

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON APRIL 17, 2014 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 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 7:33 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called. Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers Bandkau, Tobbe, Willis, Cooper and Bohn. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns, Staff members Dana Foster, Denise Meier, Tim Krugh, Dave Blackmar, Jennifer Burke, Tom Wightman and an audience of 22. Press and Media included Tom Tolen from WHMI.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper seconded by Bandkau to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PRESENTATION

Bill Rubin presented a plaque to the City for the Veteran's Memorial, stating cooperation from all City Departments was appreciated, Phase II is being started.

Mayor Muzzin stated much work was put into the Veteran's Memorial and it looks great.

BRIGHTON POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Police Chief, Tom Wightman presented the Officer of the Year award to Officer James Meldrum, stating he was recommended by his peers and then selected by Committee.

Mayor Muzzin congratulated officer Meldrum.

MINUTE APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Bandkau, seconded by Willis to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of April 3, 2014 as presented. Motion passed 5-0-2, with Councilmember Tobbe and Bandkau abstaining.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:45 p.m. The following comments were heard:

Paul Russo, Northridge Hills, commented on losing revenue, water and review staffing.

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Steve Monet stated May 3rd is Gleaner's Food Bank Fill Gazebo Food Drive from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Joyce Powers, 982 Hickory Drive, stated she failed her responsibility to do due diligence, she is aware of problem Main Street Theater and discussed the sign next Ciao Amici's future home of 5th 3rd Theater.

Nancy Stamp discussed information regarding the agenda, stating she could not tell what was passed on agenda.

Hearing no further comment, Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to the Public at 8:05 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

The following items were approved:

1. Approval a Civic Event for the Brighton Community Reunion event.
2. Reappointed John Okoniewski to the PSD Board.

FISCAL YEAR 14-15 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Manager Foster discussed the FY 14/15 Budget, General Fund Forecast, Refuse user fee & cost analysis. He gave an overview of the Utilities Fund.

Mayor Muzzin opened the Public Hearing for the City of Brighton Fiscal Year 14-15 Budget at 8:57 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Department of Public Works Director, Dave Blackmar gave an update on street sweeping starting next week.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly gave a DDA update regarding the proposed Theater and 6 year DDA budget forecast.

Mayor Muzzin stated nothing has been approved for the theater and a feasibility study is being conducted.

Councilmember Cooper gave a SELCRA update.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin gave a Call to the Public at 9:20 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

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MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Willis to go into Closed Session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss pending Michigan Tax Tribunal litigation pursuant to MCL 15.268(e). A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Willis, Bohn, Pipoly, Muzzin, Bandkau, Cooper, Tobbe. No: none. Motion passed 7-0.

The Council convened into Closed Session at 9:22 p.m.

The Council reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:24 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION

It was moved by Cooper, seconded by Bandkau to approve the proposed settlement for Brighton Holdings LLC and Stuart Easy Storage Inc. Michigan Tax Tribunals as recommended. Motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Bandkau, seconded by Cooper to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Jennifer Burke, Deputy City Clerk

Jim Muzzin, Mayor