

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON JANUARY 7, 2016 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 Pipoly, Councilmembers Tobbe, Bohn, Willis and Gardner. 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 Bohn, Tobbe, Willis and Gardner. Also in attendance were MML Recruiter Kathie Grinzinger, Attorneys Paul Burns and Brad Maynes and Staff members Tom Wightman, Diana Lowe, Dave Blackmar, Kelly Hanna, Matt Modrack and Tim Krugh and an audience of 10. Press and media included Tom Tolen from WHMI and Noe Hernandez of the Press & Argus.

RICCI BANDKAU REMEMBRANCE

Mayor Muzzin asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Ricci Bandkau.

Council shared kind words of Ricci Bandkau.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly seconded by Willis to approve the agenda as amended. Add to the Consent Agenda item #7a, MTT Settlement. Add to the Action Agenda item #10a, Interim City Manager Compensation and item #10b, Brighton Area Schools/Recreation. Move Agenda Approval before Minute Approval. Delete item #8, Northridge Woods site plan. Motion passed 6-0.

MINUTE APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Pipoly to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of December 17, 2015 as corrected. Motion passed 5-0-1, with Councilmember Willis abstaining.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Tobbe to approve the Special Meeting minutes of December 15, 2015 as presented. Motion passed 5-0-1, with Councilmember Willis abstaining.

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Gardner to approve the Special Meeting minutes of December 16, 2015 as presented. Motion passed 5-0-1, with Councilmember Willis abstaining.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:38 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Willis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The following item was approved:

1. Approved a request from Woodlake Condominium Association for allocation of a dedicated parking space to be used for snow storage and refer to the City Attorney to come back to Council with a Resolution.
2. Approved the Michigan Tax Tribunal settlement with CDR Properties LLC.

Motion passed 6-0.

CITY MANAGER SELECTION

Mayor Muzzin discussed the Council's options regarding the City Manager selection.

Michigan Municipal League Recruiter, Kathie Grinzinger discussed the Council's options regarding the City Manager selection.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Gardner to extend a conditional offer of employment to Nate Geinzer and direct the Michigan Municipal League to complete a background investigation and conduct further reference review.

Councilmember Bohn stated he cannot and will not support a candidate without City Manager experience.

A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Gardner, Muzzin, Pipoly, Tobbe. No: Bohn. Abstain: Willis. Motion passed 4-1-1.

It was moved by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Pipoly to authorize the City Attorney and City Labor Attorney to discuss terms with Nate Geinzer on terms of mutually acceptable employment agreement, to be presented to Council for approval prior to execution. Motion passed 4-1-1.

CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Gardner to run a notice regarding the recent City Council vacancy with a deadline of January 26, 2016, for interviews to occur on February 4, 2016. Motion passed 6-0.

COMPENSATION FOR THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Bohn to give the Interim City Manager 25% of the prior City Manager's compensation with a \$1500 bonus until the new City Manager takes office for accepting the City Manager duties with the City Attorney's review. Motion passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION WITH BRIGHTON AREA SCHOOLS REGARDING RECREATION

There was Council discussion regarding the suggestion to send a letter to the Brighton Area Schools Superintendent and School Board for an official proposal for recreation for residents.

City Council directed the Interim City Manager to reach out to Genoa Township to go jointly to the Brighton Area Schools regarding recreation for residents and if they are not interested, to do a separate request for a proposal of what recreation would look like after July 1st.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

DPW Director, Dave Blackmar stated Christmas tree pick up will occur for one more week during regular pick up.

Interim City Manager, Tom Wightman stated the Police Department is going to receive a grant award for body armor for Police Dog, Danko. The City Finance Director, Kelly Hanna will retire March 18th 2016.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly gave a PSD update.

Councilmember Bohn discussed emails received by City residents regarding blight busters, the authority of the Interim City Manager and the proposed Arcadia Village.

Assistant City Attorney, Brad Maynes explained the Planned Unit Development process, including rezoning with an intended use to a site plan, such as for Arcadia Village.

City Attorney, Paul Burns stated that years ago City Staff got together to clean up blighted areas in town and as a joke were called Blight Busters.

Mayor Muzzin read the City Charter regarding the authority of the Acting City Manager.

Mayor Muzzin stated Kate Lawrence has been elected the Chairperson of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners. He stated he performed another wedding ceremony.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin gave a Call to the Public at 8:41 p.m.

Christopher Haffner, Genoa Township, expressed his concerns regarding the proposed development of the former Lindbom School regarding height.

Pat Cole, Brighton City, requested a moment of silence for the late Rich Parsons. She discussed blight busters and agreed with Councilmember Bohn regarding Nate Geinzer.

Hearing no further comment, Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to the Public at 8:46 p.m.

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DDA/Community Development Director, Matt Modrack discussed the proposed Arcadia Village development.

Mayor Muzzin had a moment of silence for Rich Parsons.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Pipoly to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.

Diana Lowe, City Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor