

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON**  
**HELD ON APRIL 4, 2013 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 Bohn, Bandkau, Schillinger, Roblee and Pipoly.

City Manager, Dana Foster updated the Council on the amendments to the proposed Fiscal Year 13-14 City Budget and the Revised 6-Year Forecast.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Muzzin gave a Call to the Public at 5:46 p.m. The following comments were heard:

Tim Corrigan, DDA Member, would like to see the budget approved as presented by Manager Foster.

Nick Palizzi, Downtown Main, representing 11 Downtown Brighton Restaurants stated he agrees with the current usage of the DDA and PSD funds, as the Downtown is bringing people to the community.

Keith Karp, Oh My Lollie, customers say that the reason they come to Brighton is because of the vibrant downtown and he supports the DDA and PSD.

Sophia Freni, Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce, introduced Jen Ling as a Representative of the Chamber and PSD. She was present on behalf of Pam McConeghy. She thanked the City and expressed the importance of the downtown events, which is an advantage to our community and maintains the quality of life in the City of Brighton.

Chris Tobbe, 725 W. Main Street, stated he moved to Brighton because of the merchants, festivals and restaurants, the City must be innovative and draw people to the community and he supports the DDA.

Hearing no further comment, Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to the Public at 5:57 p.m.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

The Council conducted a Budget Worksession.

City Manager, Dana Foster introduced JT. He is an unpaid intern from Michigan State Graduate Program. He stated he has helped him with Budget presentations. He is here by Thailand National Government. He will assist Thailand with a transition to Local Level Government.

The Council reviewed the agenda items.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

Mayor Muzzin called the regular meeting to order at 7:30p.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 Steven Mann from Plante & Moran, Ryan Bendzinski from Bendzinski & Company, Attorney Paul Burns and Brad Maynes, Staff members Dana Foster, Matt Schindewolf, Kelly Hanna, Jennifer Burke, Diana Lowe, Amy Cyphert, Matt Modrack and Tom Wightman and an audience of 33. Press and Media included Jim Totten from the Livingston County Press & Argus and Tom Tolen of WHMI.

## **AGENDA APPROVAL**

It was moved Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Bandkau to approve the agenda as amended. Add item #9a, 2013 Water Storm Refunding Bonds and item #9b, Intergovernmental Agreement for Building Official Services. Move from Action Agenda to Consent Agenda item #10, Fireworks Ordinance. Motion passed 7-0.

## **MINUTES APPROVAL**

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee seconded by Cooper to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of March 21, 2013 with the following correction: Page 3, Fiscal Year 13-14 City Budget, fifth paragraph should read: \$20,000,000, not \$20,000. Mayor Muzzin abstained. Motion passed 6-0-1.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Pipoly to approve the Closed Session minutes of March 21, 2013 as presented. Mayor Muzzin abstained. Motion passed 6-0-1.

## **CITIZEN INQUIRIES**

Mayor Muzzin read an inquiry from Pat Cole: Please explain the Public Hearing to Change Regular Election Schedule for City Offices.

Attorney Paul Burns state law allows for this under certain circumstances.

Mayor Muzzin read an inquiry from Deb Carley of Beverly Raes. She expressed the need for the DDA and it is crucial to have a vibrant downtown.

Mayor Muzzin read an inquiry from resident Nate Geinzer. He expressed the importance of the DDA and the matching grant funds that they have provided.

## **RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS**

City Manager, Dana Foster stated the Historical Society's Village Cemetery Cleanup Day and restoration will be May 4<sup>th</sup>. He read a letter to all Historical Society Volunteers thanking them for all of their work on this project.

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Jim Vichich, Historical Society, introduced Bob Knight, Larry Lawrence and Don Thomas. He stated the May 4<sup>th</sup> Cleanup is from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and stated that the Headstone Preservation Project dedication will occur at 11:00 a.m. He gave a slide presentation of the restored headstones. He thanked all of the volunteers and stated the Historical Society has donated over \$4,000 for the project. People that want to volunteer can call 810-250-7276.

City Council thanked the Historical Society for their contribution to the City.

City Manager, Dana Foster stated the Imagination Station Spring Workday will be April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon. He read a letter for Renee Pettengill and volunteers thanking them for their hard work on the Imagination Station.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 8:03 p.m. The following comments were heard:

Jeff Newbacker, Marion Township, stated he presented a petition for the second amendment.

