

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 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, Willis 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, Willis and Gardner. Also in attendance were Attorneys Paul Burns, Special Legal Counsel Dennis Gabrian and Staff members Tom Wightman, Diana Lowe, Dave Blackmar, Tim Krugh, Matt Modrack, Michelle Miller, Kelly Hanna and an audience of 13. Press and media included Tom Tolen from WHMI and Noe Hernandez of the Press & Argus.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Willis seconded by Gardner to approve the agenda as amended. Add item #8a, Reappointments to the Arts & Culture Commission and item #12a, Closed Session. Move to Consent from Action Agenda item #12, Cable TV Advisory. Motion passed 6-0.

MINUTE APPROVAL

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Willis to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of January 21, 2016 as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Pipoly to approve the Closed Session Meeting minutes of January 21, 2016 as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:31 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Pipoly to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Gardner, Willis, Pipoly, Muzzin, Bohn, Tobbe. No: none. Motion passed 6-0. The following items were approved:

1. Approved the Quarterly Investment Report.
2. Reappointed Michelle Petrak and Lisa Farquhar to the Election Commission and Kris Tobbe and MJ Takagi to the Brighton Arts & Culture Commission.

3. Approved Resolution 16-02, Dissolving the Cable Television Regulatory Commission.

CITY COUNCIL VACANCY INTERVIEWS

Mayor Muzzin drew the applicant's names from a cup to determine the order of the interviews for the City Council vacancy.

Renee Pettengill introduced herself to Council. She discussed her work and volunteerism in the community.

The Council interviewed Renee Pettengill.

Bill Bryan introduced himself to Council. He discussed his previous work experience

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Susan Walters-Steinacker introduced herself to Council. She discussed her history with the community and her availability to serve on Council.

The Council interviewed Susan Walters-Steinacker.

Jon Emaus introduced himself to Council. He discussed his commitment to the community and the reasons he likes to live in the City of Brighton.

The Council interviewed Jon Emaus.

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Willis to nominate Renee Pettengill to fill the City Council vacancy. Motion passed 6-0.

City Clerk, Diana Lowe administered the Oath of Office to Renee Pettengill.

Councilmember Pettengill took a seat at the dais.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Finance Director, Kelly Hanna presented the proposed 6-year Capital Improvement Program. She highlighted the CIP approval process, Revenue Sources, Expenditures, Year One Projects, Street Improvements, Curb and Gutter and Sidewalk Gaps.

It was moved by Councilmember Willis, seconded by Pipoly to accept the 6-Year Capital Improvement Program.

UPDATED DDA PRIORITIES

DDA/Community Development Director, Matt Modrack gave a presentation regarding the updated Downtown Development Authority priorities. He highlighted the DDA TIFA Capture by the DDA District, List of Projects and priority, Parking Platform, Millpond Masterplan Plan Phase 1B Main Street Area; Band Shell &

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Amphitheater, Millpond Master Plan Phase 2, Challis Road Gateway, Parking Lot Improvements, Pedestrian Walkways and Crossings, Residential Streetscapes and Holiday Decorations.

ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE WRITTEN COMMUNICATION CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Tobbe to go into Closed Session to receive Attorney/Client Privilege Written Communication. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Gardner, Willis, Pipoly, Muzzin, Bohn, Tobbe. No: none.

The Council convened into Closed Session at 9:41p.m.

The Council reconvened the Regular Session at 10:17 p.m.

CITY MANAGER CONTRACT

There was Council discussion regarding car allowance, mileage reimbursement, graduated severance, six-month performance review, term of contract and the elimination of a six-month salary increase.

It was moved by Mayor Muzzin, seconded by Pipoly to accept all of Nate Geinzer's contract changes with the exception of no term, deletion of the six month performance evaluation, a salary of \$91,125, car allowance of \$200 per month and a severance package that stays at six months.

After discussion Mayor Muzzin withdrew his motion.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Willis to accept all of Nate Geinzer's contract changes with the exception of no term, deletion of the six month performance evaluation, a salary of \$91,125, car allowance of \$200 per month, a severance package that stays at six months and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Gardner, Willis, Pipoly, Muzzin, Bohn, Tobbe, Pettengill. No: none. Motion passed 7-0.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Department of Public Works Director, Dave Blackmar stated pothole repairs are being made on City streets.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly gave a Principal Shopping District update.

Councilmember Bohn gave a Planning Commission update and discussed a couple of emails he received.

Councilmember Gardner gave a SELCRA update.

Mayor Muzzin gave a Brighton Area Fire Authority update.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin gave a Call to the Public at 10:46 p.m. Hearing no comment the Call to the Public was closed.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Willis to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Diana Lowe, City Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor