

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

Mayor Muzzin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Second and third grade students from Hilton Elementary led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called. Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers Bohn, Pettengill, Gardner, Tobbe and Emaus. Also present were City Manager Nate Geinzer, Attorney Paul Burns, Police Chief Rob Bradford, DPW Director Marcel Goch, Utilities Director Tim Krugh, Assistant DPW Director Patty Thomas, Community Development Associate Brandon Skopek, Deputy City Clerk Kelly Haataja, Technology Director Mike Pitera, and an audience of sixty-eight. WHMI's Tom Tolen was present from the media.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Pipoly to approve the agenda as amended.

Correction on Consent Agenda Item 8 Transfer of Liquor License from VG's Family Fare, LLC to Busch's Inc., Deleted Item 16 Approval of Invitation to Bid Solicitation for Purchase of Real Property (Challis Rd.) from New Business.

Motion passed 7-0

**CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Emaus to approve the Consent Agenda.

The following items were approved:

Study Session Minutes of May 18, 2017

Regular Session Minutes of May 18, 2017

Closed Sessions Minutes of May 18, 2017

Approval of Resolution 17-15 for the Transfer of Liquor License from VG's Family Fare LLC, to Busch's Inc., dba Busch's located at 9870 E. Grand River Ave., Brighton, MI 48116

Approval of Resolution 17-16 Approving the Sale of Alcoholic Liquor

Approval of Appointment of Mary Ellen Des Gravise to the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission

A roll call vote was taken

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Yes: Gardner, Pettengill, Pipoly, Emaus, Bohn, Muzzin, Tobbe  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion passed 7-0

### **BRIGHTON HISTORICAL TIME-LINE PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Beane introduced Mrs. Barclay and the second and third graders from Hilton Elementary. In March the students collaboratively researched and pieced together history facts of Brighton and created posters and collages to present a time-line in honor of the Brighton Sesquicentennial. Each of the students recited a piece of history and revealed their posters. Various store fronts and events will showcase their artwork throughout the summer. Council thanked the students for the presentation.

### **EAGLE SCOUT AWARD**

Mayor Muzzin presented an Eagle Scout Proclamation to Gavin Rye. Mr. Rye explained he worked with Stiggy's Dogs, a local non-profit group, to make training equipment for service dogs homed to veterans. He also made elevated dog bowls and treat dispensers.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Muzzin opened the call to the public at 7:48 p.m., hearing and seeing none the Call to the Public was closed.

### **CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION AND BOARD UPDATES**

Chief Bradford announced Officer Jim Meldrum was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and will be receiving his Sergeant stripes on Friday, June 2 at 9:30 am at the Police Department. Chief mentioned there will be an increase in foot patrol this summer, particularly Thursday-Saturday, downtown.

DPW Director Goch updated Council on the Grand River Ave. project. Milling and base asphalt work is nearly finished. The final coat of asphalt will start June 7, and should be near completion June 10, weather permitting. Road markings will begin the week after. Painting in the parking areas of downtown and the crosswalks outside of town continues. The roof at the DPW building has been installed.

Utilities Director Krugh reported fire hydrant painting will be finished soon.

Community Development Associate Skopek reminded that June 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers is the kickoff for the first Master Plan meeting with City Council, Planning Commission, and the DDA. The Story of Us performance on June 8 located in Hyne Alley, will feature metal forging by visual artist and modern day blacksmith Jim Roth. On June 15 at 7:00 p.m., the Story of Us performance will be held in the downtown sculpture garden and will feature an in depth talk of the Modigliani art piece by a representative of the Detroit

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Institute of Arts. The Brighton Arts and Culture Commission is seeking submissions for the Story of Us photography exhibit. Information can be found on the City's website, and the deadline for submittal is June 23.

Manager Geinzer said the City is still receiving sealed bids for the vacant residential property located at 1517 Whispering Oaks. Bids are due to City Hall by 10:00 a.m. on June 6.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly gave Brighton 150<sup>th</sup> committee updates. T-shirts are available for purchase, and pre-orders are being accepted for Brightonopoly. Ms. Reed can be contacted for more information. Pipoly thanked Ms. Reed, Ms. Thomas, and Councilmembers Pettengill and Gardner for their tireless work.

Councilmember Bohn suggested having a discussion about meeting minutes at the next City Council Retreat.

Councilmember Pettengill mentioned two events scheduled for June 10. At 10:00 a.m., there will be an unveiling of a new element at the Imagination Station provided by State Bank, and from 8-11 a.m. the Brighton Optimist Club will host their annual fishing derby at the Millpond.

Mayor Muzzin was pleased with the tridge and wanted to acknowledge the DPW for their work.

Councilmember Gardner suggested future conversation to discuss changing the day of City Council meetings, as many of the City's events are on Thursdays.

### **JOINT DATA CENTER AND IT UPGRADES**

Manager Geinzer spoke about the contract with the City of Howell for IT Services. He remarked that Staff is pleased with the services provided, including Mike Pitera being available at City Hall on Tuesdays, and wishes to continue the relationship. Both communities are implementing new asset management software, which includes updating the shared data center. Funds from the SAW grant cover the software, but excludes IT hardware such as servers. It was noted the funds for the project are budgeted in the 17/18 CIP, and the Utilities Fund will cover a portion of the cost.

Manager Geinzer introduced Shea Charles, City Manager of Howell. He spoke about the current data center and gave a cost analysis of the project, and noted the cost savings due to partnership between the communities. Mike Pitera spoke about the new software and the current system's needs.

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Gardner to approve the City of Brighton's portion of joint data center and related IT upgrades with the City of Howell in the amount up to \$54,000.

Motion passed 7-0

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 8:22 p.m., hearing and seeing none the Call to the Public was closed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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It was moved by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Emaus to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Motion passed 7-0

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Kelly Haataja, Deputy City Clerk

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James Muzzin, Mayor