

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON OCTOBER 3, 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, Councilmembers Bohn, Bandkau, Roblee, Schillinger and Pipoly. The Council reviewed agenda items.

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Muzzin called the regular meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called. Present were Mayor Muzzin, Councilmembers Bandkau, Pipoly, Schillinger, Roblee and Bohn. Also in attendance were Attorney Brad Maynes, Staff members Dana Foster, Dave Blackmar, Jennifer Burke and Tom Wightman and an audience of 20. Press and Media included Tom Tolen from WHMI.

Motion by Councilmember Pipoly and supported by Councilmember Roblee to excuse Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper. Motion passed 6-0-1.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Pipoly to approve the agenda with the following changes; delete item #8, SELCRA Appointment and item #15, Closed Session. Motion passed 6-0-1.

MINUTE APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Bohn to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of September 19, 2013 as presented. Motion passed 6-0-1.

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Bohn to approve the Closed Session Meeting minutes of September 19, 2013 as presented. Motion passed 6-0-1.

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

Mayor Muzzin read a Citizen's Inquiry from Susan Walters-Steinacker: Please explain why the Brighton Art Guild is continually allowed to use the CoBACH building even though they are failing to staff on their scheduled days?

City Manager, Dana Foster stated he would respond at next meeting.

Mayor Muzzin Read a Citizen's Inquiry from Pat Cole: When will City Council present Mr. Schindewolf with a Certificate of Service Award for his years of service?

Mayor Muzzin stated that we have only provided years of service recognitions to employees who have retired from the City.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:36 p.m. Hearing none, the Call to the Public was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Pipoly to approve the Consent Agenda with the following changes: Add item #9a, Approval of Sidewalk Bid for Snow Removal on Grand River Avenue Only. Delete item #8 SELCRA Appointment. Motion passed 6-0-1.

The following items were approved:

1. Approved an Engineering Services contract proposal for assistance to staff with the development of a Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer, and Wastewater Treatment Plant Asset Management related grant application for submission to the DEQ.
2. Approved a bid for Sidewalk Snow Removal for Grand River Avenue only.

BRIGHTON SENIOR CENTER PRESENTATION

Nikki Greathouse, Brighton Senior Center Director, gave an audio/video presentation regarding the Brighton Senior Center. Ms. Greathouse stated her plan is to get in touch with surrounding townships to assist with funding and that transportation funding is their biggest concern.

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, supported by Bandkau to fund the Senior Citizen Center at \$7,000 for FY 13/14. Motion passed 5-1-1, with Councilmember Schillinger voting “no”.

Councilmember Schillinger requested a copy of the Senior Center Budget, asked what percentage is needed and what other townships are contributing.

HEADLEE MILLAGE LID OVERRIDE ELECTION BALLOT INFORMATIONAL PLAN

City Manager, Dana Foster presented a public information meeting plan and schedule for the Headlee Millage Lid Override Election. He discussed the four ballot proposals and stated he would be holding the meetings at the Brighton Community Center starting on October 15th, 22nd and 29th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. He recommended that Council may want to approve language for a letter to go out to voters prior to the election at the next Council meeting. He thanked Acting Utilities Director and Acting DPS Director for their work on gathering information.

CITY CUSTOMER INFORMATION

City Manager, Dana Foster discussed the Council Goal Setting Retreat and the need for the date change due to the new Council not taking office until Tuesday, November 12, 2013, per the City Charter.

City Manager, Dana Foster stated the screw pump was installed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Monday, October 7th.

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Councilmember Bandkau gave a Veteran's Memorial update stated the dedication would be November 9th around 1:00 p.m. and 400 pavers are being etched.

Councilmember Roblee stated the Farm to Table was an excellent event and sold out. The Brighton Arts and Culture sculpture garden is complete.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin gave a Call to the Public at 8:47 p.m. The following comments were heard:

Pat Cole, Brighton City, stated she appreciated Mr. Schindewolf's years of service and wishes all of life's best and future endeavors. She thanked Council for support of the Senior Center. She suggested that the DDA consider a Senior Day like Ladies Day.

Hearing no further comment, the Call to the Public was closed at 8:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Roblee, seconded by Bandkau to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Jennifer Burke, Deputy City Clerk

Jim Muzzin, Mayor