

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON JULY 20, 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. Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers Bohn, Emaus, and Gardner. Staff: City Manager Nate Geinzer, Attorney Brad Maynes, Attorney Paul Burns, Police Chief Rob Bradford, DPW Director Marcel Goch, Clerk Pamela Stewart, Community Development Clerk Wendy Ayala, Zoning and Code Enforcement Associate Mike Caruso, and an audience of two.

Tom Tolen from WHMI also attended.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly and seconded by Gardner to excuse Councilmember Pettengill and Tobbe for personal reasons.

Motion passed 5-0-2

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Gardner suggested moving item 14. Approval of the site plan extension #17-012 Holiday Inn Express to consent.

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus seconded by Pipoly to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed 5-0-2.

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 July 6, 2017

Regular Session Minutes of July 6, 2017

Approved Civic Event Application for Poses, Pedals, and Pints.

Approved purchase of two police vehicles not to exceed \$84,000

Approved 2017/18 engineering retainer services in the amount of \$14,400

Appointed Jenny Fredenburg to the Election Commission to fulfill the current term until December 31, 2017.

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Reappointed Claudia Roblee, Mark Binkley, Pam McConeghy, and Robert Herbst to the Brighton Downtown Development Authority until August 1, 2021.

Approved site plan extension #17-012 Holiday Inn Express

Motion passed 5-0-2

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

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

April Wincott, 331 Cobblestone Ct., expressed her concerns about the traffic flow, safety, clientele and number of employees at the new assisted living facility located at 1320 Rickett Road. She also mentioned that she felt there would also be an adverse effect on the environment.

Manager Geinzer mentioned that the pond on the site was a stormwater detention pond and the site is zoned for commercial use.

Councilmember Bohn spoke about the need for assisted living in the area and that the project came before the Planning Commission twice.

The Call to the Public closed at 7:45 p.m.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION AND BOARD UPDATES

Chief Bradford mentioned that there was a Coffee with a Cop at Tim Hortons that was attended by 30 citizens; they have signed a 3-year contract with the Brighton Schools for a Resource Officer. He also mentioned that they had increased patrols of the downtown area and had four pending liquor licenses. He mentioned for citizens not to park over the sidewalk area in driveways.

Zoning and Code Enforcement Associate Caruso mentioned that the assisted living facility had started construction without necessary permits and he had informed them that what was needed to start work.

DPW Director Goch mentioned that additional street stripping was commencing and had sand on the road on Grand River which would dissipate during the next rain. The DPW is doing some upgrades on the Cemetery with watering and doing a permanent set up for burials. Crosswalk work will be next week.

Manager Geinzer talked about the Taste of Brighton and thanked the crews for their hard work.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly the PSD met and they discussed Christmas lights and their plans to come to the Council to renew their assessment. He also mentioned that the PSD had received a resignation request.

Councilmember Bohn mentioned that the Planning Commission met and discussed the Holiday Inn site plan and reviewed Giffels Webster presentation of their final proposed ordinance update. The PC also voted on the Millpond Band Shell site plan and decided to table the plan. He believed that the plan needed to be reviewed. He mentioned how nice the sidewalk looked by the Millpond and thought the LED lights were a great improvement.

Both Mayor Muzzin and Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly discussed the Millpond plans and agreed that there needed to be more review and input.

Councilmember Gardner met with the Brighton 150th and talked about the sales of Brightonology and t-shirts for the event. Brightonology is available at City Hall, the Brighton Chamber, and 510 W Grand River Ave. She also mentioned that there will be a Brighton 150th block party on August 13, 2017 and there will be a Mayor's breakfast.

Councilmember Emaus spoke about the Livingston County Transportation Coalition. The Coalition has been approved for a \$150, 000 grant to do a transportation study on Livingston County. More meetings which focus on different areas of concern will be held. The next one will be held on August 8 and be focused on health care transportation for both patients and employees. In subsequent months there will be additional meetings covering education and business transportation in the county. The Veterans Memorial Committee met and is having the memorial area re-caulked. Emaus wanted to mention that citizens should not allow dogs to leave their waste on the memorial bricks.

DPW LEAF VACUUM

DPW Director Goch talked about the bidding process for a new leaf vacuum. They had attained a state bid price, which had an addition discount to make the total cost \$46,779. He mentioned that there were no renting or leasing options. It is a pull-behind unit and the amount is budgeted.

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus and seconded by Pipoly to approve the purchase a leaf vacuum from Bell Equipment Company for \$46,779.

Motion passed 5-0-2

BID FOR SALE OF 1517 WHISPERING OAKS DRIVE

Manager Geinzer discussed how the City had attained 1517 Whispering Oaks Drive in a foreclosure sale and demolished the house on the property. The property had been put up to bid and received two qualifying bids. The high bid of \$28,560 came from William McCririe. The maximum that the City could benefit from the sale \$32, 097 and this amount was close.

Councilmember Gardner was curious as to what Mr. McCririe planned for the property. He stated he wanted to build a three-bedroom, two-bath, Cape Cod home as soon as possible.

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus and supported by Gardner to accept the bid for the city-owned property at 1517 Whispering Oaks Drive of \$28,560 from William McCririe.

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Roll Call: Yes: Bohn, Gardner, Muzzin, Pipoly, Emaus No: none Absent: Pettengill, Tobbe

Motion passed 5-0-2

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 8:35 p.m. Hearing and seeing none the Mayor closed the Call to the Public at 8:35p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:35p.m. it was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly and seconded by Emaus to go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation pursuant to MCL 15.268(e).

Roll Call vote: Yes: Muzzin, Pipoly, Gardner, Bohn, Emaus. No: none absent: Pettengill, Tobbe

Motion passed 5-0-2

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus and seconded by Pettengill to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Motion passed 5-0-2

Pamela Stewart, City Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor