavement patching for the construction at 1st Street and Main will occur on Monday.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper gave a SELCRA update stating they will move forward on the proposed splash pad and water recirculation project. He gave a ZBA update.

Councilmember Roblee stated the Holiday Glow will be this Saturday with Santa arriving at 5:45 p.m.

Mayor Muzzin gave a Brighton Area Fire Authority update.

MTT PENDING LITIGATION CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Bandkau to go into Closed Session to discuss Michigan Tax Tribunal pending litigation, pursuant to MCL 15.268(e). A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Bohn, Muzzin, Bandkau, Roblee, Cooper. No: none. Absent: Schillinger, Pipoly. Motion passed 5-0-2.

The Council convened into Closed Session at 8:17 p.m.

The Council reconvened at the Regular Session at 8:48 p.m.

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CLOSED SESSION ACTION

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Bohn to authorize settle the four Michigan Tax Tribunal cases as directed by City Attorney. Motion passed 5-0-2.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Bandkau to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion passed 5-0-2.

Diana Lowe, City Clerk

Jim Muzzin, Mayor