

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2016 AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL
200 N. 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN

WORK SESSION

The Council conducted a Work Session at 6:30 p.m.

Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers Bohn, Pettengill, Emaus, Gardner and staff: City Manager Geinzer, Management Assistant Reed, Utilities Director Krugh, DPW Director Blackmar, Chief Wightman, Finance Director Gomolka, DPW Director Blackmar, Clerk Stewart, Deputy Clerk Haataja, Community Development Associate Skopek, Zoning/Code Enforcement Associate Caruso and an audience of two.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION ON OPTIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL FALL RETREAT

Manager Geinzer did a short slide presentation summarizing the input from both Council and staff regarding the Fall Retreat. Manager Geinzer spoke about the desire for a vision from the staff, which would help to prioritize goals. Mayor Muzzin said that previously the purpose of retreat had been to set goals and objectives. The City Council discussed staff input, how the retreat might be organized, and touched on multiple issues that they wanted to address, including: safety, improving the Northwest neighborhoods streets, attracting development, a vision for the City, and establishing an infrastructure. Staff shared ideas on what kind of direction they were looking for during the retreat. Manager Geinzer thanked the Council for the conversation and noted a draft would be distributed in the next couple of weeks.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Susan Walters-Steinacker, 907 Brighton Lake Road, stated that no one on the staff lives within the City and should have no influence on the decisions made, and that staff were belittling the City Council. She mentioned Kissane Garden Project and said the property was donated and was close to a Brownfield area and should not be used for a garden.

The Council responded that they valued staff's opinions and that staff had shown their investment to the City through their work.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus and Pettengill to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Motion passed 6-0.

Pamela Stewart, City Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor