

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON RETREAT
HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2017 AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL
200 N. FIRST ST. BRIGHTON, MI 48116

RETREAT

Mayor Muzzin called the meeting to order at 8:31a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance .

Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers Bohn, Pettengill, Tobbe, Gardner, Emaus, and staff: City Manager Nate Geinzer, Organizational Relations Manager Michelle Miller, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, Management Assistant Jessica Lienhardt, Utilities Director Tim Krugh, DPW Director Marcel Goch, Chief Rob Bradford, Clerk Pamela Stewart, Attorney Burns, Community Development Associate Brandon Skopek, Zoning and Code Enforcement Associate Mike Caruso, and an audience of two.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 8:32 a.m.

Jordan Genso, 1628 Lake Circle, supported the Headlee Override proposal and suggested that the city offer more community-based activities to make the City a more desirable location.

Hearing and seeing no additional comment the Call to the Public was closed at 8:34 a.m.

MORNING SESSION

Manager Geinzer recapped the meeting from Saturday. Management Assistant Lienhardt spoke about how other communities are designing ballot proposals and lobbyist.

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe and seconded by Pipoly to take a recess for ten minutes at 9:35 a.m.

Motion passed 7-0

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe and seconded by Emaus to reconvene the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Motion passed 7-0

Management Assistant Lienhardt returned the conversation to the communication associated with a potential Headlee Override such as a tag line, logo, and positioning. The Council discussed some key terms to be used and timeline.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly moved and Emaus supported a motion to direct staff to prepare ballot language for a full Headlee Override vote, protecting the revenues for capital improvements to the fullest extent possible. It is further moved that City Staff will refine a communication plan, both to be considered at the second meeting in January 2018.

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Roll call vote was held. (Yes) Muzzin, Pipoly, Emaus, Pettengill, Gardner (No) Bohn, Tobbe (Absent/Abstain)
None

Motion passed 5-2-0

The conversation turned to medical marijuana. Councilmember Emaus mentioned the revenue sharing dollars associated with allowing a research and development of the industry.

The Council discussed regulatory issues. Staff spoke about the process of review for legal, ordinances, and zoning. The Council asked Staff to bring more information back to a Study Session.

Community Development Associate Skopek discussed paid parking and mentioned that it has a significant upfront cost. Individual meters, enforcement, and cost of installation were discussed.

Councilmember Pettengill brought up the restrooms in the Downtown. Mobile bathrooms, renovating the City Hall bathroom to allow public use, and the expense of building new restroom facilities were discussed.

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus and seconded by Tobbe to adjourn for lunch at 11:32 a.m. and reconvene at 12:15 p.m.

Motion passed 7-0

It was moved by Councilmember Pettengill seconded by Tobbe to reconvene at 12:22 p.m.

Motion passed 7-0

AFTERNOON SESSION

Mayor Muzzin revisited the Headlee Override motion and encouraged Councilmember Bohn and Tobbe to discuss their views. The Council discussed core expenses, financial needs, future shortfalls, and problems with the business model. Charging for Civic Events was mentioned as a source of revenue.

Council discussed the current Rules and Procedures of the City Council and potentially expanding it. The Council requested a Study Session concerning some local environmental issues and requested potentially recording Study Sessions.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 1:38 p.m. Hearing and seeing none the Call to the Public was closed at 1:38 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly seconded by Tobbe, to adjourn the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

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Motion passed 7-0.

Pamela Stewart, City Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor