

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON**  
**HELD ON MAY 5, 2016 AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL**  
**200 N. 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN**

**REGULAR SESSION**

Mayor Muzzin called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called. Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers Bohn, Tobbe, and Pettengill. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns, Labor Attorney Dennis Gabrian and Staff members: City Manager Nate Geinzer, Police Chief Wightman, Pamela Stewart, Dave Blackmar, Tim Krugh and an audience of 7. Press and media included Noe Hernandez from the Press & Argus and Tom Tolen from WHMI.

It was moved by Councilmember Bohn and seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to excuse Councilmember Gardner.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly seconded by Tobbe to approve the agenda as amended. Adding 5a. Approval of the Study Session Minutes and 5b. Approval of Closed Session Minutes from April 21, 2016.

Motion passed 5-0-1.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

Approve the Regular Meeting minutes, Study Session minutes, and Closed Session minutes of April 21, 2016 as presented.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe to approve the consent agenda  
Motion passed 5-0-1

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:35 p.m. Hearing none, the Call to the Public was closed at 7:35 p.m.

**CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION AND BOARD UPDATES**

Manager Geinzer gave an update on the Farmer's Market which starts Saturday May 7, 2016.

Tom Wightman gave an update on the Drug Take Back Day. He stated police gathered 136 pounds of unused medications to dispose of properly.

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Councilmember Bohn gave an update on various emails received: the legality of using a golf cart on City Streets, the addition of the Study Session, and potential reduction in retiree benefits. He responded that reviewing these benefits was smart for all involved.

Councilmember Pettengill reported that the Imagination Station had a record number of 138 volunteers. The Historic Cemetery Clean up set for May 7 from 9-12.

Councilmember Tobbe gave an update on the BACC. They are working on a new event and more details will be available at the next meeting.

## **PUBLIC HEARING YEAR 15-16 CITY BUDGET**

### **CALL TO PUBLIC for PUBLIC HEARING:**

Dave Gajda, 1650 Whispering Oaks, 20 year resident and former Finance Director for the City of Brighton, commented on retiree health care and suggested the City establish a dialogue with retirees before making any changes.

Councilmember Bohn stated he was not comfortable with the proposed budget. He addressed concerns related to revenue, expenses, amount available to place in a commitment fund balance. It was suggested to defer spending and new hires until after union negotiations. He commented that any large machine purchase should be postponed so that the new leadership could have more time to review the budget. He suggested waiting until the Finance Director and the City Manager have more time, then implement changes with budget amendments.

Councilmember Tobbe agreed with Councilmember Bohn's reservations. Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly said he agreed with Tobbe and Bohn but thought Manager Geinzer had a handle on it.

It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with the approval with some suggested changes.

Mayor Muzzin stated that official changes include:

Adding back to funds to cover health care deductible of \$28,500 for retirees.

Reduce community promotions expense by \$6,500.

Reduce major streets for sidewalk repair by \$6,500

Use \$15,500 surplus

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to approve Resolution 16-04 Adopting the 2016-17 City Budget.

Councilmember Bohn added a friendly amendment that they approve with the stipulations as discussed, waiting on filling non-essential positions, doing large purchases, and not going forward on the sea wall and review once labor negotiations are complete.

Yes: Bohn, Pettengill, Muzzin, Tobbe, Pipoly No: None Absent: Gardner Motion passed 5-0-1

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**NEW BUSINESS**

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly , supported by Pettengill to approve Resolution 16-05 Adopting 2016-17 Millage Rates.

Yes: Bohn, Pettengill, Muzzin, Tobbe, Pipoly No: None Absent: Gardner  
Motion passed 5-0-1

Councilmember Bohn was concerned about the fees regarding copies listed in the fee schedule. Mayor Muzzin suggested that the City clean up the schedule. It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, supported by Tobbe to approve Resolution 16-06 Adopting the 2016-17 Fee Schedule.

Yes: Bohn, Pettengill, Muzzin, Tobbe, Pipoly No: None Absent: Gardner  
Motion passed 5-0-1

**LETTER FROM U OF M**

Mayor Muzzin read a letter from T. Anthony Deeton from U of M Health Systems. He expressed his appreciation for the City's warm reception on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 concerning their building of a new health care facility in the City of Brighton.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 8:04 p.m. Hearing none, the Call to the Public was closed at 8:04 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Pettengill to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Motion passed 5-0-1.

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Pamela Stewart, Acting City Clerk

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James Muzzin, Mayor