



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON AUGUST 5, 2021

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pipoly called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present were Mayor Pipoly (City of Brighton, MI), Mayor Pro Tem Gardner (City of Brighton, MI), Councilmembers: Bohn (City of Brighton, MI), Emaus (City of Brighton, MI), Muzzin (City of Brighton, MI), Pettengill (City of Brighton, MI), and Tobbe (City of Brighton, MI).

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Geinzer, City Clerk Tara Brown, Assistant to the City Manager Henry Outlaw, Chief Rob Bradford, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Deputy DPS Director Corey Brooks, DPW Superintendent Daren Collins, Regulatory Compliance Officer Josh Bradley, Assistant to the DPS Director Patty Thomas, Sergeant Brent Pirochta, Economic Development Coordinator Denise Murray, Attorney Sarah Gabis, and Attorney Laura Genovich. There were eight persons in the audience.

4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion carried without objection.**

5. Consider Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner to approve the consent agenda as presented. **The motion carried without objection.**

Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of Minutes: Regular Session of July 15, 2021

Correspondence

6. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 7:34 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus stated her opposition to agenda item 13.

Dennis Nauss spoke regarding parking and is against paying for parking lot leases with taxpayer money.

Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public at 7:38 p.m.

7. Staff Updates

Chief Bradford relayed the new DPS and Police entry lights have been installed, there are twice as bright as the previous lights with half as many. Officer Siemen will be on solo patrol very soon as he is finishing his FTO program.

Director Goch noted the City Hall parking lot has been repaved and the Millpond parking lot was recently repaired and restriped. Director Goch also provided an update to NWN, noting several areas that are ready for curb and gutter.

Assistant Outlaw discussed the social district planning and noticing should the ordinance be approved.

Economic Development Coordinator Denise Murray with Ann Arbor Spark and the City of Brighton hosted a recent broker focused retail market study with Robert Gibb of Gibbs Planning Group. This study was attended by more than 177 brokers and developers.

Clerk Brown expressed her gratitude to all the election workers for their hard work and dedication on the recent August 3, 2021 election. The election went smoothly with no issues.

Councilmember Muzzin wished to congratulate Clerk Brown on achieving a new certification and asked for a brief explanation of the designation. Clerk Brown explained her new national Certified Elections and Registration Administrator (CERA) designation and the efforts that were taken to achieve the goal. The CERA certification is common among secretaries of states as well as county officials. Clerk Brown is the second clerk in the County to achieve this designation. Manager Geinzer and Councilmembers expressed their congratulations to Clerk Brown on this achievement.

Assistant to the DPS Director Patty Thomas relayed the preliminary findings from the recent recycling grant efforts reduced contamination by 50%. The biggest contaminator is single ply plastic, which are shopping bags and wraps.

8. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to Various Boards and Commissions

Councilmember Muzzin noted the Brighton Area Fire Authority will meet August 12, 2021.

Councilmember Emaus noted the Brighton Veterans Memorial Committee will meet in September to begin planning the Veterans Day Parade.

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner thanked the DPW for the spray patch sidewalk repair as well as the tree mat placed around trees along Main Street. Ms. Gardner also noted the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission meeting scheduled for August 9, 2021 has been canceled and will be rescheduled for the 30th. The BACC will be transitioning to Civic Engagement Committee; however, the committee's plans will be presented to City Council at an upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Pettengill asked that Code Enforcement be reviewed for the stanchions at Bourbon's as the corner at Main Street and 1st Street are difficult for pedestrians to pass by on the sidewalk.

Mayor Pipoly stated the DDA renewed parking lot leases while noting there are potential leases and bonding opportunities for future projects in discussions.

Public Hearing

9. Second Reading and Conduct a Public Hearing for Proposed Ordinance #596, Amendment to Section 554-199 Open Containers

Mayor Pipoly opened the public hearing at 8:00 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to adopt ordinance #596, Amendment to Section 554-199 Open Containers. **The motion carried by roll call vote with Councilmember Bohn voting no.**

New Business

10. Consider Award of Base Bid and Alternate 1 for Repaving of Fairview Cemetery Driveway to Best Asphalt, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$206,000

Motion by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Councilmember Muzzin to award the base bid and alternate 1 for repaving of Fairview Cemetery driveway to Best Asphalt, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$206,000. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

11. Consider Approval of a Two-Year Contract with HydroCorp, INC. for Residential Cross Connection Control Services in the Amount of \$35,136.00 Per Year Beginning August 16, 2021

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve a two-year contract with

HydroCorp, Inc. for residential cross connection control services in the amount of \$35,135.00 per year beginning August 16, 2021. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

12. Consider Adoption of Task Force Recommended Public Comment Policy and City Council Procedures as Drafted by City Attorneys, Rescinding and Replacing all Prior

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Bohn to adopt Task Force recommended Public Comment Policy with a five-minute public comment limit, rescinding and replacing all prior. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe to table the adoption of City Council Procedures. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

13. Consider Approval of Resolution #2021-17, Extending Local State of Emergency

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve Resolution #2021-17, Extending Local State of Emergency as presented. **The motion carried by roll call vote, with Councilmember Tobbe voting no.**

14. Consider Direction Regarding Marijuana Land Uses

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe to direct staff and those stakeholders such as City Manager, law enforcement, attorneys, and other parties that could assist in the endeavor to schedule a workshop for discussion regarding marijuana land use within the City of Brighton that normal planning and preparation procedures similar to a normal City Council retreat would follow. **The motion carried without objection.**

Other Business

15. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 9:32 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

16. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m. **The motion carried without objection.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk

Shawn Pipoly, Mayor