

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON AUGUST 2, 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, Schillinger, Pipoly, 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 Pipoly, Roblee, Bandkau, Schillinger and Bohn. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns and Staff members Dana Foster, Jennifer Burke, Diana Lowe, Kelly Hanna, Amy Cyphert, Matt Schindewolf and Tom Wightman an audience of 1. Press and Media included Nicole Krawcke from Patch and Tom Tolen from WHMI.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Bandkau, seconded by Cooper to approve the Agenda as amended. Move from Consent Agenda to Action Agenda item #8, Audit Services Contract. Motion passed 7-0.

MINUTES APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Bandkau to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of July 19, 2012 as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

None.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:32 p.m. Hearing none, the Call to the Public was closed.

AUDIT SERVICES CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH PLANTE MORAN

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper seconded by Bohn to approve the audit services contract renewal extension with Plante-Moran. Motion passed 7-0.

UPDATED AMINISTRATIVE NON-UNION PAY RANGES

Heather Van Poucher, Michigan Municipal League Consultant, discussed the MML conducted Administrative Non-Union Pay/Classification Study, highlighting the pay ranges, comparables and benefits. She recommended looking at the system annually for adjustments.

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Pipoly to approve the updated administrative non-union pay ranges by the Michigan Municipal League consultants. Motion passed 7-0.

CSX FUNDED ELECTRONIC LIGHTED CROSSING GATE AT HYNE STREET

Department of Public Services Director, Matt Schindewolf briefed the Council on the participation agreement between the City and CSX for a future new CSX-funded electronic lighted crossing gate at Hyne Street for \$70 per year. He explained the proposed upgrade is for safety reasons.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Pipoly to approve a service maintenance participation agreement between the City and CSX for a future new CSX-funded electronic lighted crossing gates at the Hyne Street railroad crossing subject to final review by the City Attorney, not to exceed \$100 per year in cost. Motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE BOND ISSUE INFORMATION PROCESS

City Manager, Dana Foster discussed the preliminary Bond Issue Election Informational Process Plan, including an explanatory/informational letter to be mailed to all registered voters, put on Facebook, the City's E News Letter system and website; City Manager interview on WHMI, two Public Information meetings at the Library and a seconded Explanatory Letter addressing questions brought up at the Public Information meetings.

It was the consensus of the Council to approve the public informational process plan for the proposed Community Improvement and Infrastructure Bond Issue related election of November 6, 2012, including the proposed draft informational Letter #1 to voters, with the addition of Press Releases.

2012 GOAL-SETTING RETREAT REPORT

City Manager, Dana Foster gave a report on the 2012 Goal-Setting Retreat preparation process, stating he would like to conduct internal focus group meetings prior to composing the agenda.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

City Manager, Dana Foster stated he conducted a meeting with the Mayor, DDA Chair, DDA Director and State Representative Rogers regarding the Personal Property Tax cut. He also stated the Imagination Station Volunteer group recently installed 20-25 yards of fibar chips.

Councilmember Bandkau gave a Brighton Veteran's Memorial Improvement update.

Councilmember Roblee invited everyone downtown the Art and Acoustic Music Festival this weekend.

Mayor Muzzin stated Representative Rogers was receptive to their suggestions regarding the Personal Property Tax. Tomorrow MC Sports will have a Stuff the Shuttle event to collect backpacks and school supplies to benefit LESA.

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CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin gave a Call to the Public at 8:26 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE OPINION CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Pipoly to go into Closed Session to receive written Attorney-Client privilege information, pursuant to MCL 15.268(e). A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Schillinger, Bohn, Cooper, Muzzin, Bandkau, Roblee, Pipoly. No: none. Motion passed 7-0.

The Council convened into Closed Session at 8:29 p.m.

The Council reconvened the Regular Session at 8:52 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Bandkau, seconded by Bohn to authorize Staff and the City Attorney to take the necessary steps to close the curb cut on Main Street near the CSX Railroad and meet with the Buon Gusto and Lions Club property owners to inform them of the closure. Motion passed 6-1 with Mayor Muzzin voting "no".

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Bandkau, seconded by Roblee to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

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