

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON FEBRUARY 18, 2016 AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL
200 N. 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN

BLUE SKY SESSION

The Council conducted a Blue Sky Session at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers Tobbe, Bohn, Pettengill and Gardner. The Council reviewed the agenda items.

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, Pettengill and Gardner. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns and Staff members Tom Wightman, Diana Lowe, Dave Blackmar, Tim Krugh, Kelly Hanna, Matt Modrack, Michelle Miller and an audience of 12. Press and media included Tom Tolen from WHMI and Noe Hernandez of the Press & Argus.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Gardner to excuse Councilmember Willis from the evening's meeting for personal reasons. Motion passed 6-0.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Gardner to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 6-0-1.

MINUTE APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Pettengill to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 4, 2016 as presented. Motion passed 6-0-1.

It was moved by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Pipoly to approve the Closed Session Meeting minutes of February 4, 2016 as presented. Motion passed 6-0-1.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:32 p.m. The following comments were heard:

George Moses, 7904 Holly, expressed his concerns regarding the Arcadia Development of Brighton that is proposed for the former Lindbom property, such as height, traffic and peacefulness of the neighborhood.

Mike Anderson, 7918 Very Drive, expressed his concerns regarding ground contamination at the former Lindbom School property.

Sheryl Kruger, 915 State Street, asked for documentation that shows the Arcadia Development will not negatively affect property value and would like to see the adjusted plans for the project.

Hearing no further comment, Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to the Public at 7:40 p.m.

DDA/Community Development Director, Matt Modrack stated the Arcadia Development went to Planning Commission and was given conditional approval. The revised plans will go to the April 18th Planning Commission meeting.

Mayor Muzzin commented on the article in the local newspaper, stating that Mr. Modrack gave Council an update regarding the Arcadia project and no action was taken at that time.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Pipoly to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 6-0-1.

The following items were approved:

1. Appointed Renee Pettengill to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
2. Appointed Mayor Muzzin to the Brighton Veteran's Memorial Committee.
3. Reappointed Nick Palizzi and Lisa Nelson to the Principal Shopping District.
4. Approved the Walk to End Alzheimer's Civic Event.

CEMETERY RULES & REGULATIONS PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Muzzin opened the City Cemeteries Rules & Regulations Public Hearing at 7:48 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Tobbe to approve the current City Cemeteries Rules & Regulations. Motion passed 6-0-1.

BRIGHTON INTERIOR DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS

Finance Director, Kelly Hanna stated the City received a grant for the Brighton Interior Drive improvements.

Department of Public Works Director, Dave Blackmar explained the proposed improvements to Brighton Interior Drive.

Finance Director, Kelly Hanna discussed funding options for the improvements.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Bohn to cover the grant match for the Brighton Interior Drive improvements with Utility Reserve Funds. Motion passed 6-0-1.

BRIGHTON COMMUNITY CENTER

Councilmember Gardner gave a SELCRA update regarding the management of the Community Center, stating the Brighton Area Schools offered to present a proposal.

It was the consensus of Council to direct Councilmember Gardner to follow-up with the SELCRA/Brighton Area Schools liaison for a proposal to manage the Brighton Community Center.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Tim Krugh gave an update of the sanitary sewer lining project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly gave a DDA update.

Mayor Muzzin gave a Brighton Area Fire Authority update. He discussed SEMCOG and their resources. He stated the new City Manager, Nate Geinzer will be starting on Monday and he thanked Interim City Manager, Tom Wightman for a job well done.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin gave a Call to the Public at 8:30 p.m. The following comment was heard:

Mike Bignell, Hamilton Farms, stated he has lived in Brighton for 40 years because of the superb staff, Council and people that make Brighton work for him.

Hearing no further comment, the Call to the Public was closed at 8:31 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Pipoly to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Diana Lowe, City Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor