

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON JANUARY 5, 2017 AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL
200 N. 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Muzzin called the meeting to order at 7:33 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, Chief Tom Wightman, Deputy Chief Rob Bradford, Utilities Director Tim Krugh, Management Assistant Jessica Reed, Clerk Pamela Stewart, Engineer Gary Markstrom, and Zoning/Code Enforcement Associate Mike Caruso and an audience of six.

From the media, Tom Tolen from WHMI was also present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Muzzin moved item 11 from the Consent Agenda to New Business.

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Tobbe to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

The following items were approved:

Study Session Minutes of December 15, 2016

Regular Session Minutes of December 15, 2016

Closed Session of December 15, 2016

Approved Civic event Application for Alzheimer's Walk 2017

Approved the Livingston Educational Service Agency and Brighton Area Schools to collect operating property taxes on the City's Summer 2017 Property Tax bills

Approved Resolution 17-01 designating Manager Geinzer as Street Administrator

Approved opting in to the Brighton Area School District and Livingston Educational Service Agency (LESA) Intermediate School District Election Coordination Committee Initial Reports to the State of Michigan.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:37 p.m. Hearing and seeing none, the call to the public was closed at 7:37 p.m.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION AND BOARD UPDATES

Manager Geinzer wished everyone a happy new year.

Councilmember Bohn asked if the rest of the lights would be turned over to LED lights. Manager Geinzer responded that they were changing them in segments.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly mentioned the Chamber of Commerce had plans to hold a Winterfest during the first weekend in March.

Councilmember Bohn talked about the meeting with the Planning Commission. Giffels Webster is working on the first draft of the revised ordinances and should be ready to present to Council in March or April. Steve Monet stepped down as Chair of Planning Commission and was replaced with Matt Smith. David Petrak was appointed as Vice Chairman.

Councilmember Tobbe stated that the Brighton Arts and Culture had some interesting things on the horizon and mentioned that Management Assistant Reed had been a wonder liaison.

Councilmember Emaus mentioned the Livingston County Transportation Coalition will be hosting a summit at Cleary College on January 17, 2017 from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. The Coalition is continuing to gain support throughout the county.

Mayor Muzzin reported that he had a DDA meeting and spoke about the parking structure due to the excessive expense of this project. They also committed to \$100K to the Master Plan.

LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER BUON GUSTO

Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly excused himself from the vote as he has a client relationship with Buon Gusto.

It was moved by Councilmember Gardner and seconded by Emaus to approve Resolution 17-02 for Alcohol Sales by Ottis's Place Inc d/b/a Buon Gusto.

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

Motion passed 6-0-1

**HEARING TO APPROVE CITY OF BRIGHTON'S VETERAN'S MEMORIAL SITE PLAN
AMENDMENT #16-014**

Steve Conaway from the Brighton Veteran's Memorial Committee spoke about the Memorial. There are only 43 remaining pavers. The proposed addition will add 466 locations which will potentially last 9-10 years.

Mayor Muzzin closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing at 7:52 p.m..

The Mayor asked for additional comments. Hearing and seeing no comment the Mayor closed the hearing and called the regular meeting back to order at 7:53 p.m.

Recommended council approval for site plan amendment #16-014 for the Veteran's Memorial.

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe and seconded by Pettengill to approve the site plan.

Motion passed 7-0.

HEARING TO APPROVE SITE PLAN AMENDMENT FOR HAMPTON INN HOTEL #16-013

Zoning/Code Enforcement Associate Caruso spoke about the changes in exterior lighting requested by Hampton and showed the Council the effects of the changes.

Mayor Muzzin closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing at 7:54 p.m.
Hearing and seeing no comment the Mayor closed the hearing and called the regular meeting back to order.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly and seconded by Emaus to approve for site plan amendment #16-014 for the Hampton Inn Hotel.

Motion passed 7-0

WWTP HVAC IMPROVEMENTS BID AWARD

Five bids were received for Phase 2 of the HVAC Improvements Project. The lowest bid received was \$564,900 from Laux Construction. The City budgeted \$300,000 for this project. Since receiving the bids, options were discussed to reduce the scope of work to align it with the previously-established budget; however, it was determined that this would not result in any significant savings. It was decided to proceed with the scope of work as originally designed. Engineer Markstrom discussed the age of the unit and higher than anticipated costs.

The council and staff discussed the costs and waiting for the new budget year. Utilities Director Krugh talked about the immediate need of the equipment to alleviate future costs.

It was moved by Councilmember Pipoly and seconded by Gardner to approve the low bid from Laux Construction in the amount of \$564,900 as well as a budget amendment transferring \$264,900 from the Utilities Reserve Fund to the Utilities Fund.

Motion passed 6-1

FIRST READ OF AMENDMENT TO SECTION 82-89 OF THE CITY CODE

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly and seconded by Emaus to approve the First Reading and set Public Hearing and Second Reading for February 2, 2017 for the proposed amendment to Section 82-89 of the City Code removing the need for a public hearing for site plans at the City Council level.

Motion passed 7-0

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 8:19 p.m.

Daniel Bishoff, Troop 3 from Plymouth Boy Scout, told the Council that he was attending the meeting in order to attain Communications and Citizenship merit badges.

Call to the Public was closed at 8:21 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO MCL 15.628 (H)

It was moved by Pipoly, seconded by Emaus to go into Closed Session at 8:24 p.m. to receive written attorney-client privileged communication pursuant to MCL 15.268(H).

A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Muzzin, Pipoly, Gardner, Pettengill, Bohn, Emaus and Tobbe. No: None

Motion passed 7-0.

It was moved by Emaus, seconded by Pipoly to come out of closed session at 8:54 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Emaus to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Motion passed 7-0

Pamela Stewart, City Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor