



Brighton City Council Minutes

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON APRIL 5, 2018

1. Call to Order

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

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

3. Roll Call

Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers: Bohn, Emaus, Gardner, Pettengill, and Tobbe. Staff: City Manager Nate Geinzer, Attorney Paul Burns, City Clerk Tara Brown, DPW Director Marcel Goch, Police Chief Rob Bradford, Utilities Director Tim Krugh, Assistant to the City Manager/DDA Coordinator Brandon Skopek, Senior Community Development Associate Mike Caruso, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, Human Resources Director Michelle Miller. There were 22 persons in the audience.

4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe, to approve the Agenda as presented. **The motion carried unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

The following items were approved:

5. Approval of Minutes: Study Session of March 15, 2018
6. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of March 15, 2018
7. Approval of 2018 Civic Event Applications
8. Approval of Tetra Tech Proposal for Water Main Relocation Construction Inspection Services in the Amount of \$17,800
9. Acceptance of Quarterly Financial Report

Correspondence

10. Eagle Scout Award and Presentations for Jonas Cook and Raymond York

Mayor Muzzin presented proclamations to Jonas Cook and Raymond York and thanked them for their outstanding accomplishments and contributions. Both Eagle Scout recipients gave a brief description of their project.

11. Call to the Public

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:37 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus asked Councilmembers to remember that they are allowed compensation for one meeting per day. She noted that Councilmember Emaus attended nine meetings last year and one of which is not open to the public. She questioned how public could attend the meeting.

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Ken Stahl wished to relay that Brighton High School will host a comedy night with special guest comedian Mike Green on Saturday, April 7, 2018. This is an adult only event.

The Call to the Public was closed at 7:46 p.m.

12. Staff Updates

Utilities Director Tim Krugh stated that Hydrant Flushing will be conducted April 16 through April 20 between 6:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. If you experience discolored water during the stated time, please run your cold water for about 10 minutes and refrain from washing light colors.

Chief Bradford stated that the Youth Leadership Academy registration is open. Brighton 7th and 8th grade students who wish to attend this free program are encouraged to apply at the Brighton Police Department by May 1, 2018. Also National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, April 28th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Senior Community Development Associate Mike Caruso stated the Zoning Board of Appeals will meet Thursday, April 12, 2018.

DPW Director Marcel Goch cautioned that Consumers Energy will be in the area on April 11th and 12th to replace a gas line, there should be no disturbance or interruption in service to residents or businesses but could close down streets intermittently while work is conducted.

City Manager Nate Geinzer thanked the students of Ms. Constantine and Ms. Beane's classes for the beautiful thank-you posters.

13. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to various Boards and Commissions

Mayor Pro-tem noted that the Green Oak Township Board is amending its medical marijuana ordinance. He asked if this is something that Council should look at soon as the laws are evolving. City Attorney Burns agreed.

Councilmember Bohn noted the Planning Commission had met on March 19th and that plans are underway to refurbish the exterior of the building that houses Hungry Howie's.

Councilmember Tobbe met with the Principle Shopping District which had a close look at budget.

Councilmember Gardner asked about the details of the drug take back day. Chief Bradford clarified that liquids can be deposited, but must be wrapped in plastic. All drugs are taken to the DEA and destroyed by incinerator. The event is to highlight drug take back, although the Big Red Box outside of the Police Department can accept deposits anytime.

Councilmember Pettengill wanted to remind everyone that the spring kick off for the Imagination Station will be May 12th at 9:00 a.m. Pettengill received an email from a resident who wanted to give recognition to the front desk staff at City Hall. The email stated that the ladies up front are always welcoming and a pleasure to work with.

Councilmember Emaus met with the Brighton Veteran Memorial Committee on March 21. The Committee is getting ready for summer programs, although programs will be adjusted due to the band shell rebuild. The Committee will keep a close eye on the memorial during construction. Events will continue at alternate locations

during construction. Emaus noted that the Committee does have a vacancy and that any interested parties should contact the Committee via Facebook or online, the only prerequisite is that the applicant is a veteran.

Mayor Muzzin stated that the DDA met on March 20. He noted that the company awarded constructed of the band shell is Contracting Resources, Jim Barnus, who constructed the Veterans Memorial. The Second Street Flats contracted was signed with PowerPlay.

New Business

14. Consider Approval of Site Plan #18-04 – 8550 Murphy Drive – TownePlace Suites

Senior Community Development Associate Mike Caruso gave a brief overview of the plans and recommended that the project be approved with a 50 foot maximum building height.

Andy Andre, Stellar Development LLC, presented Council with a brief history, plan, and scope of the project. The project is smaller than usual for this company, estimated cost is \$5-\$6 million. Mr. Andre noted that the intended color is a neutral palate and the conference room at the hotel will be an amenity for guests.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe, to approve Site Plan #18-04 – 8550 Murphy Drive – TownePlace Suites with a 50 foot maximum building height. **The motion carried unanimously.**

15. Presentation of City Manager’s Recommended Budget

City Manager Nate Geinzer presented a power point presentation for the proposed budget for fiscal year 2018-2019, noting budget work session dates and a proposed public hearing date. Geinzer outlined three primary fiscal pressures: Streets and Related Infrastructure, Other Underfunded Capital, and OPEB.

Utilities Director Tim Krugh introduced three new superintendents as part of his succession plan; Todd Bennett, Corey Brooks, and Daren Collins.

16. Consider Approval of the Annual City Council Budget Work Session Dates

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to approve the Annual City Council Budget Work Session Dates of April 10, 6:00 p.m.; April 12, 5:30 p.m.; April 17, 6:00 p.m.; and April 19, 5:30 p.m. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Pipoly to set the Proposed 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget Public Hearing for May 3, 2018. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Other Business

17. Call to the Public

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 9:02 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus is awaiting information about the CSX tracks repair. She reminded Council that they are compensated for only one meeting per day. She also questioned where her tax dollars are going.

DPW Director Goch noted that CSX will be out this spring and will update Council once a date is set.

The Call to the Public was closed at 9:06 p.m.

18. Consider Entering Closed Session to Consider the Periodic Personnel Evaluation of the City Manager Pursuant to MCL 15.268(a).

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, to enter into closed session for the Periodic Personnel Evaluation of the City Manager Pursuant to MCL 15.268(a). **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.**

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe to come out of Closed Session. The Council reconvened the Regular Meeting at 10:35 p.m.

19. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Gardner, to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 p.m. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor