



# Brighton City Council Minutes

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON FEBRUARY 1, 2018

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Muzzin called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

### 2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

### 3. Roll Call

Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, and Councilmembers Emaus, Gardner, and Pettengill. Absent were Councilmembers Bohn and Tobbe. Staff: City Manager Nate Geinzer, Attorney Brad Maynes, Assistant to the DPW Director/Deputy City Clerk Patty Thomas, Assistant to the City Manager Jessica Lienhardt, Senior Community Development Associate Mike Caruso, Police Chief Rob Bradford, Utilities Director Tim Krugh, Community Development/DDA Coordinator Brandon Skopek, and Organizational Relations Manager Michelle Miller. There were 38 individuals in the audience.

Susan Bromley from the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus and Tom Tolen from WHMI were present.

**Motion** by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Councilmember Emaus, to excuse Councilmembers Bohn and Tobbe from tonight's meeting for personal reasons. **The motion carried unanimously.**

### 4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Emaus, to approve the Agenda as presented. **The motion carried unanimously.**

### CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion** by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **The motion carried unanimously with a roll-call vote.**

The following items were approved:

5. Approval of Minutes: Study Session of January 18, 2018
6. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of January 18, 2018
7. Appointment of Sue Ellen Ikens to the Board of Review
8. Approval of the Resolution recognizing S&S Athletic Boosters (Supporting Charyl Stockwell Academy) as a non-profit organization in the community for the purpose of obtaining a Charitable Gaming License

9. Approval of the Purchase of a 2018 GMC Sierra 2500HD, 4 WD Pick Up Truck with Snow Plow Equipment for the Utilities Division at a cost of \$35,240

### **Correspondence**

#### **10. Call to the Public**

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:34 p.m.

Ms. Ellen Lafferty, who lives on Whispering Oaks Drive, stated she is very proud to be the co-chair of the new Livingston County Chapter of the League of Women Voters. They are under the umbrella of the Ann Arbor Chapter. They will be hosting an open house on February 21, 2018 at the Howell Carnegie Library from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. They are a non-partisan group and their goal is to inform the public of officials and proposals that will be on the ballot in upcoming elections. She provided the City with a press release and flyer.

Mr. Connor Prah of Boy Scout Troop 350 stated they are there to learn about the local government.

The Call to the Public was closed at 7:36 pm.

#### **11. Swearing In of Police Officer John D'Amico**

Chief Bradford introduced John D'Amico. He stated they had 10 candidates for the position. Mr. D'Amico has not had any experience as a police officer; however, he stood out so much they chose him to hire.

Mr. D'Amico gave a brief review of his education. He is happy to be a member of the Brighton Police Department.

Ms. Thomas swore in Officer D'Amico.

#### **12. Staff Updates**

Mr. Caruso provided an update regarding the vacating of property on St. Paul. It is nearly completed and will be before the Council in the coming months.

Chief Bradford stated they had a large budget for Shop with a Cop this year due to donations and fundraisers. They will be using the extra money to purchase shoes for children in need. He has completed the yearly police department statistics and will be provided it to City Council shortly. Officer Parks held a presentation for parents at Brighton High School regarding social media. Approximately 150 parents attended.

Mr. Krugh stated staff spent 2 ½ days compiling and entering data in the Lucity Asset Management software. They will now begin organizing the data and anticipate it to be operational by October.

Mr. Skopek stated the Planning Commission will be holding a special meeting on February 26, 2018 at 6:00 to discuss the updates to the Comprehensive Master Plan.

Ms. Lienhardt stated the second day of informational meetings regarding the Principal Shopping District proposed special assessment will be held on February 8, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at City Hall.

Mr. Geinzer stated that he and Ms. Lienhardt had been attending the annual Michigan Municipal Executives Winter Institute. Ms. Lienhardt was part of the planning committee for this conference. Two of the topics discussed were organizational leadership and culture. City Staff has been discussing these items; however, no consistent programs had been implemented to date, but will be a priority.

### **13. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to various Boards and Commissions**

Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly had nothing to report.

Councilmember Pettengill thanked Chief Bradford and Deputy Chief Flood. They hosted an informational meet and greet for several merchants to answer questions regarding downtown cameras, parking, etc. She had received great feedback from the event.

Councilmember Gardner had nothing to report.

Councilmember Emaus had nothing to report.

Mayor Muzzin had nothing to report.

### **New Business**

14. First Reading and Setting of a Public Hearing for March 1, 2018 for Ordinance Number 581:  
Amendment to the City's Zoning Map Described in Section 98-3.24 of the City's Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Skopek stated that a preliminary PUD application had been submitted for 293-303 N. Second St. The applicant was proposing a multi-story dwelling with 15 residential units. The property is located between N. Second and Cedar Streets. The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on January 29, 2018 regarding the rezoning of this property from R-1 to PUD. They also reviewed the site plan. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning and the site plan. The DDA also recommended approval of the rezoning.

Mr. Skopek recommended setting the public hearing for March 1, 2018.

Councilmember Pettengill asked how close the building would be to the property line. Mr. Skopek stated the building would be 1 ½ feet from the sidewalk.

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill, to set a public hearing date of March 1, 2018 to field public comments regarding the proposed amendment to the City's Zoning Map described in section 98-3.24 of the City's Zoning Ordinance. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**15. Consider Approval of Site Plan #18-01 – 205 W. Main Street – Roadies Restaurant**

Mr. Caruso provided a review of the proposed project. There would be alterations to the inside and outside of the building. The DDA architect and the Planning Commission recommend approval including the deviation from the downtown design standards.

Mr. Nick Zander, the business owner, was present. He provided a review of his proposed restaurant. Mayor Muzzin questioned if the basement would be used as part of the restaurant. Mr. Nick Zander stated they could not use the basement due to only one ingress and egress.

Councilmember Pettengill asked if there would be outside seating. Mr. Zander stated there may be some in the front inside the door on their property; however, they do have area in the back and may open that up to outside seating in the future.

**Motion** by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, to approve site plan #18-01 for Roadies Restaurant pursuant to the Planning Commission's recommendation. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**16. Final Approval of Ballot Language and Public Education Outline for a Proposed Headlee Override Millage for the Purpose of Reconstructing and Maintaining Streets and Related Infrastructure to be Scheduled for the August 2018 Election**

Mr. Geinzer stated that staff has amended the ballot language and public education materials to include the recommendations from the last City Council Meeting.

Mr. Muzzin stated that the proposed language had been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney. He read a statement of support provided by Councilmember Bohn.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly questioned if there was a total dollar amount needed to fix all of the roads. Mr. Geinzer stated that the evaluation that was done is only a pavement assessment, and does not include curb and gutter, sidewalks, etc. The estimated cost is between \$15 and \$20 million. In order to make the progress that City Council discussed, there would be approximately \$2 million per year needed. Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly believed that the total dollar amount should be included in the educational materials to help to reaffirm the decision that City Council has made to move this proposal forward.

**Motion** by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, second by Councilmember Gardner, to approve ballot language and related public education outline for a full Headlee override millage for the purpose of reconstructing and maintaining streets and related infrastructure and direct staff and the City Attorney to submit for the August 7, 2018 election and proceed with public education initiatives. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**Other Business**

17. Call to the Public

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 8:01 p.m.

Ian Cox from Troop 350, who lives in Hamburg, asked where the City would be getting the money for the road improvements. Would it be from City taxes or money from other communities? Mayor Muzzin explained that it would be a tax increase for all property owners in the City, estimated at \$1.85 million per year. He explained the increase is to repair the roads to increase its rating from 46 to approximately 76.

Basil Nowling from Troop 350 asked how the sidewalks are fixed. Mr. Geinzer explained the process of repairing or replacing sidewalk slabs.

The Call to the Public was closed at 8:05 pm.

18. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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Patty Thomas, Deputy Clerk

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James Muzzin, Mayor