

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 21, 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: Emaus, Bohn, Pettengill, Tobbe and Gardner. Staff: City Manager Nate Geinzer, Attorney Paul Burns, Chief Rob Bradford, Organizational Relations Manager Michelle Miller, DPS Administrative Assistant Patty Thomas, Community Development Associate Brandon Skopek, Management Assistant Jessica Lienhardt, Communications & Community Engagement Associate Lydia Macklin-Camel, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, Clerk Pamela Stewart, Utilities Director Tim Krugh and an audience of seven.

DPW Director Marcel Goch called into the meeting.

Mayor Muzzin deleted item 5. from the agenda.

CALL TO PUBLIC

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

LONG-TERM FISCAL REALITIES & STRATEGY IDEAS

Manager Geinzer summarized past discussions on “fiscal realities.” Management Assistant Lienhardt discussed that Proposal A, the Headlee Amendment, which eliminated millage roll ups and capped taxable property value which lowered the City’s ability to collect revenue following the recession. Finance Director Gomolka spoke about unfunded liabilities and changes to reporting index GASB 75.

DPW needs investment to meet State and Federal mandates significant depreciation of assets. Some examples are: reflective signs, stormwater cleaning, barricades, ROW maintenance, sidewalks, roads, tree trimming and more. Manager Geinzer reviewed different scenarios for road investment.

New revenue options discussed included: fees, debt millage/bond, PA 33 (Public Safety Assessment), and a Headlee Override. Research affecting voter-approved millage was presented.

Manager Geinzer mentioned that discussion would continue at future study sessions and at the Fall retreat.

CALL TO PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the call to the public at 7:28 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to the Public at 7:28 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus and seconded by Bohn to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Motion passed 7-0

Pamela Stewart, Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor