

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON**  
**HELD ON MARCH 6, 2014 AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL**  
**200 N. 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN**

**BLUE SKY SESSION**

The Council conducted an early Blue Sky Session at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers Bohn, Bandkau, Tobbe and Willis. The Council reviewed a pending economic development project 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. Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers Bandkau, Willis, Tobbe and Bohn. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns, Staff members Dana Foster, Tim Krugh, Dave Blackmar, Kelly Hanna, Amy Cyphert, Diana Lowe, Matt Modrack and Tom Wightman and an audience of 4. Press and Media included Tom Tolen from WHMI.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Tobbe to excuse Councilmember Cooper from the evening's meeting. Motion passed 6-0-1.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

It was moved by Councilmember Bandkau seconded by Willis to approve the agenda as amended. Move from Consent to Action Agenda item #11, Eberspaecher North America Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Public Hearing. Motion passed 6-0-1.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Muzzin presented an Eagle Scout proclamation to James Giagola.

James Giagola stated that his Eagle Scout project was building benches and feral cat houses for the Humane Society. He also donated the remainder of his funds to the Humane Society.

Mayor Muzzin read a letter to Dennis Kalio thanking him for his service to Boy Scout Troop 350 and congratulating him on the Troop's 100<sup>th</sup> Eagle Scout achievement. He recognized Dana Foster as his favorite Eagle Scout.

Dennis Kalio thanked the Council and stated the leadership falls on the youth of the troop and they are a great service to the community.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Bohn to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 20, 2014 as presented. Motion passed 6-0-1.

It was moved by Councilmember Bandkau, seconded by Willis to approve the Closed Session Meeting minutes of February 20, 2014. Motion passed 6-0-1.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:40 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

The following items were approved:

1. Approved Resolution 14-01, Friends of the Library Charitable Gaming Fundraising event.
2. Appointed Phil Garbacz to the Downtown Development Authority.
3. Approved a Civic Event application for The Pound's St. Patrick's Day event tent.

### **EBERSPAECHER NORTH AMERICA IFT PUBLIC HEARING PUBLICATION**

City Manager, Dana Foster gave a slide presentation on the proposed Eberspaecher North America expansion. He discussed the pending Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate process. He introduced Doug Swick, ENA Operations; Tim Anderson, ENA Attorney; Luke Bonner from Ann Arbor Spark and Mark Jefferies of Corrigan Construction Development Team.

Doug Swick thanked the Council to allow them to come today for this presentation. He gave a background about Eberspaecher North America, Incorporated and discussed the operations and status of the business.

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Bandkau to direct staff to publish a notice for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Industrial Facilities Tax exemption application for possible approval at the March 20, 2014 Council meeting to approve ENA's application for real of \$20,000,000 for a period of twelve (12) years and personal property in the amount of \$31,000,000 at a 50% tax rate for seven (7) years. Motion passed 6-0-1.

### **BUDGE PREPARATION UPDATE**

City Manager, Dana Foster gave a budget preparation process and schedule update.

### **COMMUNITY/CITIZENS' OUTREACH**

City Manager, Dana Foster discussed the Council adopted goal of Community Outreach/Citizens' Outreach and options including Informal Budget related meetings at non-City Facilities, surveys via the City's website, postcard and Facebook mailings prior to the meetings, an online open-input forum on the City's website, use of the

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Facebook page for questions and mini-Town Hall neighborhood walk-arounds in each quadrant of the City to promote citizen engagement.

There was Council discussion regarding an ambitious schedule prior to budget finalization and Envision Brighton forums.

### **CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

City Manager, Dana Foster stated he met with Dave Blackmar, Patty Thomas and Renee Pettengill regarding the Imagination Station due care plan with the first volunteer work day of May 10<sup>th</sup>. He gave a legislative update stating we may receive approximately \$28,000 for street and road repair from the harsh winter. He gave responses to Citizens Inquiries including: Burning authorized by the BAFA at a worksite located in the City and property owners not maintaining sidewalk snow removal in areas not cleared by the City.

Councilmember Bandkau read a letter commending the citizens of Brighton for the Veteran's Memorial project.

Councilmember Willis gave a PSD update.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Muzzin gave a Call to the Public at 9:00 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Bohn to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion passed 6-0-1.

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Diana Lowe, City Clerk

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Jim Muzzin, Mayor