

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON MARCH 2, 2017 AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL
200 N. 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Bohn, Pettengill, Gardner, and Tobbe. Staff: City Manager Nate Geinzer, Attorney Brad Maynes, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, Acting Chief Rob Bradford, Organizational Relations Manager Michelle Miller, Zoning and Code Enforcement Associate Mike Caruso, Utilities Director Tim Krugh, Clerk Pamela Stewart, Management Assistant Jessica Reed and an audience of eleven.

Councilmember Tobbe moved and Gardner seconded to excuse Mayor Muzzin and Councilmember Emaus for personal reasons.

Motion passed 5-0-2

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly discussed changing the date of the meeting minutes to 2017 on the consent agenda and adding item 4a. Introduction of Marcel Goch and 9a. Presentation by Jim Vichich from the Brighton Historical Society.

It was moved by Councilmember Pettengill and seconded by Bohn to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed 5-0-2.

INTRODUCTION OF MARCEL GOCH

Mr. Goch greeted the council and expressed his excitement in joining the City of Brighton's DPW department as the new director.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe seconded by Pettengill to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion passed 5-0-2.

The following items were approved:

Study Session Minutes of February 16, 2017

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Special Meeting of February 21, 2017

Appointment of Marcel Goch to the position of DPW Director

A purchase order to Tetra Tech for WWTP HVAC Upgrades in amount of \$19,000

Motion passed 5-0-2

PRESENTATION FROM BRIGHTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Jim Vichich from the Brighton Historical Society gave a presentation on the Old Village Cemetery. The cemetery has had major restoration on broken and worn headstones and requested the City Council continue their support.

He spoke about teaming up with the Brighton Art Guild's Pamela Day and Sarah Grusin. Ms. Day and Ms. Grusin talked about the Guild's project creating a series of life-sized cutouts that will feature throughout Brighton with the historical backstory available to help the citizens connect with the history of the area.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 7:53p.m.

Jordan Genso, 1628 Woodlake Cir., thanked the City Council for the discussion from the last meeting and suggested that the City create a resolution and forward it to the state legislature

The call to the public was closed at 7:55 p.m.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION AND BOARD UPDATES

Acting Police Chief Bradford mentioned that a liquor license request was received from Marathon Gas Station.

Councilmember Bohn reported the Planning Commission approved the site plan amendment for TG Fluids. Gieffel Webster did a presentation on the updates to the City ordinance. Councilmember Bohn reported he also saw the new Capital Improvements plan.

Councilmember Gardner spoke about the meeting of the County Commission and reported some of the 2016 accomplishments for the county's animal control unit: the return of lost dogs, cruelty interventions, rescues, and hundreds of foster dogs returned. She stated that the county has a low-cost spay and neutering program.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SITE PLAN #16-015 BRIGHTON COMMERCIAL CENTER

Zoning and Code Enforcement Associate Caruso discussed the approval of the site plan #16-015 for the Brighton Commercial Center at Grand River and Best Buy Dr. The applicant is requesting a reconstruction of their parking lot to expand to forty spots. Thom Dumond, Boss Engineering Group Ten Management, attended the meeting to answer any questions.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly closed the regular meeting and opened the hearing for site plan #16-015 at 8:02 p.m.

Hearing and seeing no comments, he closed the Public Hearing at 8:02 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe and seconded by Pettengill to approve the site plan as presented with the condition added by the Planning Commission, as well as, the condition to remove signs that did not comply with the City's ordinance and accepting the friendly amendment from Councilmember Bohn to address the handicap curb cut and ramp.

Motion passed 5-0-2

MILLPOND SHORELINE AND HABITAT RESTORATION

Manager Geinzer talked about a potential collaboration with Karleen Shafer of Landscape Design and Associates (LDA). Ms. Shafer spoke about invasive species in the Mill Pond and their desire to restore the natural shoreline, and help improve the water quality. She requested that the City Council express their support of the program that she is suggesting over the next three years. She spoke about using donations, volunteers, schools, and some assistance from Staff to reduce cost.

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe and seconded by Gardner to approve a motion of support to begin the reclaiming of the shoreline.

Motion passed 5-0-2

VEHICLE PURCHASE

Assistant DPW Director Thomas spoke about the issue. City Council budgeted \$150,000 for the purchase of a new swap-loader (heavy duty truck). It was determined that other equipment with significant need for replacement were more critical and the swap loader was recommended to be deferred. She recommended the purchase of a 2017 GMC Sierra 2500HD, 4 WD - \$33,434.00, John Deere XUV 825i, Gator - \$19,810.98, trailer-mounted power washer - \$7,091.25. Excess vehicles and equipment will be sold and the proceeds will be reinvested back into the fleet.

It was moved by Councilmember Gardner and seconded by Bohn to approve the purchase of a 2017 GMC Sierra 2500HD, a John Deer XUV 825i Gator and a trailer-mounted power washer for a total cost of \$60,336.20

Motion passed 5-0-2

APPOINT SEMCOG ALTERNATE DELEGATE

It was moved by Councilmember Bohn and seconded by Gardner to replace Management Assistant Reed and appoint Councilmember Tobbe as alternate to SEMCOG and nominated him to the executive committee.

Motion passed 5-0-2

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CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 8:44 p.m. Jim Vichich spoke about the geese and potentially using an alternate location to feed the geese and ducks.

Mayor Pro-Tem closed the Call to the Public at 8:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe and seconded by Gardner to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Motion passed 5-0-2

Pamela Stewart, City Clerk

Shawn Pipoly, Mayor Pro-Tem