

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL STUDY SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON MARCH 29, 2017 AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL
200 N. 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN

STUDY SESSION

The Council conducted a Study Session at 6:30 p.m.

Present were, Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers: Bohn, Pettengill, Gardner, and Emaus. Staff: City Manager Nate Geinzer, Attorney Paul Burns, Chief Rob Bradford, Utilities Director Tim Krugh, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, Assistant DPW Director Patty Thomas, Clerk Pamela Stewart, Management Assistant Jessica Reed, DPW Director Marcel Goch, Community Development Associate Brandon Skopek, and an audience of two.

It was moved by Councilmember Pipoly and seconded by Gardner to excuse Councilmember Tobbe for personal reasons.

Motion passed 6-0-1

Tom Tolen from WHMI from the media was also present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus and seconded by Pettengill to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion passed 6-0-1

CALL TO PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the call to the public at 6:30 p.m. hearing and seeing none the Call to the Public was closed at 6:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND OTHER CAPITAL DEFICIENCIES

Manager Geinzer discussed some of the City's facility needs. City Hall currently needs furniture, carpet, roof repair or replacement, windows repair, and a replacement of AV. He mentioned the need of the replacement of the DPW building roof, and other repairs to the COBACH and Community Center. He mentioned that waiting to do the repairs would cost more and could affect the Staff's ability to provide services.

He then did a presentation provided by Tetra Tech on the current state of the roads in the City of Brighton. The average road condition throughout the City was a 52, which is considered poor. The pavement assessment is based on a scale of 0 (Failed) – 100 (New). He discussed the potential cost to improve the condition to satisfactory and how the City could budget to attain this increase.

The council talked about saving the roads versus replacing roads, and what level to maintain them. Manager Geinzer asked what image the City wanted to present.

DPW Director Goch stated that with training, Staff could do the assessment in the future. They talked about changing the road width in certain areas to save funds and discussed potential revenue sources.

The general discussion moved to the image of the City and what a *want* was versus a *need*. Protecting the health and safety of users was a priority.

CALL TO PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 8:08 p.m.

Tom Larock, 1057 Steph Lane asked if the City would consider taking over a private road. The Council responded that it was a complex issue that would take more discussion.

Hearing and seeing no additional comment, the Mayor closed the Call to the Public at 8:21 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus and seconded by Pettengill to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Motion passed 6-0-1.

Pamela Stewart, Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor