

CITY OF BRIGHTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
May 19, 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 and Closed Session of May 5, 2011
5. City Manager's presentation in recognition of a recent City employee's retirement
6. Call to the Public
7. Mayor's Reading of Citizen Inquiries received since the last City Council Meeting
8. City Manager's Response to Citizen Inquiries to City Council received at this City Council Meeting or prior meetings
9. Consider approval of the Agenda

Consent Agenda

10. Consider review of staff's quarterly check registry report
11. Consider approval of a resolution recognizing the nonprofit status of the Brighton Wrestling Club for future fundraising event purposes
12. Consider approval of a draft Water, Sewer, and Refuse Rate/User Fee Increase related Information Letter to City Residents and Businesses to be signed by all City Council Members
13. Consider approval of a External Audit contract extension from Plante-Moran as recommended by staff
14. Consider approval of a Resolution Establishing the Levy and Authorizing the Collection of Taxes, Penalties and Fees for FY 2011-12

Policy Development & Customer Communications' action item

15. Consider a report and any actions needed as a result of the May 12 SELCRA related intergovernmental meeting
16. Consider informational presentation regarding a new possible cooperative art usage agreement with the D.I.A. for the City's downtown-based Brighton Biennial Public Art program
17. Consider approval of a Health Insurance Opt-Out program available to all Employees and Retirees as recommended by the Administrative Non-Union Pay & Benefits' Staff Committee.

Other Business

18. Information for City Customers
19. Receive updates from Council Member Liaisons to other Boards and Commissions
20. Call to the Public
21. Conduct closed session at the request of the City Labor Attorney to receive an update regarding pending collective bargaining labor negotiations
22. Conduct closed session at the request of the City Attorney regarding an attorney-client privilege opinion letter
23. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON MAY 19, 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, Cooper and Pipoly. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns, Special Legal Counsel Dennis Gabrian and Staff members Dana Foster, Diana Lowe, Jennifer Burke, Matt Schindewolf, Tom Wightman and an audience of 12. Press and Media included Tom Tolen, WHMI and John Branstetter, The Patch.

MINUTES APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Pipoly, seconded by Muzzin to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of May 5, 2011 as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Muzzin to approve the Closed Session minutes of May 5, 2011 as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

HAL STEURER RETIREMENT PROCLAMATION

City Manager, Dana Foster read a Proclamation regarding Hal Steurer in recognition of his retirement after 32 years of service to the City of Brighton. He thanked Hal and his family for their dedication.

Hal Steurer thanked the City of Brighton and the City Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Schillinger to approve Hal Steurer's resolution as read. Motion passed 7-0.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Bandkau gave a Call to the Public at 7:39p.m.

The following comment were heard:

Pat Cole expressed her concerns regarding Councilmember Schillinger working for Corrigan Oil. That makes three Corrigan employees serving on the Brighton Area Fire Authority and a conflict of interest.

Hearing no further comment, the Call to the Public was closed at 7:44 p.m.

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

Susan Walters-Steinacker, 907 Brighton Lake Road, can city residents opt out of city trash pick up?

City Attorney, Paul Burns stated he will be prepared to answer the question at the next City Council meeting.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Schillinger to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Schillinger, Cooper, Bohn, Bandkau, Muzzin, Roblee, Pipoly. No: none. Motion passed 7-0. The following items were approved:

1. Reviewed staff's quarterly check registry report.
2. Approved Resolution 11-07, Recognizing the nonprofit status of the Brighton Wrestling Club for future fundraising event purposes.
3. Approved a draft Water, Sewer, and Refuse Rate/User Fee Increase related Information Letter to City Residents and Businesses to be signed by all City Council Members
4. Renewed the Audit Contract with Plante & Moran.
5. Approved Resolution 11-08, To establish the levy and authorize the collection of taxes, penalties and fees for FY 2011-12.

