



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON NOVEMBER 15, 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, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Deputy Clerk/Assistant to the DPW Director Patty Thomas, Chief of Police Rob Bradford, and Attorney Paul Burns. There were 12 persons in the audience.

4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve the consent agenda with a typo correction to change p.m. to a.m. on item 10 of the City Council Retreat Minutes of October 28, 2018. **The motion carried unanimously.**

5. Approval of Minutes: City Council Retreat of October 27, 2018

6. Approval of Minutes: City Council Retreat of October 28, 2018

7. Approval of Minutes: Study Session Meeting of November 1, 2018

8. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of November 1, 2018

9. Approval of the Purchase of a Replacement Police Department Patrol Vehicle and Associated Up-Fitting in an Amount not to Exceed \$45,000

Correspondence

10. Call to the Public

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to Public at 7:32 p.m.

Tim Houran asked about the site plan details for the senior center at Oak Ridge and Rickett. He would like ensure that the sidewalks will be replaced when building is complete and also questioned the rise of the parking lot as he has experienced issues with line of sight.

Mack Miller stated that he is against traditional parking meters because his business relies on window shoppers. He asks that if the City plan is to implement paid parking that it be in the evening hours so it does not discourage daytime parking and shopping.

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

Community Development Manager Caruso noted that site lines and plans were reviewed by engineers, but he will confirm. Sidewalks will be replaced per the site plan.

Manager Geinzer addressed Mr. Miller's parking comment and noted that all parking possibilities are under consideration and the parking study will define a comprehensive funding plan.

11. Staff Updates

Assistant to the DPW Director/Deputy Clerk Patty Thomas discussed the new downtown recycling program supported by a grant program, which outfitted the City with seven new recycling cans throughout downtown. Each new can is clearly labeled with those items that can be recycled. Ms. Thomas also stated that the last leaf vacuuming pass will start during the week of November 19, 2018. She noted that Waste Management will continue to pick up bagged yard waste for the month of November.

Chief Bradford noted that Main Street will be closed on Saturday, November 17, 2018 for the Holiday Glow event.

12. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to various Boards and Commissions

Councilmember Gardner noted the Livingston County Board of Commissioners recommended Greg Kellogg as director of Livingston Essential Transportation Services and Christy Peterson as director of the Livingston County Animal Shelter.

Councilmember Pettengill stated that if you or your family in need of a winter coat, Bountiful Harvest Food Pantry will be distributing winter coats at no charge. Child and adult sizes are available. Bountiful Harvest hours are Fridays, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 8:00 a. m. to 12:00 p.m.

Councilmember Emaus met with the Brighton Veterans Memorial Committee, they wished to thank the City for opening the amphitheater during the Veterans Day celebration. Mr. Emaus stated he received great positive feedback about the new amphitheater. He also noted that the monument is self-sustained, no tax dollars are used. There are several plans in the works for expansion with more information to come in 2019.

Mayor Muzzin was happy to open the amphitheater for the Veterans Day. He noted Meier Flowerland donated a wreath. The Brighton Area Fire Department received an unmodified opinion on their draft audit report.

New Business

13. Consider Approval of Alcohol Sales by El Arbol, Llc, D/B/A El Arbol Taqueria, Located at 140 W Main Street, City of Brighton, MI

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe to approve of resolutions 18-20 and 18-21 for Alcohol Sales by El Arbol, Llc, D/B/A El Arbol Taqueria, Located at 140 W. Main Street, City of Brighton, MI. **The motion carried by roll call vote.**

14. Conduct First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 583, "Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments"

Manager Geinzer gave a brief overview of the new specifics regarding the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act, indicating that staff recommends approval of ordinance 583 to prohibit marijuana establishments

in the City of Brighton and to better understand/draft proper limitations at the direction of City Council should the request be to opt-in at a later date. Mr. Geinzer noted that a comprehensive ordinance to allow such establishments would take approximately a year to draft. Mayor Muzzin asked staff to keep the discussions moving and recommended that a study session may be necessary for further discussion. Councilmember Emaus stated that he has significant reservations about the City opting out of a proposal that voters approved. Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly noted that there should be time to review and develop the proper regulations on where these establishments should be placed based on the new act. Councilmember Gardner stated that opting out allows the City time to decide where the commercial aspect of the act be established.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, seconded by Councilmember Bohn to set a public hearing for December 20, 2018 to field public comment regarding proposed ordinance 583 to amend the City Code of Ordinances. **The motion carried, 6-1 with Councilmember Emaus voting no.**

15. Consider Approval of LDFA Bond Pay-Off

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe to table the approval of LDFA bond pay-off to allow staff to obtain more information. **The motion carried unanimously.**

16. Consider Canceling the City Council Meeting Scheduled for January 3, 2019

Motion by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to cancel the City Council meeting scheduled for January 3, 2019. **The motion carried 5-2, with Councilmembers Emaus and Pettengill voting no.**

Other Business

17. Call to the Public

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to Public at 8:28 p.m. Hearing and seeing none, the Call to Public was closed.

18. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor