

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON FEBRUARY 21, 2013 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, Bandkau, Schillinger, Roblee and Pipoly. The Council reviewed the agenda items.

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Muzzin called the regular meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called, there being present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, Councilmembers Bandkau, Schillinger, Pipoly, Roblee and Bohn. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns and Brad Maynes, Staff members Dana Foster, Matt Schindewolf, Kelly Hanna, Jennifer Burke, Diana Lowe, Amy Cyphert, Laurie French and Tom Wightman and an audience of 5. Press and Media included Nicole Krawcke from the Patch and Tom Tolen from WHMI.

EAGLE SCOUT PROCLAMATION

Mayor Muzzin read an Eagle Scout proclamation for Jack Wisbiski.

Jack Wisbiski stated his Eagle Scout project consisted of construction of a 104 foot board walk at the Brighton Recreation Center, which is wide enough to accommodate two wheel chairs. He stated that 41 people put in 450 hours to help accomplish the project. He also stated he fundraised and saved on his own all of the funds for the project.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Pipoly to approve the agenda as amended. Add item #15a, Pending Litigation Closed Session. Move to Consent Agenda from Action Agenda item #10, Spiral sculpture. Motion passed 7-0.

MINUTES APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Bandkau, seconded by Roblee to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 7, 2013 as presented. Motion passed 6-0-1, with Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper abstaining.

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Pipoly to approve the Closed Session minutes of February 7, 2013 as presented. Motion passed 6-0-1, with Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper abstaining.

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

City Manager stated three citizens' inquiries were received regarding pending litigation.

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City Attorney, Paul Burns suggested the reading and response of the inquiries be deferred to next City Council meeting.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Pipoly to defer the reading and response of the three citizen inquiries to the next City Council meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:42 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. Motion passed 7-0.

The following items were approved:

1. Approved Resolution 13-03, Great Dane Ventures, Inc., d/b/a Two Brothers Coffee, 429 W. Main Street, Brighton, MI for a Redevelopment District Liquor License pursuant to PA 501 of 2006.
2. Accepted the donations from Lawrence Auto Body, Corrigan Oil, Stew-Hort, Inc. (Tim Horton's), and Dana Foster for purchase of the sculpture "Spiral" by Maureen Voorheis in the amount of \$1,585.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CIVIC EVENT AT "THE POUND"

Department of Public Services Director, Matt Schindewolf and Police Chief, Tom Wightman briefed the Council on the St. Patrick's Day Civic Event at "The Pound". There will be a single point of entry into the tent and doors are required for emergency exits.

There was Council discussion regarding security guards, location of tent, access to the tent from outside of The Pound restaurant, extra insurance and the number of people allowed into the tent at one time.

It was moved by Councilmember Schillinger, seconded by Cooper to approve a civic event application for a St. Patrick's Day Tent & related event from "The Pound", with all conditions noted by the Civic Event Committee be complied with. Motion passed 7-0.

BUDGET PREP PROCESS STATUS UPDATE

City Manager, Dana Foster gave a budget preparation status update and financial forecasting preview report. In his PowerPoint presentation he highlighted Budget Prep Process "Reset", Possible Revenue Proposals, Possible Expenditure Proposals, Baseline Priority Services lists, updated 6-year Forecast, Overall Budget Package, 2012 Retreat direction, Elements of the Manager's 6-Year Forecast & Deficit Elimination Plan, Multi-year Revenue Proposal of the Manager's 6-year Plan and Alternate 6-Year Plan. He stated the Budget & Finance Subcommittee provides him with feedback regarding the budget. He thanked staff for all their work on this presentation.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper gave a Zoning Board of Appeals update. He gave a SELCRA update stating they are working on a possible joint use with the Brighton Area School Board.

Councilmember Bandkau stated they are moving forward with the Veteran's Memorial and you can access additional information through their website at brightonveteransmemorial.org.

Councilmember Roblee stated she attended a press conference at the Detroit Institute of Arts regarding their Inside Out program. She stated the City of Brighton will be receiving seven pieces of art this summer for display around the City.

Councilmember Pipoly gave a DDA Budget Subcommittee update stating they are addressing the upcoming 6-years forecast.

Mayor Muzzin summarized a letter from the Director of Risk Management of the MML regarding our Workers Compensation Fund Group rate. He stated the City of Brighton's modifier was the 5th lowest of all 862 members, which is a huge cost savings.

Councilmember Pipoly explained the discount for the Workers Compensation policy, stating this rating is excellent.

City Manager, Dana Foster stated the above is a reflection of what goes on in each department regarding safety.

Mayor Muzzin gave a DDA update stating the Development Subcommittee has also met. He gave a Brighton Area Fire Authority update stating they are working with Howell Public Schools for a Fire Academy for junior firefighters. He also stated they conducted their Annual Soup-Out.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin gave a Call to the Public at 8:43 p.m. Hearing none the Call to the Public was closed.

PENDING LITIGATION CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Pipoly to go into Closed Session to discuss pending Circuit Court and Michigan Tax Tribunal Litigation. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Schillinger, Bohn, Cooper, Muzzin, Bandkau, Roblee, Pipoly. No: none.

The Council convened into Closed Session at 8:46.m.

The Council reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:18 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Roblee to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Diana Lowe, City Clerk

Jim Muzzin, Mayor