

CITY OF BRIGHTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
April 7, 2011

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 March 17, 2011
5. Call to the Public
6. Mayor's Reading of Citizen Inquiries received since the last City Council Meeting
7. City Manager's Response to Citizen Inquiries to City Council received At this City Council Meeting or prior meetings
8. Consider approval of the Agenda

Consent Agenda

9. Consider approval of Mayor's recommended appointments to the Election Commission
10. Consider approval of the Arts & Culture Advisory Commission's art selection for the new St Paul Street pocket park
11. Consider approval of annual Civic Events applications as recommended by staff
12. Consider approval of a liquor license transfer for the Stonefire Bistro restaurant as recommended by the Police Chief

Policy Development & Customer Communications' action item

13. Consider a motion to direct staff to publish a notice for the City Council's Proposed Fiscal Year 2011-12 Budget.
14. Consider a motion to approve the City Manager's Proposed Public Information Meetings' process for the City Council's Proposed 2011-2012 Budget prior to the April 21st Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget
15. Consider approval of a policy resolution to dedicate savings generated by Employee Suggestions for the reduction of any Payroll cost reductions needed in the proposed budget

Other Business

16. Information for City Customers
17. Receive updates from Council Member Liaisons to other Boards and Commissions
18. Call to the Public
19. Conduct closed session regarding Brighton Mall vs. City of Brighton Tax Tribunal litigation
20. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON APRIL 7, 2011 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 Schillinger, Muzzin, Bohn, Roblee and Pipoly. The Council reviewed the agenda items.

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Bandkau 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 Bandkau, Councilmembers Schillinger, Bohn, Muzzin, Roblee and Pipoly. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns and Staff members Dana Foster, Diana Lowe, Jennifer Piasecki, Amy Cyphert, Matt Schindewolf, Tom Wightman, Matt Modrack and an audience of 5. Press and Media included Tom Tolen from WHMI and John Branstetter from the Patch.

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Muzzin to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of March 17, 2011 as presented. Motion passed 6-0-1.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Bandkau gave a Call to the Public at 7:32p.m. The following comments were heard:

Jim Vichich, 11555 Buno Road, Brighton Area Historical Society, invited everyone to participate in the Old Village Cemetery Spring Clean Up on May 7, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Historical Society will be providing tours of the Old Village Cemetery the fourth Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. during the Farmers Market.

City Manager, Dana Foster stated that Jim Vichich is also the CoBACH tenant coordinator.

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

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

Susan Walters-Steinacker - At the March 1, 2011 city budget work session: When did the city council legally and publicly approve the closed session with labor attorney Dennis Gabrian and which of the council members that voted yes?

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City Attorney, Paul Burns stated the minutes are the official record of the meeting. He suggested to provide a copy of the minutes.

Patricia A. Cole - Please advise the Citizens of Brighton City how they may opt out of paying the price the City is charging now of \$1,91 for Refuse pick up. Why that option doesn't exist, and Why is the City imposing mandatory costs to the residents of Brighton City for City services?

Mayor Bandkau stated the existing Refuse Fee Ordinance allows the City Council to adjust user fees as needed.

Patricia A. Cole - City Manager's Response to Citizen Inquiries to City Council for City Council to respond to: Why is this item changed on the City Council Agenda from "Reply" from City Council?

Mayor Bandkau stated the City Council delegated this to the City Manager to provide these responses.

Patricia A. Cole - The audio transmission of City Council Meetings and visual of the channel are very poor.

Mayor Bandkau stated we have been advised to turn microphones off for voice quality. The City Manager and Staff are working to improve the quality of our audio and visual system.

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 #10, St. Paul Pocket Park artwork. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Schillinger, Bohn, Bandkau, Muzzin, Roblee, Pipoly. No: none. Absent: Cooper.

The following item was approved:

1. Appointed Kim Tobin to the Election Commission.
2. Approved the Civic Event Schedule for 2011.
3. Approved Resolution 11-02, Transfer of a Class C Liquor License currently held by Stonefire, Inc. at 440 W. Main St., Brighton, Michigan to Stonefire Bistro II, Inc.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Bohn, seconded by Roblee to approve the Action Agenda. Move to Action Agenda from Consent Agenda item #10, St. Paul Pocket Park artwork. Delete item #15, Employee Suggestion Policy Resolution. Motion passed 6-0-1.