City Manager, Dana Foster stated this subject will be on the April 18, 2013 City Council agenda.

Reid Kittredge stated the DDA has given the City an environment of growth and encourages Council to continue to support the DDA.

Mack Miller, 307 W. Main, expressed the importance of the DDA.

Bill Beltz, Impulse Clothing store, stated we cannot lose the DDA funding in this City and expressed the importance of the DDA.

Chuck Ishlighter, Marion Township, expressed the importance of keeping local elections on odd years.

Mark Binkley, 713 Fairway Trails, PSD and DDA Member, stated the PSD receives funds from the DDA and he asked that the City approve the DDA and thus the PSD budget.

Bill Spencer, 5549 Silverbend Drive, stated the DDA contributes much to the business in a City and we have the best downtown and all of the shops are full. He hopes the city will keep funding the DDA.

Don Botka, owns two buildings on Main Street, he stated the DDA represents our future and expressed the importance of grants and he hopes the funding continues.

Andrew and Annette Jacoby, 106 and 108 Main Street, he stated Brighton has a forward thinking DDA.

Ann Belser, Genoa Township, stated it is a joy to come to Brighton and please keep up the good work.

Cathy Dedakis, 7600 Wisteria, Sassafra Gifts, express her support of the DDA and what it has done for the City.

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Kristy Koryzno, White Dress, stated she loves downtown Brighton and she gets many compliments from her customers about the downtown.

Mondi Miller, 307 W. Main Street, stated the DDA can bring a new generation into the City of Brighton.

Dan Szymanski, 312 W. Main Street stated that he was grateful that Matt Modrack helped acquire a grant for his façade restoration and a parking lot on Second Street.

Hearing no additional comment, the Call to the Public was closed at 8:30 p.m.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Pipoly to approve the Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Schillinger, Bohn, Cooper, Muzzin, Bandkau, Roblee, Pipoly. No: none. Motion passed 7-0.

The following items were approved:

1. Approved the 2013 Annual Civic Events applications.
2. Approved Resolution 13-05, to provide for the issuance and sale of Not to exceed \$880,000 of City of Brighton County of Livingston, State of Michigan, Limited Tax General Obligation, Refunding Bonds, Series 2013B.
3. Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement for Building Official Services with Livingston County.
4. Approved First Reading of the proposed Ordinance amendments to Chapter 54, Article V, Division 1. Section 54-121, Discharge of fireworks and set a Public Hearing and Second Reading date for April 18, 2013.

### **EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS**

It was moved by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Bandkau to release the Attorney-Client Privilege regarding Even-Year Elections. Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Muzzin opened up the Public Hearing to receive public input related to changing the local election schedule for City offices from odd-year to even-year elections at 8:39 p.m.

Chuck Ishlighter asked how much a local election would cost.

City Clerk, Diana Lowe stated approximately \$5,000 per election.

Hearing no further comment, Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to the Public at 8:40 p.m.

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### **FISCAL YEAR 13-14 CITY BUDGET**

City Manager, Dana Foster briefed the Council on the changes to his proposed Fiscal Year 13-14 City Budget.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper, seconded by Roblee to adopt the City budget as presented in the City Manager's Amended Proposed Baseline Fiscal Year 13-14 Budget as he transmitted to City Council in his related email report of April 1, 2013 as the City Council's proposed Fiscal Year 13-14 Budget for the April 18<sup>th</sup> public hearing public notice.

After Council discussion, a roll call vote was taken. Yes: Cooper, Muzzin, Bandkau, Roblee, Pipoly. No: Schillinger, Bohn. Motion passed 5-2.

### **CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

Police Chief, Tom Wightman spoke about recently received grants for \$12,000 for Tactical Team heavy body armor replacement and \$15,000.00 for police camera system upgrades.

Councilmember Bandkau stated they are moving forward on the Brighton Veteran's Memorial and that the bricks they are selling are tax deductible. The official dedication will be Veteran's Day of this year. If you have any questions please call 810-227-7664.

City Manager, Dana Foster stated many donations have been received for the Brighton Veteran's Memorial and asked if anyone knows of granite suppliers in the area.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper gave a Call to the Public at 9:26 p.m. Hearing none the Call to the Public was closed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Councilmember Bandkau, seconded by Roblee to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

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Diana Lowe, City Clerk

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Jim Muzzin, Mayor