

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON JULY 21, 2011 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 Bandkau, Councilmembers Schillinger, Muzzin, Bohn, Roblee, Cooper and Pipoly. The Council reviewed the agenda items.

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Bandkau called the regular meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called, there being present were Mayor Bandkau, Councilmembers Schillinger, Bohn, Muzzin, Roblee, Cooper and Pipoly. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns and Brad Maynes, Special Legal Counsel Dennis Gabrian and Michael Wasburg, and Staff members Dana Foster, Diana Lowe, Jennifer Burke, Amy Cyphert, Matt Schindewolf, Tom Wightman, Kelly LaLonde and an audience of 7. Press and Media included Tom Tolen from WHMI and Johnny Branstetter from the Patch.

MINUTES APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Muzzin to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of July 7, 2011 as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

It was moved by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Cooper to approve the Closed Session minutes of July 7, 2011 as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Bandkau gave a Call to the Public at 7:34p.m. The following comments were heard:

Mary Holliday, City resident, displayed slides of the condition of the Millpond area, scum on the Millpond and Oakridge Drive and suggested these areas need to be maintained. She had slides of cracks and potholes in the roads.

Mayor Bandkau stated answers would be forthcoming to her questions.

Pat Cole stated she aspires to Ms. Holliday's concerns and stated she does not receive answers to her questions and she should receive them publicly.

Keith Karp, Oh My Lolli, 421 Millpond Lane, stated the garbage in the Millpond area is overflowing, the bathrooms are not always open and not always in good condition, the drinking fountain is not working, the lighted crosswalks are not working and there are weeds growing in the Dairy lot.

Greg Strouse, 109 E. North Street, stated there are basic services that are not being done and would like to see an action plan in place.

Mark Binkley, 105 W. Main Street and 713 Fairway Trails, agrees with Mr. Strouse's comments and stated there have been people that have volunteered to help with basic services and suggested we tackle this together.

Hearing no further comment, the Call to the Public was closed at 7:51 p.m.

City Manager, Dana Foster stated the signs Ms. Holliday referenced in her July 7, 2011 Call to the Public were removed by Administrative Staff as they were in violation of City Ordinances. He stated the scum in the Millpond is a direct result of one a budget cut for the frequency of Millpond algae treatments. He stated there is a possibility of dredging the Millpond for a more comprehensive clean up. He stated he has not had time to answer Ms. Cole's questions regarding the cemetery. He stated we have a new Janitorial Services Contract on the agenda tonight and if approved, will increase the frequency of the cleaning of the Pavilion restrooms. He stated Waste Management cardboard garbage receptacles are being placed in the downtown area to help with the garbage issue. He stated he is only authorizing emergency overtime for DPS workers because of budget cuts. Whereas before these overtime related budget cuts the City used to have DOS workers doing scheduled overtime shifts to empty trash in the downtown and other duties on Saturday's and Sunday's. There are certain restrictions for contracting work out and volunteers in regards to Union Contracts. He addressed the crosswalk light outage issue stating he authorized emergency overtime for DPS employees and our contracted Electrician to fix the lighted crosswalks. The supplier for the lights has a newer model of replacement fixtures that are sturdier.

Department of Public Services Director, Matt Schindewolf stated the Oakridge Drive crack issues would be addressed next week. The potholes are being repaired regularly.

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

Susan Walters-Steinacker - Please explain the cities Wellness Program.

City Manager, Dana foster stated the Wellness Program no longer exists as a result of budget cuts.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Schillinger to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Schillinger, Cooper, Bohn, Bandkau, Muzzin, Roblee, Pipoly. No: none. Motion passed 7-0. The following items were approved:

1. Approved the biennial City service survey instrument for the 2011 survey.
2. Approved a civic event application of a Breast Cancer Fundraiser Walk with the amended date of September 24, 2011.
3. Awarded a two year period, commencing September 1, 2011, 2011, a contract for Janitorial Services pursuant to the above Request For Proposals to Kristel Cleaning, Inc., pursuant to proposal received for identified services and additional miscellaneous services provided.