ST. PAUL STREET POCKET PARK ART SELECTION

It was moved by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Pipoly to approve the proposed artwork for installation in the St. Paul St. pocket park prepared by and permit the City Manager to execute the City Attorney approved agreement. Motion passed 5-1-1, with Councilmember Schillinger voting "no".

2011-12 BUDGET NOTICE

City Manager, Dana Foster discussed the proposed fiscal year 2011-12 Budget notice. He displayed a chart regarding Total Adopted City Budget Funds.

It was moved by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Bohn to leave proposed budget item #2, Reduce OPEB contribution in both General and Utilities Funds in the proposed budget notice. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Schillinger, Bohn, Bandkau, Muzzin, Pipoly. No: Roblee. Absent: Cooper. Motion passed 5-1-1.

It was moved by Councilmember Schillinger, seconded by Muzzin to keep item #3, Leave Police Clerk Dispatch position vacant in the General Fund proposed budget notice as is. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Schillinger, Bohn, Bandkau, Muzzin, Roblee, Pipoly. No: none. Absent: Cooper. Motion passed 6-0-1.

It was moved by Councilmember Schillinger seconded by Muzzin to leave item #4, Payroll Cost Reductions of the General Fund and item #3 of the Utilities Fund as written in the proposed budget notice. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Schillinger, Bohn, Bandkau, Muzzin, Pipoly. No: Roblee. Absent: Cooper. Motion passed 5-1-1.

It was moved by Councilmember Schillinger, seconded by Bohn to support item #5, Reduce SELCRA contribution in the General Fund as presented in the proposed budget notice. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Schillinger, Bohn, Bandkau, Pipoly. No: Muzzin, Roblee. Absent: Cooper. Motion passed 4-2-1.

It was moved by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Pipoly to remove item #8, Eliminate Leaf Vacuuming from the proposed budget notice and replace it with a savings of \$25,000 achieved in the DPS Department at the Department Director's discretion. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Schillinger, Bohn, Bandkau, Muzzin, Roblee, Pipoly. No: none. Absent: Cooper. Motion passed 6-0-1.

It was moved by Muzzin, seconded by Bohn to direct Staff to Publish, on April 15, 2011 and April 17, 2011, the Notice for the Public Hearing on the City's Proposed FY 2011-12 Budget, as amended. Motion passed 5-1-1, with Councilmember Roblee voting "no".

PROPOSED BUDGET INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR FY 11-12

City Manager, Dana Foster displayed a PowerPoint presentation for the proposed Public Information Meetings for the Proposed Fiscal Year Budget regarding Revenue Trends, Taxable Value, Assessed Value vs. Taxable Value, Water, Sewer and Trash Services, City's Cost Reduction Actions & Results,

Personnel/Labor related Cost Savings, City Government Downsizing Facts and Additional proposed measures to keep total expenditures within available revenues. He suggested forwarding this information to the Chamber of Commerce to provide the information to taxpayers.

It was moved by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Roblee to approve the proposed Public Information Meetings' process for the City Council's Proposed 2011-2012 Budget on April 13 and 20, 2011, prior to the April 21st Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget. Motion passed 6-0-1.

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CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

City Manager, Dana Foster stated we were able to find out from the MML Staff, that with regards to shared services, we would be able to count the shared services and contracts we have already accomplished.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bohn provided slides regarding the Old Village Cemetery improvements and the improvements that still need to be made. He recommended to allocate \$5,000 ongoing to work with the Historical Society to get the grave markers repaired.

Councilmember Roblee stated the Principle Shopping District met and they are gearing up for the busy summer season.

Mayor Bandkau stated she attended the MML Conference and we are not the only City having budget crisis. She thanked Staff and everyone who has put forth effort for the City's budget.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Bandkau gave a Call to the Public at 9:15 p.m. Hearing none.

BRIGHTON MALL VS. CITY OF BRIGHTON LITIGATION CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Pipoly to go into Closed Session to discuss written Attorney/Client privilege information regarding the Brighton Mall vs. City of Brighton Tax Tribunal Litigation. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Schillinger, Bohn, Bandkau, Muzzin, Roblee, Pipoly. No: none. Absent: Cooper.

The Council convened into Closed Session at 9:23 p.m.

The Council reconvened the Regular meeting at 9:36 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Bohn, seconded by Schillinger to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Diana Lowe, City Clerk

Ricci Bandkau, Mayor