

# Brighton City Council Meeting

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Roll Call

Present were Mayor Muzzin, Councilmembers: Bohn, Emaus, Gardner, Pettengill, Pipoly, and Tobbe. Staff: City Manager Nate Geinzer, City Clerk Tara Brown, Assistant to the City Manager/DDA Coordinator Brandon Skopek, Utilities Director Tim Krugh, Chief of Police Rob Bradford, Assistant to the DPW Director/Deputy Clerk Patty Thomas, and Attorney Paul Burns. There were approximately 27 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 Items

**Motion** by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to approve the consent agenda as presented. **The motion carried, Councilmember Emaus abstained.**

### 5. Approval of Minutes: Study Session of September 6, 2018

### 6. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of September 6, 2018

### 7. Approval of Principal Shopping District Appointee: Jennifer Ling

### 8. Approval of the Replacement of Iron Filter Media at Challis Road Water Plant

#### Correspondence

### 9. Proclamation: Recognition of Community Contributions

Mayor Muzzin presented Claudia Roblee with a proclamation for her outstanding achievements, dedication and efforts. Mrs. Roblee has served on several different boards and associations, most notably her 11-year commitment to the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission.

### 10. Swearing in of Police Officer Mark Reckling

Clerk Brown swore in new Police Officer Reckling who then thanked Council and the City for the opportunity to serve the community and to come back to his hometown in Livingston County.

### 11. Call to the Public

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

Jeff Stone stated that he recently attended a very busy Planning Commission meeting where he had a very difficult time hearing because the room was at capacity and overflow residents were in the lobby area of City Hall with a delayed broadcast of the meeting playing in the background on a monitor. He indicated that the ADA coordinator should look into an FM loop to help those like him, with hearing difficulties. Mr. Stone would like to review the master plan but was unable to locate it on the City's website.

Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to Public at 7:40 p.m.

Manager Geinzer will look at the suggestions made. He also stated that the master plan is on the homepage of the website but will email Mr. Stone with a direct link. Assistant to the City Manager/DDA Coordinator Skopek stated that master plan is in the 63-day review period, notifications will be distributed per state law. Councilmember Pettengill would like the Planning Commission Meetings recorded however Manager Geinzer stated that due to fiscal limitations, staffing the camera/recording equipment would be difficult. Manager Geinzer will look into options to eliminate feedback from the secondary monitor in the lobby. Options would be brought back for Council to discuss in the future.

## **12. Staff Updates**

Chief Bradford introduced Officer Parks who spoke at length about the first Brighton Police Youth Leadership Academy. He hosted sixteen recruits and seven high school mentors. Officer Parks presented a photo gallery of images from the Academy to showcase various events and activities the Youth Academy experienced. The three-week long academy was a great success with many local organization donating food, supplies, and even golf carts. One of the many highlights from the academy was the visit from a Chinook helicopter where Academy attendees were treated to a detailed tour by the Chinook operators. Officer Parks thanked all sponsors, and attendees for an amazing inaugural Academy, he also stated that applications for the next Youth Leadership Academy will be circulated in February/March of 2019, with registration closing in mid-May. The Academy is open to junior high students.

Utilities Director Krugh stated that iron filter number two has been completed, chlorinating will begin on September 21, 2018 with the filter coming back online by September 26, 2018. Work to filter number one will begin shortly.

Clerk Brown reminded all residents that the last day to register to vote in the November General Election is October 9, 2018. Post marks are accepted. Brighton residents interested in registering should register at City Hall, County Clerk's office, or a Secretary of State branch office.

Assistant to the City Manager/DDA Coordinator Brandon Skopek thanked Council, downtown merchants, and City residents for their patience during this busy construction season.

Manager Geinzer thanked Brandon Skopek for his service and wished him well on his position in Auburn Hills. Mr. Skopek thanked City Council and residents for allowing him to serve the community.

## **13. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to various Boards and Commissions**

Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly relayed that the DDA had a light agenda. He stated that he was able to take a short tour of the Second Street Flats and Bandshell Amphitheater.

Councilmember Bohn stated that the Planning Commission had a very big agenda for September 17, 2018 meeting that lasted until 11:00 p.m. Items discussed were the Lindbom site which has been tabled until December, Bountiful Harvest, and The Bluff at Spring Hill which will come back before the Commission in October. Residents and developers noted the professionalism of Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Councilmember Bohn thanked Mr. Caruso for his terrific work.

Councilmember Tobbe met with SEMCOG/Parks and Recs task force on September 18, 2018. The task force hopes to have a plan in place for the beginning of the year to present to SEMCOG. Brighton Arts and Cultural Commission will be meeting in October.

Councilmember Gardner attended the Beverly Rae's ribbon cutting, noting how fantastic it was to witness this rebirth/rebranding of a longtime downtown Brighton business.

Councilmember Pettengill stated that the most recent ZBA meeting focused on sign variances for Holiday Inn Express.

Councilmember Emaus met with the Veteran's Committee and stated that they were quite pleased with the care and attention given to the Veteran's Memorial during the Bandshell construction.

Mayor Muzzin reported that the Fire Authority met on September 13, 2018, during their meeting the board approved new door lock system on all five stations, purchased a replacement management system to log runs, and approved a contract for snow removal for the 18/19 season.

### **New Business**

#### **14. Consider Approval of the Site Plan 18-09- Accessory Structure, 300 E. Grand River Bountiful Harvest**

Manager Geinzer gave a brief description on the project and updated Council with the list of conditions. Contractor Piet Lindhout presented a short overview of the project, also present to answer questions were Pastor Scott from First Presbyterian Church and Terry Simpson from Bountiful Harvest.

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to approve of the Site Plan 18-09 – Accessory Structure, 300 E Grand River Bountiful Harvest per the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission. **The motion carried unanimously.**

### **Other Business**

#### **15. Call to the Public**

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to Public at 8:25 p.m., with no response.

#### **16. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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Tara Brown, City Clerk

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James Muzzin, Mayor