

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

Mayor Bankau called the Budget Worksession to order at 6:30pm. Present were Mayor Bankau, 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 12.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Bandkau gave a Call to the Public at 6:30 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

DISCUSSION

City Manager, Dana Foster discussed the following handouts: Public pension plans and retirement systems obligation, Survey of area "Peer" City Managers Regarding Layoffs and Attrition and a Response to an Email Dated February 28, 2011 regarding Employee Benefit Costs. He related information regarding various cost-saving idea from employees including septic disposal service.

Council discussed the following:

- Employees to have the option to opt out of the retirement system
- Request for a report for the septic system disposal service.
- Bring the Maximus Study fees back to see which ones we need to implement.
- Wellness Program Physical Fitness Reimbursement.
- Accounts Payable Check Registry.
- Frequency of Cleaning Services.
- Bank Service fees.

City Manager, Dana Foster stated he conducted a meeting yesterday with Department Directors and Union Stewarts regarding Suggestion box submittals.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Schillinger to go into Closed Session to consider a strategy for pending collective bargaining negotiations with Labor Counsel at 7:18 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 7:23 p.m.

Council reconvened the Regular Session at 8:54 p.m.

CALL TO PUBLIC

Mayor Bandkau gave a Call to the Police at 8:54 p.m. The following was heard:

Susan Walters-Steinacker asked when did the City Council legally and publicly approve the Closed Session with Labor Attorney, Dennis Gabrain?

Hearing no further comment, the Call to the Public was closed at 8:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Pipoly, second by Roblee to adjourn the Budget Worksession at 8:55 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Diana Lowe, City Clerk

Ricci Bandkau, Mayor