



# Brighton City Council Meeting

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MARCH 7, 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, and Pipoly. Councilmembers Gardner and Tobbe were 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, Utilities Director Tim Krugh, Superintendent Todd Bennett, Superintendent Corey Brooks, Superintendent Daren Collins, Assistant to the DPW Director Patty Thomas, Organizational Relations Manager Michelle Miller, Chief Rob Bradford, and Attorney Paul Burns. There were four persons in the audience.

**Motion** by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to excuse Councilmembers Gardner and Tobbe for personal reasons. **The motion carried without objection.**

### 4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

**Motion** by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the agenda as amended, moving item number 8 to new business. **The motion carried.**

### Consent Agenda Items

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

### 5. Approval of Closed Session Minutes: December 6, 2018, January 14, February 7, February 17, 2019

### 6. Approval of Minutes: Study Session Meeting of February 21, 2019

### 7. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of February 21, 2019

### Correspondence

### 9. Recognition of Service: Tim Krugh, Utilities Director

Mayor Muzzin presented Utilities Director Tim Krugh with a proclamation honoring Mr. Krugh's 32 years of service to the City of Brighton. Superintendents Corey Brooks and Todd Bennett and Manager Geinzer also spoke about Mr. Krugh's service to the City, wishing him the best in his retirement.

### 10. Call to the Public

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to Public at 7:43 p.m.

Karleen Shafer addressed Council and stated that as one of the three arborists in her company, she is willing to help the city with tree plantings. She noted several publications and phone apps that are accessible to all interested in proper tree care.

Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to Public at 7:47 p.m.

#### **11. Staff Updates**

Chief Bradford stated that Hockey Night is on March 9, 2019 at 9:00 p.m. in Hartland. Tickets will be on sale at the door. Shop with a cop event will be on

Director Goch stated that Single Barrel Social road excavation will begin on March 18, 2019 and will take approximately two weeks to complete. Traffic will be directed; two lanes will be open utilizing the turn lane for traffic. A press release will be sent to the local news sources. Mayor Muzzin asked which lane the excavation will affect, Director Goch said that the north bound heading east will be affected. Councilmember Bohn asked if two weeks will be the maximum, Director Goch noted that two weeks would be max. Optimistically the work would be done in one week.

#### **12. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to Various Boards and Commissions**

Councilmember Bohn stated that the Planning Commission met on February 25, 2019 and discussed two items. A public hearing was conducted for a preliminary planned unit development on East Street and Flint Street and discussed the site plan. The proposed development would be for 85-single family townhomes and were presented by Robertson Brothers. The Commission also discussed the CIP which will be discussed further.

Mayor Muzzin stated that the City Manager and him met and had a great discussion with Elissa Slotkin during a brief meeting at City Hall. Ms. Slotkin hopes to visit Council in the near future and discuss the 96 and Grand River area. The Brighton Are Chamber of Commerce hosted Mayor, Manger Geinzer, Mayor Proctor and Manager Charles of City of Howell, at Crystal Gardens on March 7, 2019, the topic was a Tale of Two Cities. The group discussed the current financial realities and economic growth.

#### **New Business**

#### **8. Approval to Transfer Ownership of a Class C Liquor License from MSV Brighton, LLC, DBA Stillwater Grill located at 503 W. Grand River Ave, Brighton, Michigan to SWG Brighton LLC, DBA Stillwater Grill located at 503 W. Grand River Ave, Brighton, Michigan, Resolution #19-07**

Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly stated that he asked for this agenda item to be moved to new business for clarification because he believed that this item was discussed and acted upon at a previous meeting. Chief Bradford noted that due changes within the ownership group a liquor license transfer with resolution was needed.

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve Resolution #19-07, transfer of ownership of a Class C Liquor License from MSV Brighton, LLC, DBA Stillwater Grill located at 503 W. Grand River Ave, Brighton, Michigan to SWG Brighton LLC, DBA Stillwater Grill located at 503 W. Grand River Ave, Brighton, Michigan. **The motion carried by roll call vote (5-0).**

#### **13. Recommended LDFA Bond Payoff and Dissolution of the LDFA**

Manager Geinzer introduced the item, noting that the information Council had requested has been presented. Manger Geinzer stated that PA57 of 2018 requires more reporting and staff time. Also the LDFA guidelines are very strict on how funds can be utilized within the district. It is the recommendation of staff to pay off LDFA bonds and dissolve the LDFA which will save interest charged. Councilmember Bohn questioned the money going

to the DDA from the LDFA and how it is affected, he also asked if it was possible to get those roads done in that area. Manger Geinzer stated that roads must be tied to an eligible property within the LDFA. Right now, all roads that can be done, have been restored. Manager Geinzer noted that staff is looking at the LDFA from a cost/benefit analysis.

Councilmember Pettengill asked if Library Drive could benefit from the LDFA district but Manger Geinzer stated that it would likely not due to the location and would not fit within the restrictions for the LDFA. Council spoke about reallocating the funds within the budget.

**Motion** by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to approve of staff recommended LDFA bond payment and to bring back the necessary measures to dissolve of the LDFA. **The motion carried without objection.**

#### **14. Saw Grant/Asset Management Presentation**

Superintendents Brooks and Collins gave a presentation that outlined the work and outcomes of the now completed SAW Grand and Asset Management Programs. Through the grant, the City was able to purchase GIS to locate assets and Lucity that generates work orders and manages capital. This work will help improve budgeting, planning, and coordinating needed utility projects at the plants and throughout the systems.

#### **Other Business**

#### **15. Call to the Public**

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to Public at 8:47 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the Call to Public was closed at 8:47 p.m.

#### **16. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. **The motion carried without objection.**

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Tara Brown, City Clerk

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James Muzzin, Mayor