

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSESSION OF THE
CITY COUNCIL, HELD ON FEBRUARY 22, 2011 AT THE
BRIGHTON CITY HALL, 200 N 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN.**

Mayor Bandkau called the Budget Worksession to order at 6:31 p.m. Present were Mayor Bandkau, Mayor Pro-Tem Bohn, Councilmembers, Schillinger, Cooper, Pipoly, Roblee and Muzzin. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns, Special Legal Counsel Dennis Gabrian, Staff Members: Dana Foster, Tom Wightman, Matt Schindewolf, Matt Modrack, Diana Lowe, Amy Cyphert, Kelly LaLonde and Jennifer Piasecki and an audience of 2.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Bandkau gave a Call to the Public at 6:32 p.m. The following comment was heard:

Susan Walters-Steinacker stated the information she quoted at the February 17, 2011 Call to the Public regarding Paul Burns came from information received from Kelly LaLonde dated January 24, 2011.

Hearing no further comment, the Call to the Public was closed at 6:33 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Bohn to go into Closed Session to discuss written Attorney/Client privilege information from the City Labor Attorney at 6:34 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Schillinger, Cooper, Bohn, Bandkau, Muzzin, Roblee, Pipoly. No: none. Motion passed 7-0.

Council convened into Closed Session at 6:35 p.m.

Council reconvened the Regular Session at 7:55 p.m.

DISCUSSION

City Manager, Dana Foster highlighted the following in the Proposed Budget Books: an updated version of the Financial Forecast, first Quarterly Vendors Check Summary of \$2,000 and up, Cost Savings report, DPS Estimated Cost Summary, Benchmarking Consortium, Performance Contracting for Utility Division, Employee Benefit Summary, Possible Headlee Millage Override Election and Possible Separate Refuse Millage Issue Paper, Estimate of attendance at Conferences, Social Networking, Service Matrix, Prioritization Matrix and Benefits Section.

Council discussed the following:

- Which services we will provide and how we pay for them.
- Services in the General Fund that the DDA could take over.
- Reduce 15% Fund Balance to 10%.

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- Reconsider reducing City Council meetings to one per month.
- Look at raising the Refuse User Fee to the maximum.
- Making cuts across the board.
- Mayor's stipend to go down to \$500 per year.
- Reducing City Council meetings would reduce staff time for preparation.
- What is our business model for the next two years?
- The reduction in utility revenue.
- Making Brighton the place that people want to move into to.
- Promise Scholarship Fund.
- Look at the Shared Services Program through the MML to provide guidance and funding.

City Manager, Dana Foster stated he recently met with Shay Charles, City of Howell Manager, to discuss shared services such as joint cemetery management, combined health benefits to achieve better rates, combined IT services and joint contract for Building and Code Enforcement. He thanked Staff members for the time and effort in getting ready for tonight.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Bandkau gave a Call to the Public at 8:34 p.m. Hearing none, the Call to the Public was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, second by Pipoly to adjourn the Budget Worksession at 8:35 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Diana Lowe, City Clerk

Ricci Bandkau, Mayor