



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pipoly called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present were Mayor Pipoly, Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, Councilmembers: Bohn, Emaus, Muzzin, and Pettengill. Councilmember Tobbe was absent.

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Geinzer, City Clerk Tara Brown, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Human Resources Manager Michelle Miller, Deputy DPS Director Corey Brooks, DPW Superintendent Daren Collins, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, Assistant to the City Manager Henry Outlaw, Attorney Sarah Gabis, Chief Rob Bradford, and Sergeant Brent Pirochta. There were fourteen persons in the audience.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to excuse Councilmember Tobbe for personal reasons. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner to approve the agenda as amended moving item d from the consent agenda to New Business as item 9a and separating the closed session into two closed session agenda items of 11 and 11a. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

5. Consider Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the consent agenda as amended. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Consent Agenda Items

- a. Approval of Minutes: Study Session of August 19, 2021
- b. Approval of Minutes: Regular Session of August 19, 2021
- c. Approval of Traffic Control Order #177 in the Hyne St. Parking Lot
- d. ~~Approval of Three Year Contract with Velocity EHS for Hazard Communication Safety Data Sheets (Moved to New Business)~~
- e. Approval to Purchase of Eight (8) Automated External Defibrillators (A.E.D.'S)
- f. Acceptance of Quarterly Financial and Investment Report

Correspondence

6. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 7:36 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public

7. Staff Updates

Chief Bradford noted Detective Mike Arntz has been promoted to Sergeant Detective and congratulated him.

Director Goch stated the Fairview Cemetery paving is complete but a bit of edge work needs to be conducted; however, the Cemetery is now open to vehicles. Director Goch then gave a detailed update on the Northwest Neighborhood and Rickett Road projects.

Councilmember Emaus asked for a status update on the Nelson Road booster station. Director Goch relayed that the upgrade should begin in November.

Human Resources Manager Miller stated a new position at the City of Brighton has been posted for an executive assistant to the Finance Department. Applicants may find the details and application on the City website.

Manager Geinzer spoke regarding the Corrigan Oil spill and indicated that plans are already underway to provide City Council with a report of the spill, efforts made during clean up, and safety features being discussed to help prevent future accidents.

Attorney Gabis noted she will be attending an upcoming staff meeting to hear feedback from staff and looks forward to scheduling a similar meeting with City Council.

Councilmember Bohn would like a problem solving report from Corrigan Oil regarding the spill and how Corrigan plans to rectify the situation to ensure this does not happen again. Manager Geinzer noted that he has had several conversations with Corrigan Oil about corrective action planning. Mayor Pipoly, during conversations with Mike Corrigan, relayed that Corrigan Oil has already begun going through their procedures and ISO 9000 quality manual to evaluate the entire document to ensure best practices are in place.

Mayor Pipoly presented a Mayoral Proclamation to the family of Dale Edward Cooper for his outstanding contributions to the community. Mr. Cooper's achievements shall stand as a shining example of leadership and commitment for all citizens to follow. Mayor Pipoly relayed his deep gratitude for his friendship and the many great conversations with Mr. Cooper.

8. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to Various Boards and Commissions

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner and the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission meet to renew the art installation Metropolis for another two years and the Commission plan to review all art in preparation for the streetscape project. A new sculpture was discussed to honor the Brighton Area Schools therapy dog program with a statue of the first therapy dog. More discussion regarding the move from BACC to CEC will be coming soon.

Councilmember Bohn asked that the chairs and table in front of the now closed Buon Gusto be moved off the sidewalk area. Mr. Bohn then asked for clarification about the role of the Planning Commission from recent discussions by the City Attorney.

Attorney Gabis clarified that City Council is the legislative body while the Planning Commission is an advisory committee on some site plans and she would be happy to discuss this in detail.

Manager Geinzer stated a cheat sheet can be provided to expand on the ordinance section that defines the roles of the Planning Commission as well as the Zoning Board of Appeals.

New Business

9. Consider Approval of Special Land Use Permit 21-12, Performing Arts Theater, 111 S. West Street

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve of Special Land Use Permit 21-12, Performing Arts Theater, 111 S. West Street by Resolution #2021-18. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

9a. Approval of Three-Year Contract with Velocity EHS for Hazard Communication Safety Data Sheets

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve of a three-year contract with Velocity EHS for Hazard Communication Safety Data Sheets. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Other Business

10. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 8:24 p.m.

Cameron Scott, 817 Washington Street, spoke regarding the recent Corrigan Oil spill and questioned City Council's response.

Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public at 8:26 p.m.

Mayor Pipoly spoke regarding the Corrigan spill noting he was made aware within minutes of the spill. Corrigan, within hours, had booms deployed on the Millpond and cleanup had already had been cleaned on the Corrigan property. EGLE, State of Michigan, was notified right away and provided the oversight. Further EGLE noted the thorough cleanup efforts made by Corrigan. Of the 200 gallons that spilled, over 175 gallons had already been recovered.

Councilmember Muzzin, as board member and Chairperson of the Brighton Area Fire Authority and City Council liaison, noted the widespread efforts by Corrigan to clear up the spill as soon and as thoroughly as possible.

11. Consider Entering Closed Session to Receive Written Attorney-Client Privileged Communications Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h).

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Muzzin to enter into closed session to receive written attorney-client privileged communications pursuant to MCL 15.268(h). **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Muzzin to come out of closed session. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

11a. Consider Entering Closed Session for the Periodic Personnel Evaluation of the City Manager Pursuant to MCL 15.268(a) as Requested by the City Manager

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to enter into closed session for the periodic personnel evaluation of the City Manager pursuant to MCL 15.268(a) as requested by the City Manager. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to come out of closed session. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

12. Consider Possible Action Resulting from Closed Sessions

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Muzzin to direct City counsel to communicate with opposing counsel as discussed during closed session. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner to establish a compensation committee of Councilmembers Emaus, Muzzin, and Tobbe to review the City Manager's contract and compensation. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

13. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Muzzin to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**