

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSESSION OF THE
CITY COUNCIL, HELD ON MARCH 8, 2011 AT THE
BRIGHTON CITY HALL, 200 N 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN.**

Mayor Bandkau called the Budget Worksession to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Bandkau, Mayor Pro-Tem Bohn, Councilmembers, Schillinger, Cooper, Pipoly, Roblee and Muzzin. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns, Staff Members: Dana Foster, Tom Wightman, Matt Schindewolf, Matt Modrack, Diana Lowe, Amy Cyphert, Kelly LaLonde and Jennifer Piasecki and an audience of 14.

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 stated he received several Suggestions from employees and is planning a meeting with the four Union Stewards for clarification questions about several of the suggestions. The suggestions have been separated into six categories: 1. Implement immediately. 2. Items that need more information. 3. Items that need to be resolved through Collective Bargaining units. 4. Personnel/ Staffing suggestions. 5. Revenue increasing ideas. 6. Others that City Council will need to act on. He discussed handouts regarding Mayor Pro-Tem Bohn's proposed Plan E and Required Full Time Employees for Mandatory Services.

There was Council discussion regarding:

- The proposed Plan E from Mayor Pro-Tem Bohn.
- Employee suggestions savings.
- Police Dispatch coverage.
- Non-union administrative employees keep taking cuts.
- SELCRA could go bankrupt with a 50% City of Brighton pay cut.
- Revenue opportunities.
- Shared services with other municipalities.
- Decreasing OPEB by 50%.
- The importance of OPEB funding.
- Department Director car allowance.
- Non-Union retirees' health care benefits and costs.
- Basic expenses.
- Layoffs.
- Thank you for the ideas from employees.
- SELCRA higher rate reimbursement from the municipality.
- SELCRA is looking at expanding participants.
- City service matrix and optional services.

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City Manager, Dana Foster stated Staff could revisit the Maximus Study to implement additional fee changes. He suggested putting a Budget Item on the March 17, 2011 City Council meeting.

Police Chief, Tom Wightman stated the Clerk Dispatcher has resigned at the Police Department. The position covers the front counter and it is not possible to maintain a public front desk Monday through Friday without replacing this person.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Bandkau gave a Call to the Public at 8:25 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, second by Pipoly to adjourn the Budget Worksession at 8:25 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Diana Lowe, City Clerk

Ricci Bandkau, Mayor