

CITY OF BRIGHTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL  
March 18, 2010

**Regular 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 02/18/10
5. Eagle Scout award proclamation & related presentation
6. Call to the Public
7. **Response to Citizen Inquiries to City Council received prior to this City Council Meeting**
8. Consider approval of the Agenda

**Consent Agenda**

9. Approve a Resolution regarding the City's Intent to continue Associate Membership status in the Michigan Main Street Program
10. Approve formal acceptance of a proposed property donation for public purposes by Mr. Mike Corrigan pursuant to previous City Council direction and contingent approval

**Policy Development & Customer Communications' action item**

11. Receive report on recent Meetings with Federal Legislators from Mayor Bandkau and Mayor Pro Tem Bohn
12. Receive the City Manager's Proposed Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget & related Presentation from the Finance Director and Assistant Finance Director

**Other Business**

13. Information for City Customers
14. Receive updates from Council Member Liaisons to other Boards and Commissions
15. Call to the Public
16. Closed session for pending litigation in Garagiola vs. City of Brighton
17. Adjournment

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON**  
**HELD ON MARCH 18, 2010 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 Bandkau, Councilmembers Muzzin, Cooper, Roblee, Schillinger, Bohn and Pipoly. The Council reviewed the agenda items and received the 2010-2011 Proposed Budget book.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Mayor Bandkau called the regular meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called, there being present were Mayor Bandkau, Councilmembers Muzzin, Roblee, Cooper, Bohn, Schillinger and Pipoly. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns and Staff members Diana Lowe, Jennifer Piasecki, Matt Modrack, Dave Gajda, Kelly LaLonde, Tom Wightman and an audience of 8.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee seconded by Schillinger to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of March 4, 2010 as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Bandkau read an Eagle Scout Proclamation to Thomas Rueter.

Thomas Rueter stated his Eagle Scout project was to build three picnic tables at the First United Methodist Church, hardware was donated by Rollison Hardware and he purchased the wood from Home Depot with funds raised by bake sales.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Bandkau gave a Call to the Public at 7:36 p.m. The following comment was heard:

Susan Walters-Steinacker and Brighton the dog, she thanked everyone that helped Brighton to become eyes for someone else. She thanked all the business that invited her in to help her learn the sights, smells and sounds, the City of Brighton for the construction downtown the past year, the parents that let their children know when she wears her coat she is working and not to pet her, the Brighton Area Fire Authority for inviting her and Brighton to numerous practices, the Police for the phone calls fielding phone calls when she was younger and at the Farmers Market.

Mayor Bandkau thanked Ms. Walters-Steinacker for the time and energy she has spent with the dog in order to help someone in need.

Hearing no further comment, Mayor Bandkau closed the Call to the Public at 7:39 p.m.

### **CITIZEN INQUIRY RESPONSE**

Mayor Bandkau stated Susan Walters-Steinacker would be getting a reply from Manager Foster to her inquiry from the last meeting.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Bohn, seconded by Muzzin to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Delete item #10, Property Donation. Motion passed 7-0.

The following items were approved:

1. Approved Resolution 10-03, City's Intent to continue Associate Membership status in the Michigan Main Street Program.

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Pipoly to approve the Action Agenda as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

### **MEETING WITH FEDERAL LEGISLATORS**

Mayor Bandkau gave a brief synopsis of the National League of Cities Conference stating Mayor Pro-Tem Bohn and she arrived at the National League of Cities conference on Sunday and left on Tuesday. The Northwest Quadrant Neighborhood was one of the projects they presented to our Legislators.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bohn stated attending the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, DC was an "eye opening" experience. He stated he observed a self-absorbed arrogance on the part of the elected representatives with many people were there with their hand out looking for funds. They met with Congressman Rogers' assistant and he stated Rogers would not be earmarking funds this year and Senator Stabenow and Levin appear to be trying to obtain earmarks

Mayor Bandkau stated the I-96 and Grand River interchange improvements were also presented.

### **PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 BUDGET**

Finance Director, Dave Gajda stated the proposed budget reflects a balanced General Fund Budget with Police Patrol Cars and resumption of OPEB contribution as the only new expenditures. He described two scenarios to close the \$830,000 Budget gap. He discussed the General Fund, taxable values, Personnel related cost savings and Proposed Capital Improvements.

Kelly LaLonde reported on the Utilities Fund, Utilities Working Capital History, Utilities REU Sales and Consumption History/Trend, OPEB Reserve Trust Fund and other funds.

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Finance Director, Dave Gajda discussed the DDA Fund Key Points. He gave Staff credits to Kelly LaLonde, Denise Meier, Department Directors, Jim Rowell, Dana Foster and the Budget and Finance Subcommittee.

Council thanked Dave Gajda, Kelly LaLonde and the Budget and Finance committee for their work on the Manager's proposed budget.

Councilmember Roblee requested a total of engineering expenses and the average percentage it costs for a project.

Council discussed Personnel cost savings, overtime reduction, SELCRA, balance budget, DDA contribution, City owned land sales.

Mayor Bandkau requested copies of contracts of IT and Engineering and what has been paid to them.

### **INFORMATION FOR CITY CUSTOMER**

Police Chief, Tom Wightman stated there is increased activity in the downtown area on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Muzzin gave a Brighton Area Fire Authority report and distributed a copy of the 2009 Run Report.

Councilmember Cooper gave a Zoning Board of Appeals update. He gave a SELCRA update stating notice has been received from Brighton Township that they will be contributing 50 percent of their funding and amendments will have to be made to the by laws and fees will go up for participants.

Councilmember Schillinger gave a Planning Commission update.

Councilmember Pipoly gave a DDA update which included adding new subcommittees that mirror the Main Street Program, Mexican Jones property options and the Flower and Maintenance bid award.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Bandkau gave a Call to the Public at 9:03 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

### **GARAGIOLA VS. CITY OF BRIGHTON CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Muzzin to go into Closed Session to receive written Attorney/Client privilege information regarding Garagiola vs. City of Brighton.

The Council convened into Closed Session at 9:04 p.m.

The Council reconvened the Regular Session at 9:27 p.m.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Roblee to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m.  
Motion passed 7-0.

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Diana Lowe, City Clerk

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Ricci Bandkau, Mayor