

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON JULY 6, 2017 AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL
200 N. 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Muzzin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers Bohn, Pettengill, Emaus, and Tobbe. Staff: City Manager Nate Geinzer, Attorney Brad Maynes, Deputy Chief Craig Flood, DPW Director Marcel Goch, Clerk Pamela Stewart, Community Development Clerk Wendy Ayala, Zoning and Code Enforcement Associate Mike Caruso, and an audience of twelve.

Tom Tolen from WHMI from the media also attended.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly and seconded by Tobbe to excuse Councilmember Gardner for personal reasons.

Motion passed 6-0-1

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Muzzin made some changes to the agenda deleting items 15. Closed Session and 16. Action from Closed Session and adding item 13a. Sidewalk Trimming.

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus seconded by Pettengill to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed 6-0-1.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe seconded by Emaus to approve the Consent Agenda.

The following items were approved:

Study Session Minutes of June 15, 2017

Regular Session Minutes of June 15, 2017

Approved SDM liquor license at Meijer Gas Station #46 Resolutions 17-19 and 17-20

Roll call vote: Muzzin, Tobbe, Pettengill, Emaus, Bohn, Pipoly

Motion passed 6-0-1

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:32 p.m.

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Dennis Nauss, 125 N. Church St, discussed the need for user-paid parking which would provide funds for the expansion of parking lots. He mentioned that he would be more involved and looked to get public support for this issue. The Mayor suggested he attend the next DDA meeting as the project would originate there.

Joyce Powers, 982 Hickory Drive, expressed concern that the plans for an updated amphitheater would destroy the large trees around the area.

Beth Walker, 1079 Hillcrest, talked about her concern about the potential loss of multiple heritage trees in the new amphitheater area. She stated that the moneys used for this project could be better used to serve the public. She also submitted a transcript to be included in the permanent record.

The Call to the Public closed at 7:47 p.m.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION AND BOARD UPDATES

Deputy Chief Flood mentioned that the 4th of July Parade went well and they are preparing for the Taste of Brighton event.

Zoning and Code Enforcement Associate Caruso mentioned they had received 800 responses to the residential survey available concerning the Master Plan update online and had plans to leave it up through the weekend to garner more responses.

DPW Director Goch mentioned that they were working on getting the proper signage and had to leave the barriers on Grand River until they worked out the issues but the work was essentially done.

Manager Geinzer said the City had received complements on the work done on the Cross Street intersection. He also mentioned that he had received messages concerning fireworks and wanted to share that state law allows fireworks around the holiday and the City has no legal recourse on this issue.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly wanted to address the questions brought up during the Call to the Public and stated that the DDA had used their funds which had been collected from the commercial section of the City, not general public funds.

Councilmember Pettengill talked about the creation of Brightonopoly which was completely unique to the City mentioning local landmarks. The cost is \$35. The game was designed to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the City and would be available at the City Hall, Brighton Chamber of Commerce, 510 W. Grand River, and at local events. She also mentioned that the 150th committee had a Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/thebrighton150>

Councilmember Bohn met with the Planning Commission and all items were on the current Council Agenda. He also mentioned that he received a communication about sales of art work at the COBACH center. He also wanted to address one of the Call to the Public information and said that the tax dollars didn't come solely from the DDA.

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Councilmember Emaus mentioned the Brighton Veteran's Memorial Committee had finished their project adding more pavers, another flag and two new flag poles adding the State of Michigan and the Lest We Forget flag.

Mayor Muzzin thanked the Sunrise Rotary Club and the Brighton Fire Authority for sponsoring the 4th of July parade. He then read a letter from Scott Sage commending the City Sexton and Clerk for their recent assistance.

SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT #17-009 305 E. GRAND RIVER

Zoning and Code Enforcement Associate Caruso discussed how Ross Realty wants to renovate the first floor of 305 E. Grand River back into a 3-bedroom residential from commercial use. Planning Commission recommended approval. Caruso mentioned that Ms. Ross had other rental properties in the City that had been well maintained.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly and seconded by Emaus to approve the Special Land Use Permit 17-009 for 305 E. Grand River.

Motion passed 6-0-1

SITE PLAN #17-002-ASSISTED LIVING-1320 RICKETT RD.

Zoning and Code Enforcement Associate Caruso spoke about the recent Planning Commission approval of a single-story assisted living facility housing with 76 rooms with the contingent of an easement from the City Council.

Scott Bell, Lapham & Assoc. spoke about the entrance and exits and lack of ability to turn left, parking for residents and staff, detention pond, the view, and fire access.

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus and seconded by Tobbe to approve site plan as amended #17-002 for an assisted living facility located at 1320 Rickett Road with the amendment that the southwesterly gazebo on the rear of the property be removed.

Motion passed 6-0-1

SITE PLAN #17-010 – DUMPSTER ENCLOSURE ADDITION – 300 W. NORTH STREET & PARCEL #4718-30-308-007

Zoning and Code Enforcement Associate Caruso talked about how Dan Cheresko on behalf of Fifth Third Bank applied for an addition to the existing dumpster located at 300 W. North Street, as well as for a new dumpster enclosure located at parcel #4718-30-308-007, more commonly referred to as the Fifth Third parking lot. No parking would be lost with this change.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly and supported by Pettengill to approve site plan 17-010 for 300 W. North Street.

Motion passed 6-0-1

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SIDEWALK TRIMMING PROGRAM

DPW Director Goch discussed a new technique he had discovered to improve the condition and remove trip hazards of the City sidewalks. The trimmer gets the sidewalk to ADA acceptable level and extracts more life out of the sidewalk while the Remove and Replace program would be used when areas can't be trimmed. DPW Director Goch mentioned that the funds for sidewalk repair were already budgeted.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly and seconded by Emaus to approve a purchase order to Precision Concrete Cutting in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

Motion passed 6-0-1

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 8:33 p.m.

Joyce Powers, 982 Hickory Drive, thanked Councilmember Bohn for his comments during the meeting concerning the DDA and tax dollars.

The Mayor closed the Call to the Public at 8:35p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus and seconded by Pettengill to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Motion passed 6-0-1

Pamela Stewart, City Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor