

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON JULY 17, 2014 AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL
200 N. 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN

BLUE SKY SESSION

The Council conducted an Early Blue Sky Session at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers Bandkau, Tobbe, Bohn and Willis. The Council reviewed 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, Tobbe, Willis and Bohn. Also in attendance were Attorney Brad Maynes, Engineer Gary Markstrom, Building Official Jim Rowell, Staff members Dana Foster, Diana Lowe, Amy Cyphert, Patty Thomas, Tom Wightman, Matt Modrack and an audience of 27. Press and Media included Tom Tolen from WHMI.

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly seconded by Tobbe to approve the agenda as amended. Add item #10a, Swingusion Civic Event. Reverse item #11, Smart Zone and item #12, Springhill residential development. Motion passed 6-0-1.

MINUTE APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Bohn seconded by Bandkau to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of June 19, 2014 as presented. Motion passed 6-0-1.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:32 p.m. The following comments were heard:

Jim Wineka, Representative for owner, Genevieve McSweeney at 4622 Spring Mountain, stated the rock wall in his lot has eroded. He asked the City to enforce compliance with the site plan.

Mike and Kathleen Kokitka, 4517 Spring Mountain, stated they need underground drainage.

Nancy Durance, 4616 Spring Mountain, stated her boulder wall has fallen apart three times. She expressed the safety issues of her yard.

Trevor Surdu, SDG Homes, 410 W. Grand River stated they have received the Tetra Tech Engineer report and gave a background of the progress of compliance and their determination to complete the work.

James Turbyville, 4586 Spring Mountain Drive, stated landscaping is not being done according to the site plan.

Elisha Sage, 4625 Spring Mountain, stated much of his yard has washed out and he has done work to correct the problems on his lot.

Hearing no further comment, Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to the Public at 7:46 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Appointed Bob Pawlowski to the Planning Commission.
2. Approved Resolution 14-15, Support for Ballot Proposal #1 for the August 5th Election.
3. Approved the Special Olympics MPG Dream Ride Civic Event.
4. Approved the Brighton Area Fire Department 9/11 5K Memorial Run/Walk Civic Event.
5. Approved the Swinginfusion Dance Marathon Civic Event.

SPRINGHILL RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

City Manager, Dana Foster gave a brief history of the Springhill Development issues.

City Engineer, Gary Markstrom discussed the water and sewer issues, pavement repairs, soil erosion concerns, restoration needs, stabilization and positive resolution. He explained the reports written in November and June.

Building Official, Jim Rowell discussed his inspection of the Springhill Development.

City Engineer, Gary Markstrom discussed the site plan regarding Springhill, stating there has been an approved amendment to the original site plan. He also discussed drainage causes and remedies and the final layer of asphalt and procedures.

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Bandkau to table the pending non-compliance with approved site plan requirements and various other regulatory requirements by the Springhill residential development and be placed on the next agenda. Motion passed 5-0-1-1 with Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly abstaining.

EDC-SPARK PRESENTATION FOR A SATELLITE SMART ZONE

Luke Bonner, EDC-SPARK staff member, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Smart Zone, What is a SmartZone?, What Tax Dollars Are Utilized?, What are Typical Uses of Funds?, What is a Satellite Smartzone?, Why Does Ann Arbor Want to Partner?, What are the Financial Contributions?, What is Cleary's Role? and What

Are the Next Steps? He discussed definition, process and benefits of SmartZones. He stated the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) launched the Michigan SmartZone Network to build entrepreneurial talent and infrastructure. Through a competitive application process, Local Development Finance Authorities could apply for a SmartZone designation. The LDFA must demonstrate a partnership with a four year university as part of its eligibility to apply. Once approved the Local Development Finance Authority could begin capturing taxes through tax increment financing, to support entrepreneurial activity.

Council requested measures of benefits of SmartZones and encouraged Staff to move to the next step of the SmartZone status.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Councilmember Bandkau gave a Brighton Veterans Memorial update.

Councilmember Tobbe gave a Brighton Arts and Culture update.

Mayor Muzzin gave a DDA Update.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin gave a Call to the Public at 9:04 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Willis to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Diana Lowe, City Clerk

Jim Muzzin, Mayor