

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON MAY 17, 2012 AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL
200 N. 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN

BLUE SKY SESSION

The Council conducted a Blue Sky Session at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, Councilmembers Bandkau, Bohn, Pipoly and Roblee. The Council reviewed the information regarding the current list of assumptions used by staff for the latest 6-year financial forecast and consider a related discussion about what modifications are needed to the subject list of assumptions 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, there being present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, Councilmembers Bandkau, Pipoly, Roblee and Bohn. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns and Staff members Dana Foster, Kelly Hanna, Jennifer Burke, Diana Lowe, Amy Cyphert, Matt Schindewolf, Tom Wightman and an audience of 8. Press and Media included Jim Totten from the Livingston Press & Argus, Tom Tolen from WHMI and Nicole Krawcke from The Patch.

It was moved by Councilmember Pipoly, seconded by Bandkau to excuse Councilmember Schillinger from the evening's meeting. Motion passed 6-0-1.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Pipoly to approve the Agenda as amended. Delete item #17, Collective Bargaining Closed Session. Motion passed 6-0-1.

POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Police Chief, Tom Wightman presented Mike Arnst with a Police Officer of the Year Award.

MINUTES APPROVAL

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Bandkau to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of May 3, 2012 as corrected. Page 1, Heading should read: MAY 3, 2012 and Page 4, 2012-2013 City Budget should read: Resolution 12-07. Motion passed 6-0-1.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Roblee to approve the Closed Session minutes from the May 3, 2012 City Council meeting. Motion passed 6-0-1.

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

None.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:38 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Bandkau, seconded by Roblee to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Bohn, Cooper, Muzzin, Bandkau, Roblee, Pipoly. No: none. Absent: Schillinger. Motion passed 6-0-1.

The following item was approved on the Consent Agenda:

1. Approved the results of the RFP Bid process supporting that BCBS is the best available carrier to provide Medical and Rx benefits based on the City of Brighton's current benefit plan structure for the Active and Retiree segments.
2. Approved Resolution 12-08, City's official support of Brighton residents and other Michigan citizens being able to Opt Out of the planned DTE Smart-meter program.
3. Approved Resolution 12-09, Establish the levy and authorize the collection of taxes, penalties and fees for FY 2012-13.

LIST OF ASSUMPTIONS

City Manager, Dana Foster discussed the Key Assumptions for the General Fund 6-year forecast and the General Fund Summary Six Year Financial Forecast as of May 17, 2012. He discussed the proposed \$40,000 value and below Personal Property Tax elimination.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Bohn for the Continuation of Operating Millage at Headlee Lid beyond year 2 is added to the list of assumptions. Motion passed.

POSSIBLE BOND ISSUE PROPOSAL

City Manager, Dana Foster reported on the planning process for a possible Community Improvements Bond Issue Proposal election for City Voters in November of 2012 and a preliminary proposed plan for what and where to invest the possible bond issue funding. He stated there would be two separate Bond Issue Proposals and Ballot questions: #1. \$5.0 million for Core Projects, which would be millage neutral and #2. \$1.5 million for Quality of Life Projects, could result in a net millage rate increase of 0.32 mills if both bond issue proposals were approved by voters. He discussed Funding, Possible Proposal assuming the elimination of all Personal Property Tax, Bond Issue Proposal #1 would include curb, gutter, street, sidewalk, infrastructure improvements and Police Car video system replacements. He explained how the Neighborhood Infrastructure Partnership projects would work. Bond Issue Proposal #2 would include Grand River Pedestrian Bridge, sidewalk gap installation, camera monitoring update, right-of-way tree plantings, Village Cemetery monument restoration and cemetery pavement overlays. He

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discussed the average annual tax bill, feedback received to date, suggested next steps for the August 1st decision deadline and addressed the possible question of: Should we ask the City taxpayers for a continuation of such a millage in light of the recently passed school bond millage?

Council consensus was to keep moving on the possible bond issue proposal.

PROPOSED BOND ISSUE PLAN SURVEY

Council directed Staff to place a brief survey about the proposed projects in the City Manager's preliminary proposed community improvements bond issue plan on the City's website and utilizing the City's end of May, 2012 utility billing statements to encourage City utility customers to visit the City's website to respond to the online survey, removing #5 and #6, add a comment section for other improvements you would like to see and add a link for the presentation.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Department of Public Services Director, Matt Schindewolf gave an update on the chip and seal projects and the process. He discussed a street repair at Rickett and Sisu Knoll.

City Manager, Dana Foster suggested to schedule ride-alongs with City Councilmembers and Police Patrol Officers to see what is involved with their daily operations.

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Bandkau to cancel the July 5, 2012 City Council meeting. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper gave a ZBA update.

Councilmember Bandkau gave a Veteran's Memorial improvement schedule.

Councilmember Roblee gave an Imagination Station Volunteer update stating the volunteer coordination is working very well. She asked about Girl Scout proclamations.

Councilmember Pipoly gave a DDA update stating their projects have been progressing.

Mayor Muzzin stated there is an opening on the Zoning Board of Appeals and for applicants to submit a letter of interest to City Hall.

ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE OPINION UTILITY SERVICE REQUEST CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Councilmember Pipoly, seconded by Cooper to go into Closed Session to discuss written Attorney/Client privilege opinion letter from the City Attorney regarding recently-received utility service requests from two neighboring township governments pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) at 9:34 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Bohn, Cooper, Muzzin, Bandkau, Roblee, Pipoly. No: none. Absent: Schillinger. Motion passed 6-0-1.

The Council convened into Closed Session at 9:35 p.m.

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The Council reconvened the Regular meeting at 10:04 p.m.

MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL LITIGATION CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Roblee to go into Closed Session regarding Michigan Tax Tribunal litigation pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) at 10:05 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Bohn, Cooper, Muzzin, Bandkau, Roblee, Pipoly. No: none. Absent: Schillinger. Motion passed 6-0-1.

The Council convened into Closed Session at 10:05 p.m.

The Council reconvened the Regular meeting at 10:14 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION

It was moved by Councilmember Pipoly, seconded by Bandkau to authorize the City Attorney and City Assessor to execute the proposed settlement agreements for Ansara 6 Investments, LLC. Motion passed 6-0-1.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin gave a Call to the Public at 10:15 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Roblee to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Diana Lowe, City Clerk

Jim Muzzin, Mayor