

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON MAY 16, 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 Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, Councilmembers Bohn, Bandkau, Schillinger, Roblee and Pipoly. The Council reviewed the evening's agenda.

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, Schillinger, Pipoly, Roblee and Bohn. Also in attendance were Attorney Brad Maynes, Engineer Gary Markstrom, Special Legal Counsel Dennis Gabrian, Staff members Dana Foster, Dave Blackmar, Denise Meier, Jennifer Burke, Diana Lowe, Amy Cyphert and Tom Wightman and an audience of 3. Press and Media included Tom Tolen of WHMI.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Bandkau to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

MINUTES APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Cooper to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of May, 2, 2013 as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper seconded by Bandkau to approve the Closed Session minutes of May, 2, 2013 as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

Mayor Muzzin read an inquiry from Susan Walters-Steinacker, How long can a residential home or a commercial building remain unoccupied before it is considered abandoned? What is the city ordinance for this?

City Attorney, Brad Maynes stated this inquiry is from an agent of a party in active litigation with the City and should not be addressed in a public meeting.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Pipoly to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Schillinger, Cooper, Muzzin, Bandkau, Roblee, Pipoly. No: Bohn. Motion passed 6-1.

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The following items were approved:

1. Approved Resolution 13-08, Establishing the levy and authorize the collection of taxes, penalties and fees for FY 2013-14.
2. Approved the Music at the Pond Civic Event.
3. Approved Resolution 13-09, Placing liens on properties for unpaid weed cutting for related code violation abatement.

MILL POND DREDGING

City Manager, Dana Foster stated sampling and testing must be done to determine if the material from the Mill Pond dredging is not contaminated. If it is not, Mike Corrigan has given a conditional donation proposal letter for removal of the dredged material. He discussed funding options for the project.

City Engineer, Gary Markstrom briefed the Council on the proposed Mill Pond Dredging, cleanup and improvement project engineering services proposal. He stated that samples could be taken within the next few weeks, the possibility of contaminants in the samples and what to do with the material that is removed.

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Cooper to take the Engineer's proposal to the DDA Board to see if they would be interested in paying for this proposal and if not, reallocate the \$16,000 from the General Fund for weed control for the testing. Motion passed 5-2 with Councilmember Bohn and Schillinger voting "no".

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Assistant Department of Public Works Director, Dave Blackmar stated yard waste pickup is underway and if you have any questions please call 810-225-8001.

Police Chief, Tom Wightman stated the Micro Brewer liquor license will be coming to the next City Council meeting.

City Manager, Dana Foster gave condolences to the family of Dick Harris, owner of Cap-n-Cork. Mr. Harris had a significant presence in our community for many years.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper stated the SELCRA Golf Outing is June 6, 2013 at the Huntmore Golf Course.

Councilmember Bandkau stated the Veteran's Memorial have a booth at the Farmer's Market and the Chamber of Commerce Civic Events. The dedication will be Veteran's Day in November.

Councilmember Roblee stated this Saturday is Flower Day at the Farmer's Market. The Inside-Out Program begins July 10, 2013. The Farmed Table Event will be September 21st, in which a local chef will be using all locally grown products to make a meal.

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Councilmember Bohn asked if there is conversation going on between Pawsitively Spoiled's attorney and the City Attorney?

Mayor Muzzin stated they have withdrawn their Zoning Board of Appeals application and asking the City for a Zoning Ordinance amendment.

City Manager, Dana Foster stated they have ceased the boarding activity in order to comply with the City's Ordinance.

Mayor Muzzin request that the City Attorney give an update on the Ordinance amendment at the next City Council meeting.

Mayor Muzzin expressed his sympathy to the family of Dick Harris. He stated Mr. Harris was very proud of the City of Brighton. He expressed his sympathy for the family of Bob Bohm of Bob's Tire and Auto, as he also passed away this week.

Mayor Muzzin gave a Brighton Area Fire Authority update.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin gave a Call to the Public at 8:34 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

PENDING LABOR NEGOTIATIONS CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Councilmember Bandkau, seconded by Cooper to go into Closed Session to receive pending labor negotiations updates from the City Labor Attorney. 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 8:39 p.m.

The Council reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:56 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Pipoly to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Diana Lowe, City Clerk

Jim Muzzin, Mayor