

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON JANUARY 19, 2017 AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL
200 N. 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Muzzin called the meeting to order at 7:32 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, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, Organizational Relations Manager Michelle Miller, Assistant DPW Director Patty Thomas, Management Assistant Jessica Reed, Deputy Clerk Kelly Haataja, and an audience of none.

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

CONDOLENCES TO THE CORRIGAN FAMILY

Prior to approval of the agenda, Mayor Muzzin requested a moment of silence to pay tribute to Fredrick Bernard Corrigan, who passed away on January 15. Muzzin reflected on memories of Corrigan during his nine years working for him. He stated that he was a true patriarch of the City, and added that it was a great honor and privilege getting to know Mr. Corrigan and his family.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Muzzin proposed the following amendment to the agenda: add 13. Consider entering into Closed Session, consider the purchase or lease of real property pursuant to MCL 15.268(D).

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Pipoly to approve the agenda.

Motion passed 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Gardner to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion passed 7-0.

The following items were approved:

Study Session Minutes of January 5, 2017

Regular Session Minutes of January 5, 2017

Closed Session Minutes of January 5, 2017

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the call to the public at 7:36 p.m. Seeing and hearing none, the call to the public was closed at 7:36 p.m.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION AND BOARD UPDATES

Management Assistant Reed spoke about the summit held by the Livingston Transportation Coalition last Tuesday. Over one hundred people attended despite the weather and there was a great deal of positive conversation.

Mayor Muzzin thanked Chief Wightman for 11 ½ years of service to the City. Muzzin added that the Chief has taken the Brighton Police force to another level. Wightman thanked Council and Management for their support and said he is proud of the outstanding staff at the PD.

Councilmember Tobbe mentioned concerns that some of the power poles and lines in the City appear to be in poor condition. Manager Geinzer responded, saying DTE recently advised that poles and equipment are replaced when they fail, break, or when they are a part of a replacement program. Geinzer added that he is currently working with DTE on some of the leaning poles that he was aware of, and he will bring the other areas of concern to DTE's attention.

Councilmember Pettengill reported that the ZBA approved two variances for a property located at Oak Ridge and Rickett Road at last week's meeting. Approval was given to reduce the loading dock and allow front parking, based on the hardship of the size of the lot.

Mayor Muzzin announced that he was re-elected as Chair, and Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly as Treasurer, for the Brighton Area Fire Authority. The BAFA will hold their 2016 award ceremony on January 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Brighton Center for Performing Arts, and their annual Soup Out is set for February 2nd. Muzzin also spoke about his humbling experience volunteering at Bountiful Harvest over the holidays. He recommended volunteering time, food or clothing to this organization.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE DRUG FORFEITURE FUND

Three bids were obtained for audio/visual equipment for the police training/conference room. The lowest bid received was \$5,395 for the purchase of a projector, medium throw lens, and a receiver. Chief Wightman spoke about the age of the current equipment not supporting today's higher definition signal. Tuition and travel expenses of Officers are being saved by having the training room, which is used almost daily. Deputy Chief Bradford said he will install the projector, which saves installation costs.

The City of Brighton Police Department was awarded free use of a used armored rescue vehicle, to be used by the Special Response Team. The total cost to the City was \$4,990 for shipping transportation fees.

The council and staff discussed the costs. The requested amendments are for allowable expenditures and the fund balance is sufficient to cover these costs.

It was moved by Councilmember Gardner and seconded by Emaus to approve a budget amendment to allow the purchase of audio/visual equipment for the police training/conference room in the amount of \$5,395, and to cover the shipping cost of the armored rescue vehicle in the amount of \$4,900.

Motion passed 7-0.

TETRA TECH PROPOSAL FOR SERVICES

Tetra Tech proposed a cost of \$45,000 for engineering services for the Pine Creek Bluffs water booster station. Manager Geinzer spoke about how it being a budgeted 2016/17 CIP project, and the construction portion will be sent out for bid. Utilities Director Krugh talked about the necessity of this station in order to increase water pressure to 38 homes and vacant lots.

There was discussion on the costs involved. Finance Director Gomolka mentioned the commodity rates differ for Pine Creek, and she is looking into ways for some cost recovery for the project.

It was moved by Councilmember Bohn and seconded by Tobbe to approve Tetra Tech's proposal for services in the amount of \$45,000 for the Pine Creek Bluffs water booster station.

Motion passed 7-0.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 8:09 p.m. Hearing and seeing none the Call to the Public was closed at 8:09 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Tobbe to go into Closed Session at 8:11 p.m. to consider the purchase or lease of real property pursuant to MCL 15.268(D).

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

Motion passed: 7-0

It was moved by Emaus, seconded by Pipoly to come out of closed session at 8:31p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Emaus, seconded by Pipoly to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Motion passed 7-0

Kelly Haataja, Deputy City Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor