

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON JUNE 21, 2012 AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL
200 N. 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN

BLUE SKY SESSION

The Council conducted a Blue Sky Session at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper Councilmembers Bohn, Schillinger, Pipoly and Roblee. The Council reviewed the agenda items.

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Muzzin called the regular meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called, there being present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, Councilmembers Pipoly, Roblee, Schillinger and Bohn. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns and Staff members Dana Foster, Jennifer Burke, Amy Cyphert, Matt Schindewolf and Tom Wightman an audience of 3. Press and Media included Tom Tolen from WHMI, Nicole Krawcke from Patch.

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee to excuse Council Member Bandkau from this evening's meeting. Motion passed 6-0-1.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Pipoly, seconded by Roblee to approve the Agenda as amended. Move from Consent Agenda to Action Agenda item #8 Brighton Mall West End Cap. Move from Action Agenda to Consent Agenda item #13, Michigan Tax Tribunal litigation. Motion passed 6-0-1.

MINUTES APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Schillinger to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of June 7, 2012 as presented. Motion passed 5-0-1-1 with Mayor Muzzin abstaining.

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

Susan Walters-Steinacker – The Principal Shopping District sponsored an interactive workshop at City Hall. As the monies paid were “captured tax dollars”. Please state the total amount(s) paid and a break down of where monies were paid to.

Mayor Muzzin stated Nancy Johnson from the Small Business & Technology Center at the Chamber conducted a merchant presentation on Monday, June 4, at the request of the PSD Board regarding demographic information from a “Tapestry” study that could be used for marketing purposes. No monies (captured tax dollars or other) were paid to anyone for this presentation.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:35 p.m. Hearing none, the Call to the Public was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Pipoly to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 6-0-1.

The following items were approved on the Consent Agenda:

1. Closed session regarding pending Michigan Tax Tribunal litigation.

CONDITIONAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR THE BRIGHTON MALL WEST END CAP

Ashley Israel, Brighton Mall Associates gave a brief overview of the proposed project stating renovations will commence by end of November 2012. Mr. Israel thanked the City Staff for the expedited service.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Schillinger to recommend approval of the Brighton Mall End Cap #12-009 as depicted on plans prepared by Alpine Engineering, job no. 12-010, sheet 1-10, last dated 6-6-12, plans prepared by Allen Design, project no. 10047, sheet L1 last dated 6-6-12, plans prepared by Visual. Drawing no GBA12-42284-V1, sheet 1, last dated 6-1-12 and plans prepared by IDI Architects, last dated 6-6-12, sheets A1.0 and A1.1 subject to the following:

1. That all signage comply with applicable Ordinances or variances are obtained.
2. That item #2 raised in the City Engineer's letter 6-13-12 is addressed during the construction review.
3. That the applicant address any outstanding Fire Code requirements with the Fire Department during the construction review.

Motion passed 6-0-1.

POSSIBLE BALLOT PROPOSAL LANGUAGE

City Manager, Dana Foster gave a brief overview of the two Bond Proposals. Mr. Foster stated Bond Proposal #2 (Quality of Life Projects List) has changed with the replacement of item #1 (possible overhead pedestrian bridge which is part of the Mill Pond Master Plan Update) to the Mill Pond Band Shell Area Improvements, which will consist of the same cost of \$720,000. Mr. Foster stated new sidewalks are being proposed to connect all residential areas of the City to and from all businesses in the City.

Pat McGow, Miller Canfield gave an overview on the ballot and exhibit language. Mr. McGow stated he drafted ballot language and split them into two different proposals and highlighted that you cannot tie bar the two proposals together, each proposal will stand on its own.

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Cooper to consider one bond issue proposal which will consist of all items listed on Bond Proposal #1 and to include items 1, 2 & 3 from Bond Proposal #2, with the caveat that the City Manager and Staff will evaluate numbers and come back to City Council on July 19, 2012 and advise how it will effect the millage, and with total dollar amount to be no more than \$6 million. A roll call was taken. Yes: Bohn, Cooper, Muzzin, Roblee, Pipoly. No: Schillinger. Motion passed 5-1-1.

9-1-1 DISPATCH OPERATION

Tom Wightman, Police Chief gave a brief presentation on 911 dispatch process and what occurs when you call for emergency and non-emergency situations. Chief Wightman also highlighted that emails and text messages are ineffective as it delays the response time and reduces quality of information relayed to the officer.

Councilmember Roblee asked that a press release be sent out to the public regarding this process.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Councilmember Roblee gave an update on the Mill Pond Master Plan Committee. She wished everyone a happy 4th of July.

Mayor Muzzin gave an update on the DDA Meeting and the recent purchase of Virginia's Salon by the owners of AA Muffler, Tom & Mary Mitchell. Demolition to occur in the very near future. Mayor Muzzin accompanied a group of firefighters to inspect the new ladder truck in Appleton Wisconsin. He thanked City Staff Members, Matt Modrack, Amy Cyphert and Lauri French as they hosted a downtown redevelopment liquor license workshop, which was very successful and he received positive feedback. Mayor Muzzin also thanked Manager Foster for his 21 years of service.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin gave a Call to the Public at 9:50 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WRITTEN OPINION CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Councilmember Roblee to go into Closed Session to discuss Collective Bargaining written opinion at 9:11 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Schillinger, Bohn, Cooper, Muzzin, Roblee, Pipoly. No: none. Motion passed 6-0.

The Council convened into Closed Session at 9:16 p.m.

The Council reconvened the Regular Session at 9:50

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Pipoly to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m. Motion passed 6-0-1.