

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON DECEMBER 5, 2013 AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL
200 N. 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN

BLUE SKY SESSION

The Council conducted an early Blue Sky Session at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers Bohn, Bandkau, Tobbe, Willis and Cooper. The Council reviewed agenda items.

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Muzzin called the regular meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called. Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers Bandkau, Willis, Tobbe, Cooper and Bohn. Also in attendance were Attorney Paul Burns, Staff members Dana Foster, Amy Cyphert, Patty Thomas, Jennifer Burke and Tom Wightman and an audience of 3. Press and Media included Tom Tolen from WHMI.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Council Bohn, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly to approve the agenda as amended. Move item #12, Biennial City Service Survey and item #13, Recent Communications to MDOT to the Consent Agenda. Delete items #17, Closed Session and item #18, Closed Session Action. Motion passed 7-0.

EAGLE SCOUT PROCLAMATION

Mayor Muzzin read an Eagle Scout Proclamation to Thomas Hill.

Thomas Hill's Eagle Scout project was Horses Haven in Howell to care for abused and neglected animals, which included seeding, benches, picnic tables, landscaping, edging and plants.

MINUTE APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Tobbe to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of November 21, 2013 as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

None.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:38 p.m.

Hearing no comments, the Call to the Public was closed at 7:38 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Tobbe to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

The following item was approved:

1. Received a report regarding the planned Budget-Accounting structure for the new voter-approved Law Enforcement and Public Safety equipment & technology Millage
2. Received a report on the Biennial City Services Survey Process
3. Receive report from City Manager regarding recent communications from MDOT

Motion passed 7-0.

MORATORIUM ON SMOKING RELATED STORES, BARS AND LOUNGES PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Muzzin opened up the Public Hearing for the second reading of an ordinance establishing a moratorium on new smoking lounges, smoking bars, and smoking related retail stores until language addressing these uses can be added to the zoning ordinance. Hearing no comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

Planning and Zoning Director, Amy Cyphert stated it needs to be determined where the smoking related establishments would be best suited and to look at the approval process. The Planning Commission is looking at adding language to the ordinance and where they should be designated in a zoning district.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Tobbe to approve Ordinance 565, Chapter 22. Businesses Article XII. Smoking Lounges, "Hookah Bars" and Smoking Related Stores, Sec. 22-342. Moratorium. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Willis, Bohn, Pipoly, Muzzin, Bandkau, Cooper, Tobbe. Motion passed 7-0.

BRIGHTON-BASED DISTRICT COURT

City Manager, Dana Foster gave an overview on the operations of the Brighton-based Livingston County Court, which will be reduced on December 18th.

City Attorney, Paul Burns stated that based on population, the District Judge has an office in Brighton. He received notice a few weeks ago that the clerical staff would be leaving the Brighton location. He discussed staffing issues with Police and overtime with officers being out of town.

Debra Kubitskey, Court Administrator stated they would merge the courts to improve efficiency, they are not closing the Brighton District Court, Judge Brennan will be handling civic/circuit court dockets, there has been a decline in the use of the building and caseloads, a Magistrate will be sent to Brighton for traffic related informal hearings and they will reevaluate the situation.

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CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

City Manager, Dana Foster, presented the Goals Progress Dashboard and gave an update.

Mayor Muzzin announced the Goal Setting Retreat at the Community Center on Saturday and the Police Department on Sunday.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin gave a Call to the Public at 8:44 p.m. Hearing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Pipoly to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Jennifer Burke, Deputy City Clerk

Jim Muzzin, Mayor