



City Council Special Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON DECEMBER 6, 2018

Mayor Muzzin called the Study Session to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present were Mayor Muzzin, Councilmembers: Bohn, Emaus, Gardner, Pettengill, Pipoly, and Tobbe. Staff: City Manager Nate Geinzer, City Clerk Tara Brown, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, DPW Director Marcel Goch, Utilities Director Tim Krugh, Police Chief Rob Bradford, Engineer Gary Markstrom, and Attorney Paul Burns. There were five persons in the audience.

CALL TO PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 6:00 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus remarked that Planning Commission appointee Ken Schmenk introduced himself at a recent Planning Commission meeting as the new member and that he was interviewed by City Manager Nate Geinzer and Community Development Manager Mike Caruso. Ms. Bakhaus cited City Charter rules for appointees.

Dennis Dimoff, Brighton Kiwanis Club, spoke in opposition of the civic event fee proposal on the agenda. He cited several Kiwanis contributions to the City over the years. He indicated that any fees would put a heavy burden on the Kiwanis Club as they operate on a very low budget, specifically, the summer concerts would be greatly affected.

Thaddeus McGaffey, A Taste of Brighton, understands the difficult situation that the City is in but asks for Council to find another way. He noted that the events are a big draw to the City and generate a lot of foot traffic to stores and recognition.

Pam McConeghy, Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce, stated that the future of the Chamber would be in jeopardy if the civic event fees were implemented.

Cal Stone, Two Stones Event, fears that the City and the events would see a negative impact if the civic event fee schedule was implemented.

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to extend five minutes to Pam McConeghy during the Call to Public. **The motion carried 5-2, with Mayor Muzzin and Councilmember Bohn voting no.**

Pam McConeghy, Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce, spoke again of the negative impacts of the civic event fee schedule.

Councilmember Bohn clarified that the application and recommendation process for the Planning Commission are in line with the City Charter.

**CLOSED SESSION TO RECEIVE WRITTEN ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION
PURSUANT TO MCL 15.268(h)**

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to go into closed session at 6:22 p.m. to receive written attorney-client privileged communication pursuant to MCL 15.268(h). **The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

DISCUSSION OF CIVIC/SPECIAL EVENT AND AMPHITHEATER POLICIES AND ASSOCIATED FEES

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to remove the second item on the agenda, Discussion of Civic/Special Event and Amphitheater Policies and Associated Fees, to discuss during the regular meeting. **The motion carried unanimously.**

CALL TO PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:14 p.m. with no response.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. **The motion carried unanimously.**