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Muzzin to approve the Action Agenda as amended. Add item #11a, First Reading of an amendment to Planning Commission and Board of Appeals Ordinance. Delete item #13, Intergovernmental proposal letter. Combine item #19 and #20, Attorney-Client privilege opinion letter Closed Sessions into one agenda item. Move item #17, Collective Bargaining Closed Session and item #18, Possible Collective Bargaining Motion to the end of the agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF APPEALS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FIRST READING

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Muzzin to approve First Reading of an Ordinance to amend the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 of Planning Commission and Board of Appeals and schedule Second Reading and Public Hearing on August 4, 2011. Motion passed 6-1, with Councilmember Schillinger voting "no".

CITY COUNCIL VETERAN'S MEMORIAL REPORT

Mayor Bandkau gave a City Council Veteran's Memorial report stating they are working with Piet Lindhout on inputs from the American Legion, VFW and Rolling Thunder. The memorial will honor all branches of the military and the American Flag will remain where it is at the Millpond. Attorney Cooper will be donating his services to the project.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

City Manager, Dana Foster stated during the last four years we have had a reduction in staff positions of 14 percent by attrition, with many of them being from the Department of Public Services. He encouraged Council to review the Prioritization of Services Matrix from the most recent budget document and where we need to shift around services and possible budget amendments as a first step for City Council in possibly developing an Action Plan in response to City Service concerns expressed by citizens earlier in tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Muzzin gave a Brighton Area Fire Authority report, stating new truck purchases were approved and Inspector Gage's position will be filled. He stated he met with a Councilmember from the City of Jackson to discuss the Joint Fire Authority and stated their challenges are 10 to 100 fold of our challenges.

Councilmember Cooper discussed the SELCRA/Hershey Track and Field event and congratulated the participants. They have received a \$10,000 grant from Corrigan Oil and BP. He thanked them for their generous donations.

Councilmember Roblee gave a Principle Shopping District update and they approved new banners for the District. The Brighton Arts and Culture sculptures have been installed in the pocket park.

Councilmember Schillinger stated the Fire Authority equipment was purchased to keep the ISO rating up. He gave a Planning Commission update on a 911 Monument that will be installed on Grand River.

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Councilmember Pipoly stated the DDA has received and accepted an offer for the Brighton Area Chamber site and Excelda will be building a new building there. They approved funding for Partnership Service Agreements including \$5,000 to the Brighton Historical Society to help with the maintenance and repair of headstones in the Old Village Cemetery, \$5,000 to the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission, \$1,500 to Farmers Market for advertising, \$1,000 to the Brighton Garden Club and SELCRA for new events in Downtown Brighton.

Mayor Bandkau stated Ladies Auxiliary 4357 have installed flags at our cemeteries and she thanked them for their service.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Bandkau gave a Call to the Public at 9:04 p.m. The following comment was heard:

Pat Cole expressed her concerns regarding another entity negotiating a Janitorial Contract with the City of Brighton with no benefit to the City. She asked if the City of Brighton has a Cemetery Sexton. She asked the Council what they are going to do about the condition of cemetery. She asked why we do not hire women.

Hearing no further comment, the Call to the Public was closed at 9:09 p.m.

WRITTEN ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE OPINION CLOSED SESSION

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

The Council convened into Closed Session at 9:15 p.m.

The Council reconvened the Regular Session at 9:54 p.m.

PENDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING LABOR NEGOTIATIONS CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Muzzin, seconded by Cooper to go into Closed Session to receive and update regarding pending collective bargaining labor negotiations pursuant to MCL 15.268 (c). A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Schillinger, Cooper, Bohn, Bandkau, Muzzin, Roblee, Pipoly. No: none. Motion passed 7-0.

The Council convened into Closed Session at 9:56 p.m.

The Council reconvened the Regular meeting at 10:39 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Cooper to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Diana Lowe, City Clerk

Ricci Bandkau, Mayor