



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON FEBRUARY 21, 2019

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, Pettengill, Pipoly, and Tobbe. Councilmember Gardner was absent. 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, Utilities Director Tim Krugh, Organizational Relations Manager Michelle Miller, Chief Rob Bradford, and Attorney Paul Burns. There were eleven persons in the audience.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to excuse Councilmember Gardner for personal reasons. **The motion carried unanimously.**

4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve the agenda as amended, moving item number 6 to new business. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve the consent agenda as amended. **The motion carried unanimously.**

5. Approval of Minutes: Study Session Meeting of February 7, 2019

~~6. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of February 7, 2019~~

7. Approval of Cost Share for Microsoft Exchange/Outlook Migration Project with City of Howell in The Amount of \$11,274

8. Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report

Correspondence

9. Call to the Public

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

Susan Bakhaus stated that nominating packets for the upcoming City Council election are available. She further discussed publication of the call for candidates notice.

Patrick Tucker, Brighton Masonic Lodge, stated that on March 2, 2019, the Brighton Masons will host the 14th annual antique show at the old Hartland High School located at 9525 East Highland Rd, Howell. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to Public at 7:37 p.m.

10. Staff Updates

Director Gomolka reminded residents that the winter taxes are due by February 28, 2019. Post marks are not accepted.

11. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to Various Boards and Commissions

Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly stated that the DDA met on February 19, 2019 and discussed its contribution to the holiday lights for the next year, approved bills, and was happy to report that the bill from Livingston County Road Commission for Challis Road came in substantially below budget.

Councilmember Bohn stated that the Planning Commission met on February 11, 2019, they discussed a conceptual site plan for East Street/North Street. The proposed development would consist of fifty-seven units and would self-park.

Councilmember Emaus stated that the Brighton Veteran Memorial Committee met on February 13, 2019 and while he did not attend, he did speak to Chairman Conway who relayed that the group discussed initial planning for Memorial Day, methods to bring in new funds, and allocated funds for their website/electronic presence.

Mayor Muzzin met with the Brighton Area Fire Authority on February 14, 2019. During their brief meeting, they discussed property acquisition.

Public Hearing

12. Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider Adoption of the Revised Cemetery Rules and Regulations

Clerk Brown introduced the proposed revisions to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations, highlighting that she worked closely with cemetery Sexton Dave Dillard to build a more efficient set of rules. She further stated that she and Dave are available for any questions Council may have.

Mayor Muzzin opened the Public Hearing at 7:43 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, Mayor Muzzin closed the Public Hearing at 7:43 p.m.

Councilmember Bohn referenced an email he received from a resident about concerns she had in regards to the cemeteries. Clerk Brown assured Councilmember Bohn that the concerns were addressed via a phone conversation. Councilmember Emaus had a few corrections and clarifications to the Rules and Regulations. Councilmember Pettengill and Councilmember Emaus raised questions and asked for clarification about the amount due when holding a grave after a new fee schedule is adopted. Clerk Brown clarified that the cost of the grave follows the fee schedule when the grave is actually purchased, not held.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to adopt the Revised Cemetery Rules and Regulations. **The motion carried unanimously.**

New Business

6. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of February 7, 2019

Councilmember Emaus and Councilmember Pettengill noted that they asked for this item to come off of the Consent Agenda for corrections.

Motion by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2019 as amended. **The motion carried unanimously.**

13. Consider Authorizing the City Manager to Issue a Purchase Order to Resource Office Interiors, for Budgeted Office Furnishings Replacements through MITN Extendable Bid Reference #0000175245, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$27,500.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to remove from the table the agenda item to Consider Authorizing the City Manager to Issue a Purchase Order to Resource Office Interiors, for Budgeted Office Furnishings Replacements through MITN Extendable Bid Reference #0000175245, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$27,500. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Manager Geinzer introduced the agenda item and noted that he added individual item pricing, added photographs of current desks and chairs, and removed the Police Department chairs. Councilmember Emaus asked that if Council intends to approve this item that Council approve what has been budgeted which is the \$15,000. Councilmember Pettengill stated that she agrees although she would approve \$14,650. Councilmember Emaus agreed. Councilmember Bohn voiced his opposition to the item, he stated that he will vote no.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus to approve \$14,600 that was allocated in the budget. The motion failed due to lack of support.

14. Award of Five-Year Contract for Waste Collection Services, with Options for Five One-Year extensions, to Waste Management

Director Goch introduced the agenda item, noting that Pat Grieve is present if Council has questions. Director Goch stated that bins are here for comparison, understanding that some of the communities with topographical issues will be addressed. Councilmember Pettengill asked about the start date and exchange of bins. Director Goch stated that he anticipates a two-week transition but education should start immediately. Councilmember Pettengill asked if Waste Management has an app so residents can look at what is allowable for recycling. Mr. Grieve stated that there is a dedicated City of Brighton website already active and literature will be supplied to each resident within the recycling bin. Councilmember Tobbe asked if the older bins would be exchanged as well. Mr. Grieve stated that all bins will be evaluated and replaced as needed. Council and staff discussed the articulating arm utilized by the newer trucks. Director Goch stated again that education is extremely important and educating residents will start immediately. Mayor Muzzin asked if plans to bring those condo associations that do not currently have Waste Management into the contract. Mr. Grieve indicated that under the contract Waste Management is obligated to increase the service addresses under the current cost. There was brief discussion about commercial waste hauling which is something that will be addressed in the future.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to direct staff and city attorney to complete contract negotiations with Waste Management to be brought back to City Council. **The motion carried unanimously.**

15. Consider Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Retainer Letter with Keller Thoma for Labor Counsel and Employment Law Services

Manager Geinzer introduced the agenda item noting that four requests for professional service were sent out, three plus the current counsel. Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly stated that he found counsel from Keller Thoma to be open and down to Earth and they have considerable experience with comparable municipalities. Councilmember Tobbe stated that Keller Thoma has an excellent group of references and have worked very well with bargaining groups. Councilmember Emaus was also pleased to see that Keller Thoma worked with both large and small municipalities. Councilmember Bohn asked if a two-page contract was a sufficiently sized contract. Councilmember Pettengill asked about the process and who were sent proposals. Manger Geinzer stated that the proposals were sent to those firms recommended by peers at municipalities across Michigan, Keller Thoma was at the top of everyone's list. She then asked if Manager Geinzer had worked with Keller Thoma in the past at a former place of employment. Mr. Geinzer stated that he had not directly worked with the firm but Farmington Hills had utilized their services in the past. Manager Geinzer further stated that references were checked and all had glowing reviews of Keller Thoma.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to authorize the City Manager to Execute a Retainer Letter with Keller Thoma for Labor Counsel and Employment Law Services. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Other Business

16. Call to the Public

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to Public at 8:37 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus indicated that she had questions about the Waste Management contract.

Mike Anderson stated that he has concerns over the lights at the rear of the Corrigan business. He stated that the lights are extremely bright.

Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to Public at 8:41 p.m.

17. Consider Entering Closed Session to Discuss Collective Bargaining Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c).

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to enter into Closed Session to Discuss Collective Bargaining Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c). **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.**

The Regular Meeting resumed at 9:50 p.m. Mayor Muzzin stated that item 18 will be removed from the agenda.

~~**18. Consider Possible Actions Resulting from Closed Session**~~

19. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m. **The motion carried unanimously.**