

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON MARCH 20, 2014 AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL
200 N. 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN

BLUE SKY SESSION

The Council conducted an early Blue Sky Session at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers Bohn, Bandkau, Cooper, Tobbe and Willis. The Council reviewed a pending economic development project and 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. Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers Bandkau, Willis, Cooper, Tobbe and Bohn. Also in attendance were Attorney's Paul Burns & Brad Maynes, Staff members Dana Foster, Patty Thomas, Kelly Hanna, Amy Cyphert, Jennifer Burke, Tom Wightman and an audience of 6. Press and Media included Jim Totten from Press & Argus and Tom Tolen from WHMI.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly seconded by Bandkau to approve the agenda as amended. Add item #15a, MTT Litigation Closed Session and item 15b, Closed Session Action. Motion passed 7-0.

MINUTE APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Bohn to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of March, 6, 2014 as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:34 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Pipoly to approve the Consent Agenda with the following change: item #9 changed to Reappointment & Appointment to the Officer's Compensation Commission. Motion passed 7-0, with Council Member Cooper Abstaining.

The following items were approved:

1. Approved the recommended personal property tax expungements.
2. Appointed Bill Bryan to the City of Brighton and Genoa Township Joint Land Transfer Agreement Advisory Committee.
3. Reappointed Nancy Scoble and Appointed Kathy Jones to the Officers Compensation Commission.

EBERSPAECHER NORTH AMERICA IFT PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Muzzin opened the Eberspaecher North America Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Public Hearing at 7:33 p.m. The following comment was heard:

Doug Swick, ENA Operations gave an overview of the proposed expansion.

Hearing no further comment, Mayor Muzzin closed the Public Hearing at 7:38 p.m.

It was moved by Tobbe, seconded by Bandkau to approve Resolution 14-02, Eberspaecher North America's Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for personal property in the amount of \$31,000,000 at a 50% tax rate for lesser of seven (7) years or the weighted average of the useful life of all the personal property. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Willis, Bohn, Pipoly, Muzzin, Bandkau, Cooper, Tobbe. No: none. Motion passed 7-0.

It was moved by Bohn, seconded by Pipoly to approve Resolution 14-03, Eberspaecher North America's Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for real property in the amount of \$20,000,000 at a 50% tax rate for twelve (12) years. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Willis, Bohn, Pipoly, Muzzin, Bandkau, Cooper, Tobbe. No: none. Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Muzzin thanked ENA for the expansion.

MDOT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CATEGORY A GRANT FOR ORNDORF AND GRAND RIVER

City Manager, Dana Foster stated the Orndorf Drive Improvements and Traffic Signal proposal is part of the ENA project/grant process.

It was moved by Bandkau, seconded by Tobbe to approve Resolution 14-04, Support for an MDOT Economic Development Category A grant application for Orndorf Drive improvements and a traffic signal upgrade at the Orndorf Drive and Grand River. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Willis, Bohn, Pipoly, Muzzin, Bandkau, Cooper, Tobbe. No: none. Motion passed 7-0.

Manager Foster thanked Kelly Hanna, Amy Cyphert, Matt Modrack, and Lauri French for their work on the entire ENA project involving both of these related actions of tonight, and Phil Santer and Luke Bonner from Livingston County/Ann Arbor SPARK.

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 14-15 CITY BUDGET

City Manager, Dana Foster presented the proposed Fiscal Year 14-15 City Budget.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

City Manager, Dana Foster stated he has a letter for the Mayor to sign and send to State Representatives regarding the Personal Property Tax Bill that recently passed.

Patty Thomas, Yard Waste Collection will begin the week of March 31st every other week on pickup day.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly gave a DDA update

Councilmember Bandkau updated Council on the yearly Woman's Role of Honor.

Councilmember Tobbe gave a Brighton Arts & Culture Commission update.

Mayor Muzzin thanked City Manager, Dana Foster for giving the ENA presentation to the DDA. He gave a DDA and Brighton Area Fire Authority update.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin gave a Call to the Public at 8:38 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL PENDING LITIGATION CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Bandkau to go into Closed Session to discuss Michigan Tax Tribunal pending litigation. 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 8:39 p.m.

The Council reconvened the Regular Session at 9:02 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Willis to approve the proposed Michigan Tax Tribunal settlements for Stuart Easy Storage Inc. and Brighton Commercial Holdings LLC. Motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Bandkau, seconded by Tobbe to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Jennifer Burke, Deputy City Clerk

Jim Muzzin, Mayor