

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON FEBRUARY 2, 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, Gardner, Emaus, and Tobbe. Staff: City Manager Nate Geinzer, Attorney Brad Maynes, Acting Chief Rob Bradford, Utilities Director Tim Krugh, Clerk Pamela Stewart, and an audience of zero.

From the media, Tom Tolen from WHMI and Laura Colvin from the Livingston County Press & Argus were also present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Muzzin added 12A. Resolution 17-03 to authorize City Manager to execute contract with MDOT to the consent agenda and moved 8. Approval of Fee Schedule Correction to New Business and added 13A discussion and possible action concerning a letter of support for the Livingston County Transportation Authority.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly seconded by Emaus to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly seconded by Emaus to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 7-0.

The following items were approved:

Study Session Minutes of January 19, 2017

Regular Session Minutes of January 19, 2017

Closed Session Minutes of January 19, 2017

Approved Resolution 17-03 authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign contract 16-5566 with MDOT

Roll call: Yes: Emaus, Muzzin, Gardner, Pettengill, Tobbe, Bohn, Pipoly No: none Abstain: none

Motion passed 7-0

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:33 p.m. Hearing and seeing none, the call to the public was closed at 7:33 p.m.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION AND BOARD UPDATES

Manager Geinzer welcomed the new Acting Police Chief Bradford to the dais.

Assistant DPW Director Thomas reported that the DPW crews had spent several hours over the past weekend removing leaves.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly reported that the PSD had a special meeting to review suggestions from the professional marketing company they had hired. He also talked about the continued planning for the 150th Anniversary and discussed spreading the celebration over the entire year instead of doing one big event.

Councilmember Bohn reported that at the Planning Commission meeting Community Development Associate Skopek gave a presentation that was well received.

Councilmember Pettengill mentioned to save the date of May 13th at 9 a.m. for the Imagination Station Clean Up Kick Off for 2017. She reported that there would be exciting new features added this year.

Councilmember Emaus mentioned the Brighton Veteran's Memorial wished to thank the City Council for the approval to expand the memorial bricks project. He advised that he would not be present at the March 2nd meeting. Mayor Muzzin said he would also be absent for that meeting.

Mayor Muzzin reported that he had attended the Brighton Fire Station's Soup Out which celebrated local emergency workers.

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READ FOR AMENDMENT 82-89 of CITY CODE

Mayor Muzzin closed the regular meeting and opened the hearing for the proposed amendment to Section 82-29 to the City's Code of Ordinances at 7:42 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comments, he closed the Public Hearing at 7:42 p.m.

The Council reviewed the code and suggested approval of the amendment which eliminated the need for a public hearing for the approval of site plans at City Council level.

It was moved by Councilmember Bohn and seconded by Tobbe to adopt the amendment to Section 82-89 of the City's Code.

Motion passed 7-0

FEE SCHEDULE CORRECTION

Finance Director Gomolka talked about the discovery of a typo in the fee schedule on in the utilities rate section. Two numbers had been transposed from .84 to .48 which caused a undercharging of citizens. She suggested correcting the mistake going forward and perhaps doing the adjustment retroactively. The Council discussed and decided to approve the change going forward and to get more information about the option to recapture.

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe and seconded by Emaus to approve adjusting the fee schedule moving forward.

Motion passed 7-0

DISCUSSION ON UPDATES TO CHAPTER 6 OF CODE OF ORDINANCE

Acting Chief Bradford spoke about the current process of the approval for local establishments to sell alcohol. He mentioned that the number of alcohol related calls had increased and continued to increase, and there was little the Police Department could do under the current ordinance. He suggested looking at and possibly adopting policies that are currently working in other municipalities. These polices would subject the noncompliant businesses to stronger scrutiny and possibly a hearing in front of Council with the potential to lose their ability to sell alcohol.

The Council discussed and gave the direction to Staff to work on a new and/or updated ordinance.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY LETTER

Councilmember Emaus suggested the Council approves signing a letter of support to gain grant funding from MDOT to assist in planning.

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe and seconded by Pettengill to approve the drafting of the letter of support.

Motion passed 7-0

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 8:14 p.m. Hearing and seeing none the Mayor closed the Call to the Public at 8:14 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe and seconded by Pipoly to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Motion passed 7-0

Pamela Stewart, City Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor