

CITY OF BRIGHTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
May 21, 2009

Blue Sky - 7:00 PM

Review of Agenda Items for this evening's meeting

REGULAR SESSION - 7:30 P.M.

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of minutes: Regular Meeting of 05/07/09
5. Call to the Public
6. **Response to Citizen Inquiries to City Council received prior to this City Council Meeting**
7. Consider approval of the Agenda

Consent Agenda
8. Consider approval of a Resolution to adopt the City's millage rate for Fiscal Year 2009-2010
9. Consider acceptance of the City Manager's Progress Report on the City Council-adopted goals
10. Consider approval of the Mayor's recommended appointment to the Downtown Development Authority Board
11. Consider approval of a contract between the City on behalf of its Principal Shopping District Board and the Chamber of Commerce to manage the 2009 Summerfest civic event

Policy Development & Customer Communications' action item

12. Consider appeal from Mr. Leon Bonner in response to City code enforcement staff's determination of unsafe structures
13. Consider site plan approval for the Leaf, Barley and Vine as recommended by the Planning Commission
14. Consider action with regards to the scheduling of the July City Council Meetings

Other Business

15. Information for City Customers
16. Receive updates from Council Member Liaisons to other Boards and Commissions
17. Call to the Public
18. Conduct closed session at the request of the City's Special Legal Counsel for Labor & Personnel matters to receive advice regarding pending labor negotiations
19. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON MAY 21, 2009 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 Lawrence, Councilmembers Muzzin, Bohn, Cooper and Roblee. The Council reviewed the agenda items.

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Lawrence called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called, there being present were Mayor Lawrence, Councilmembers Muzzin, Bohn, Cooper and Roblee. Also in attendance were Engineer Linda Basista, Attorney Brad Maynes and Staff members Dana Foster, Diana Lowe, Jennifer Piasecki, Matt Modrack, Dave Gajda, Tom Wightman, Matt Schindewolf and an audience of 8.

It was moved by Roblee, seconded by Cooper to excuse Mayor Pro-Tem Bandkau and Councilmember Tunis from the evening's meeting. Motion passed 5-0-2.

MINUTES APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Roblee to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of May 7, 2009 as presented. Councilmember Lawrence and Cooper abstained. Motion passed 3-0-2-2.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Lawrence gave a Call to the Public at 7:31 p.m. Hearing no comments, the Call to the Public was closed.

CITIZEN INQUIRY RESPONSE

Mayor Lawrence read a Citizen Inquiry from Leslie, Baywood Circle, asking if there is an Ordinance against keeping Pit Bull dogs.

Mayor Lawrence stated there is no Ordinance against keeping Pit Bulls in the City of Brighton.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Bohn to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Move from Consent Agenda to Action agenda item #8, City's Millage Rate. Motion passed 5-0-2.

The following item was approved:

1. Accepted the City Manager's Progress Report on the City Council-adopted goals.
2. Appointed Monde Miller to the Downtown Development Authority Board.
3. Approved a contract between the City on behalf of its Principal Shopping District Board and the Chamber of Commerce to manage the 2009 Summerfest civic event.
4. Approved a site plan amendment for 139 E. Grand River Leaf, Barley and Vine #09-005 as depicted on plans prepared by Lindhout Associates, sheets C1 and A1, last dated 5-1-09 conditional upon:
 1. That approvals from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission are obtained for the outdoor seating area and copies of the same are submitted to the Community Development and Police Departments prior to the permits being closed out on the project.
 2. That the issues raised by the Brighton Area Fire Authority in the letter dated 5/4/09 be addressed during the building permit process.
 3. That all signage comply with applicable Ordinances or variances obtained.
 4. That right of way permits be obtained from the Department of Public Services for work within the right of way.
 5. That any damages done to the existing sidewalk be repaired to current condition.

It was moved by Cooper, seconded by Roblee to approve the Action Agenda as amended. Delete item #12, Leon Bonner appeal and item #18, Pending Labor Negotiations Closed Session. Motion passed 5-0-2.

CITY'S MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

Councilmember Bohn gave a PowerPoint presentation called "Eyes Wide Open" in regards to his Millage Increase rationale. Several slide were shown regarding the result of lack of street sweeping, lack of pond maintenance, repairs that are needed at a monument at the Millpond, city cemetery maintenance, Police Vehicle Fleet status and Fund Balance Forecast. He discussed benchmarking services and Civic Event cost recovery.

Councilmember Cooper stated he cleaned the area near the curb at his house as a result of no street sweeping and he is opposed to a millage rate increase, as new ideas are needed, such as volunteers.

Mayor Lawrence suggested homeowners would rather take responsibility to clean their storm drain in front of their home and is not interested in paying additional taxes.

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Muzzin to approve Resolution 09-11, to establish the levy and authorize the collection of taxes, penalties and fees for FY 2009-10. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Cooper, Lawrence, Muzzin, Roblee. No: Bohn. Absent: Tunis, Bandkau. Motion passed 4-1-2.

INFORMATION FOR CITY CUSTOMER

City Manager, Dana Foster stated DPS started the first of the electronic newsletters regarding downtown construction projects. He added Councilmember Bohn presented an overview that captured the reason a millage increase was needed. He stated we are in a constant budgeting mode and it goes beyond rates, as we need to grow the total revenue base.

Councilmember Muzzin gave a Planning Commission update stating they reviewed the Leaf, Barley and Vine site plan, Brighton Art for 33 possible sites, and is recommending no land swap for the Lady Bird Park property.

Councilmember Cooper gave a SELCRA update stating they continue to work with the School Board regarding revenue dollars.

Mayor Lawrence gave a DDA update stating they did vote to purchase the Bombardier for the downtown area. She related a company called Rich and Associates is doing a survey on the downtown parking and there is a survey to be filled out which is on the Chamber and City websites.

Councilmember Cooper stated the Memorial Day parade is at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Lawrence gave a Call to the Public at 8:17 p.m. The following comments were heard:

Pat Cole, Brighton City, stated as to a millage increase, Social Security would not be increased in the years 2010-2012, Medicare will continue to increase. She discussed the fallen trees at the cemetery, the assessing department and 100% homesteads on properties that are rentals.

Councilmember Bohn stated the presentation he made regarding the millage was his rationale and not a reflection upon City Staff, but as a result of Council policy.

Councilmember Cooper asked if we could do a traffic study on Millpond Lane, as a result of the detour and reverse of traffic flow to see if it is safer.

Hearing no further comment, Mayor Lawrence closed the Call to the Public at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor Lawrence stated the resident should make the assessor aware of rental properties receiving 100% homestead.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Roblee to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.
Motion passed 5-0-2.

Diana Lowe, Acting City Clerk

Mayor Lawrence, Mayor