

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON DECEMBER 15, 2016 AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL
200 N. 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN

STUDY SESSION

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

Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers: Bohn, Pettengill, Gardner, Emaus, and Tobbe Staff: City Manager Nate Geinzer, Attorneys Paul Burns, Brad Maynes and Dennis Gabrian, Chief Tom Wightman, Deputy Chief Rob Bradford, Utilities Director Tim Krugh, Organizational Relations Manager Michelle Miller, Assistant DPW Director Patty Thomas, Management Assistant Jessica Reed, Deputy Clerk Kelly Haataja, Community Development Associate Brandon Skopek and Zoning/Code Enforcement Associate Mike Carus, Jill Bahm from Giffels Webster, and an audience of two. Noe Hernandez from the Livingston Press and Argus was also present.

ZONING CODE OUTLINE UPDATE

Jill Bahm from Giffels Webster updated council on strategies for improving the Zoning Code Update and specific ideas for improving the City of Brighton's Zoning Code. Setting clear standards and articulation of the Zoning Code and aligning it with the City's Master Plan would make the development process more efficient for residents and developers. Bahm suggested continuing to update goals and objectives in order to reach the City's Vision. A discussion and public hearing on the code changes should be ready in late spring of 2017. Bahm also advised council on amendments that have been updated within the past few months, including priority amendments per federal and state law.

Brandon Skopek gave a presentation on how creating a Comprehensive Master Plan would bring more opportunities to the City. Implementing a Downtown Development, Recreation, and Complete Streets Plan will make the City more competitive, marketable, and redevelopment ready, which will lead to achieving long term goals. Having a Comprehensive Master Plan in place will also aid in grant eligibility for the City. Councilmember Tobbe mentioned implementing a Neighborhood Improvement Authority Plan to provide incentives, opportunities, and resources to residents. Councilmember Gardner agreed and mentioned that many residents are unaware of resources already available.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus and seconded by Gardner to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Motion passed 7-0.

Kelly Haataja, Deputy Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor