

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL STUDY SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON APRIL 12, 2017 AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL
200 NORTH FIRST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN

STUDY SESSION

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

Present were Mayor Muzzin, Councilmembers: Bohn, Pettengill, Tobbe, Emaus and Gardner. Staff: City Manager Nate Geinzer, Attorney Paul Burns, Public Works Director Marcel Goch, Police Chief Rob Bradford, Utilities Director Tim Krugh, Community Development Associate Brandon Skopek, Assistant DPW Director Patty Thomas, Management Assistant Jessica Reed, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, Deputy City Clerk Kelly Haataja, and Organizational Relations Manager Michelle Miller. A representative from WHMI was present. There was no audience.

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Tobbe to excuse Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly for personal reasons.

Motion passed 6-0-1

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin made a call to the public at 6:31 p.m., hearing and seeing none the call to the public was closed.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED 2017/18 BUDGET

Manager Geinzer opened discussion for major and local street funds. DPW Director Goch spoke about year round street and sidewalk maintenance. Finance Director Gomolka explained the major and local streets and street debt budget summaries. She noted that in this budget, sidewalk maintenance is put in both major and local streets since there is work done in both. She explained the special assessments revenue and debt service. Staff spoke about Act 51.

Manager Geinzer recommended keeping engineering services in the streets budget to begin the process of finding design alternatives for the northwest neighborhoods and find ways to decrease expense. Having the engineering in place ahead of time is ideal for when the City has the revenue to fix them. There was Council and Staff discussion on the poor road conditions and the needs for investment. Staff will continue to explore options for funding.

The conversation moved to Capital Improvements Budget, which includes IT improvements, roof and windows at City Hall, AV System, and DPW vehicles and equipment.

Finance Director Gomolka spoke about the remaining law enforcement and public safety equipment millage rate which can be used for patrol vehicles, body armor, law-enforcement technology, and weapons. She then summarized the estimated L DFA (Local Development Financing Authority) and DDA

budgets, and noted it is preliminary. Staff mentioned the DDA is working on narrowing down and prioritizing projects which will help to develop better projections.

Councilmember Pettengill spoke about the Imagination Station Maintenance Reserve fund, which is used for the long-term maintenance of the playground.

Management Assistant Reed talked about current and future grants for the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission. She also spoke about the Principal Shopping District board activities being funded by a special assessment levied on PSD business owners. The special assessment is in its final year.

Manager Geinzer suggested cancelling the Special Study Session scheduled April 18, 2017. Further discussion could be done at the next regularly scheduled Study Session.

It was moved by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Emaus to cancel the Special Study Session of the City Council, scheduled April 18, 2017.

Motion passed 6-0-1

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin made a call to the public at 9:07 p.m., hearing and seeing none the call to the public was closed.

AJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Tobbe to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Motion passed 6-0-1

Kelly Haataja, Deputy City Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor