



# City Council Study Session

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## MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON FEBRUARY 21, 2019

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### 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 nine persons in the audience.

### 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 CIVIC EVENTS

**Motion** by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe to remove from the table the Discussion of Civic Events. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Manager Geinzer introduced the discussion topic noting that the new spread sheet is the complete list of all events from 2018 and those that he expects to continue from years past. Councilmember Pettengill asked what changes were made to the spreadsheet. Manager Geinzer noted that the police reserve hours were corrected. Mayor Muzzin asked that the Councilmember Bohn and Councilmember Emaus who were on the Task Force, give a brief review of the necessity for a civic event reimbursement. Councilmember Emaus would like the Fourth of July and the Veterans Day parades taken off the list for reimbursements since those events are purely civic events and do not have an entity to bill. He noted that there is not a prescribed plan to implement the reimbursement.

Councilmember Bohn noted that the three parades are the only true civic events including the High School parade. Mr. Bohn stated that the residents of the city are subsidizing the civic events. He further stated that he would support a fifty percent reimbursement with funding from other ways for the remainder. Councilmember Pettengill does not think these events are money makers. She feels these events are way too valuable. Ms. Pettengill further asked Chief Bradford why there is such a price difference between the Smokin' Jazz and Blues and the Taste of Brighton since both events are roughly the same size. Chief Bradford noted that the beer tent at the Smokin' Jazz and Blues event is the reason for the cost difference. Council and staff discussed the event staffing during these events, staff stated that both size and scope of the event is what dictates the price for DPW and police.

Mayor Muzzin asked how the billing will be done, will the event organizers be given an estimate with an actual invoice at the end. Director Goch replied that is correct, actual hours and equipment will be invoiced.

Manager Geinzer asked if Councils direction be a fifty percent reimbursement. He further noted that some communities provide an invoice and note a city contribution. Mayor Muzzin agreed with Councilmembers Bohn and Emaus to exclude the three parades. He further stated that the Council must do something, whether it is a fifty percent reimbursement with a phase in over three years or something else. Councilmember Bohn asks if there is possibility for the DDA to contribute fifty percent of the funding for civic events. Mayor Muzzin noted that the DDA is already contributing eighteen percent. There was a group discussion about funding and the larger events to seek out funding sources.

Councilmember Tobbe appreciates the Task Force but stated that he feels these events are what makes the City of Brighton community. Councilmember Emaus noted that he does not disagree with Councilmember Tobbe, but the city does not have the funds to fix the very roads and sidewalks the events are held on. He further stated that during a more recent event, three legal colleagues went to the hospital because of various injuries sustained on the sidewalks in the City of Brighton. Mr. Emaus stated that no amount of parties can fix the roads, he will only support one hundred percent reimbursement. Councilmember Pettengill stated that she would support a fifty percent reimbursement but not one hundred.

Manager Geinzer recommends a concise plan for fiscal year 2019/2020 to allow for organizations to plan for the 2020 calendar year.

#### **CALL TO PUBLIC**

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:18 p.m. Hearing and seeing none, the Call to Public was closed at 7:18 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. **The motion carried unanimously.**