



# City Council Special Meeting

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## MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2019

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, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, DPW Director Marcel Goch, DPW Superintendent Daren Collins, Assistant to the DPW Director Patty Thomas, Sergeant Brent Pirochta, and Attorney Paul Burns. There were six persons in the audience.

Councilmember Tobbe arrived at 7:19 p.m.

### **CALL TO PUBLIC**

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 6:30 p.m. Hearing and seeing none, the Call to Public was closed at 6:30 p.m.

### **DISCUSSION OF TRASH CONTRACT**

City Manager Geinzer briefly introduced the agenda item and turned the conversation over to DPW Director Goch who presented a slide presentation outlining the anticipated changes as well as the rates for the two bidders. Waste Management and Advanced bid for the city contract. Director Goch listed the percentage increases and noted several changes within the trash hauling business. Both Waste Management and Advanced will have newer trucks and each customer will receive new trash carts to facilitate a one-man truck. Councilmember Pettengill asked for clarification on the percentage increases and current costs with respect to municipal and residential services. Councilmember Emaus also asked for clarification on residential versus municipal. He further questioned the weekly versus biweekly recycling pickup. Director Goch noted that he is closely monitoring neighbors who have chosen a biweekly recycling pickup. Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly stated that he would like a total cost for the entire city to compare the two companies. Assistant Thomas stated that trash service with weekly recycling, Advanced would be \$636,120 and Waste Management would be \$568,800. Biweekly recycling option with trash service, Advanced would be \$514,440 and Waste Management would be \$522,000.

Councilmember Pettengill asked about the size of the carts. Director Goch stated that trash would be 96 gallons and recycling would be 64 gallons. He noted that education will be key. Councilmembers Emaus and Pettengill asked about the weight and style of the trash carts. Director Goch stated that the carts will have wheels for ease of use, but will get back to Council on the weight of the carts. Councilmember Pettengill asked about cart replacement if one should become damaged. Director Goch noted that damaged carts will be replaced based on the damage. Mayor Muzzin noted that he would prefer a weekly recycling pickup instead of biweekly especially because larger families will be forced to recycle more because of the trash cart restraints. Councilmember Pettengill stated that Waste Management has always been polite and responsive during customer service calls but Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly stated his experience has not been the same. Director Goch again stated that with either company, education is important and will need to start as soon as possible.

**INTRODUCTION TO QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Manager Geinzer briefly introduced the discussion topic noting that Council had asked for quarterly report to better understand the financials throughout the year. Councilmember Bohn asked that the description area that indicates the notes section be color coded to indicate the financial status of the item, whether that fund is running short or is under budget. Councilmember Emaus also asked for a gauge for where the budget item is financially, noting a percentage indicator would be helpful. Director Gomolka stated that she will make those adjustments to the next quarterly so that anyone who reviews the report will be able to see if the budget item is following a typical trend. Although she noted that the budget does fluctuate thought the year.

**CALL TO PUBLIC**

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:25 p.m. Hearing and seeing none, the Call to Public was closed at 7:25 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. **The motion carried unanimously.**