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

SELCRA INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING REPORT

City Manager, Dana Foster referenced a letter from SELCRA dated last summer, which was passed out at the May 12th meeting. He apologized for not distributing the letter to City Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bohn displayed slides regarding SELCRA numbers and participation amounts. He stated the current formula has only been used for about a year. He discussed the Revised SELCRA Cost Allocations and based on this data there is still some inequality based on what the City of Brighton is paying compared to the other participating townships.

It was Council's consensus to have the SELCRA funding formula brought to the next City Council meeting.

COOPERATIVE ART USAGE AGREEMENT WITH THE D.I.A.

Councilmember Roblee introduced the Cooperative Art Usage agreement with the Detroit Institute of Arts for the City's downtown-based Brighton Biennial Public Art program. The Brighton Arts and Culture Commission recommends this program.

Community Development Clerk, Lauri French stated the Detroit Institute of Arts contacted the City of Brighton to bring framed reproductions of its most famous works as an open-air gallery to the community. This program is totally free and the City of Brighton will receive five to seven pieces of art to be located within a one-mile radius.

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Muzzin to authorize the participation of the cooperative art usage agreement with the Detroit Institute of Arts for the City's downtown based Brighton Biennial Public Art Program. Motion passed 7-0.

HEALTH INSURANCE OPT-OUT PROGRAM

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Pipoly to approve the Health Insurance Opt-Out program and to make available to all Employees (Union & Non-Union) contingent that this opt out program does not trigger a rate change that would be detrimental to the City's existing rates. Motion passed 7-0.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

City Manager, Dana Foster stated Matt Schindewolf and himself are looking into how to allocate the Department of Public Services workforce. DPS crews will be directed to concentrate on services in the residential parts of the community Monday through Wednesday and Thursday through Friday will be concentrated on downtown tasks. We will be prepping for the cemetery upkeep, during the day tomorrow the municipal pavilion and enclosed compactor area will be power washed and street sweeping will also occur. He also stated the DASHBOARD measuring Brighton's performance has been added to the City of Brighton website. The City of Brighton and Kelly LaLonde have received the second consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Mayor Bandkau thanked and congratulated Kelly LaLonde and Staff for the CAFR Award.

Pro-Tem Bohn thanked the volunteers that cleaned up the Old Village Cemetery. He gave a Traffic Safety Advisory Board meeting update. He offered to add numbers to the City of Brighton's DASHBOARD.

Councilmember Muzzin thanked Hal Steurer for his years of service. He gave a Brighton Area Fire Authority update.

Councilmember Roblee thanked Kelly LaLonde and Hal Steurer. She stated Flower Day will be held on Main Street and encouraged everyone to attend.

Councilmember Schillinger reminded everyone to listen for Memorial Day activities occurring in the City.

Councilmember Pipoly thanked Hal Steurer for his years of services. He congratulated Jennifer Burke for her recent marriage.

Mayor Bandkau encouraged everyone to come down for Flower Day. Have a safe Memorial Day. The War Memorial at the Mill Pond has been restored.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Bandkau gave a Call to the Public at 9:02 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bohn stated there has not been a single occasion when Councilmember Muzzin or Schillinger have voted on a motion when they should not have.

PENDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING LABOR NEGOTIATIONS CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Muzzin, seconded by Bohn to go into Closed Session to receive information regarding pending collective bargaining labor negotiations from the City Labor Attorney. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Schillinger, Cooper, Bohn, Bandkau, Muzzin, Roblee, Pipoly. No: none. Motion passed 7-0.

The Council convened into Closed Session at 9:10 p.m.

The Council reconvened the Regular meeting at 10:00 p.m.

MITSUBA ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE OPINION LETTER CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Muzzin, seconded by Pipoly to go into Closed Session to receive written attorney-client privilege communication regarding Mitsuba vs. City of Brighton from the City Attorney. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Schillinger, Cooper, Bohn, Bandkau, Muzzin, Roblee, Pipoly. No: none. Motion passed 7-0.

The Council convened into Closed Session at 10:02 p.m.

The Council reconvened the Regular meeting at 10:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Pipoly to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Diana Lowe, City Clerk

Ricci Bandkau, Mayor