



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MARCH 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, Gardner, Pettengill, Pipoly, and Tobbe. Councilmember Emaus was absent. Staff: City Manager Nate Geinzer, City Clerk Tara Brown, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, DPW Director Marcel Goch, Assistant to the DPW Director Patty Thomas, Organizational Relations Manager Michelle Miller, Chief Rob Bradford, Engineer Gary Markstrom, and Attorney Paul Burns. There were twenty-four persons in the audience.

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

4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the agenda as amended, adding item 7a to the consent agenda. **The motion carried without objection.**

Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the consent agenda as amended. **The motion carried with a roll call vote, Councilmember Tobbe abstained.**

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

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

7. Approval of Ginopolis Redevelopment Liquor License, Resolutions #19-08 and #19-09

7a. Approval of Negotiated Settlement Proposed in the Michigan Tax Tribunal Matter of SOKO Ventures, LLC v. City of Brighton

Correspondence

8. Eagle Scout Proclamation: Ryan Gigax

Mayor Muzzin presented Eagle Scout Ryan Gigax with a Mayor Proclamation for his achievements. Mr. Gigax spoke about the project he competed.

9. Officer of the Year Presentation

Chief Bradford presented Officer Parks with the Office of the Year Award.

10. Recognition of Service: Sergeant Mike Mitchell

Mayor Muzzin presented Sergeant Mike Mitchell with a Mayoral Proclamation honoring his 23 years of services.

11. Call to the Public

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

Jim Vichich thanked Council for the maintenance of the CoBACH center. He also stated that the used jewelry sale is scheduled for April 27-May 4 2019, it will be open weekdays from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and weekends from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to Public at 7:52 p.m.

12. Staff Updates

Community Development Manager Caruso attended the ribbon cutting of the Brighton Manor on Thursday, March 21, 2019.

Clerk Brown stated that absentee ballots will be sent out on Friday, March 29, 2019 for those who have requested a ballot. Also the Milpond Cleanup will be on April 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. All ages are welcome.

Manager Geinzer received a nice thank you from Ms. Beene's third grade class who visited City Hall to learn more about local government.

Councilmember Pettengill asked when the fence will be down around the millpond, Manager Geinzer stated that it will be down by April 2, 2019.

Councilmember Bohn asked about the light timing south on Grand River by Brighton Lake Road and inquired about the water near Northridge as many of his neighbors have replaced their hot water tanks multiple times. Director Goch will check into the timing and the water inquiry and report back to Council.

13. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to Various Boards and Commissions

Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly stated that he attended the DDA meeting on March 19, 2019 and the Board approved the 19/20 Budget, there was a presentation by Giffels Webster to discuss the downtown zoning building heights and an update on the downtown streetscape project.

Councilmember Bohn noted that the Planning Commission met on March 18, 2019 and there were three items on the agenda. The Planning Commission adopted the CIP plan, a site plan extension for the Bluffs at Spring Hill was approved, and there was a discussion about ordinance updates to downtown zoning.

Councilmember Gardner updated that the County Board of Commissioner has joined more than sixty Michigan Governments to investigate claims against manufacturers and distributors of controlled substances. Livingston County will also participate in the State wide tornado drill which will take place on March 27, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Councilmember Bohn questioned the Commissions motive for joining the investigation when a majority of the opioid problem is with heroin and fentanyl.

Councilmember Pettengill stated the 8th Annual Spring Kick Off for the Imagination Station is on April 27, 2019 starting at 9:00 a.m. All tools and equipment will be provided and available for use.

Mayor Muzzin stated that there is a class c liquor license for sale, if you are interested please email him directly.

New Business

14. Consider Approval of Tetra Tech Proposal for Rickett Road Pavement and Utility Improvements Design Phase Engineering Services in the Amount of \$118,500

Director Goch introduced the agenda reminding all about the earlier collapse from last year along Rickett Road. After careful evaluation of the pipe which is twenty feet deep, it was best suited to replace the service line raising the line to ten feet. Director Goch stated that MDOT is issuing grants. A \$250,000.00 with a 50/50 grant and special consideration is going to projects with utility work. Mr. Markstrom noted that the water main should be in good shape, was paved in 2000. It is a heavily traveled road. Mr. Markstrom also noted that this year is a good year to do this work since Livingston County will be conducting road work nearby in 2020.

Mayor Muzzin asked what section is the engineering for, north or south. Director Goch stated that it is for both north and south. The next agenda item is only for the north section.

Councilmember Tobbe asked about current pipe type. Mr. Markstrom stated that it is clay, gravity fed, and is 80 years' old which is past the service life. The new PVC line will also be gravity fed. Mr. Markstrom detailed the work and plans for the flow, noting last year's past work and borings will be done late April. Mr. Tobbe asked if the line will be abandoned and filled with grout. Director Goch then spoke about the findings within the old pipe and the indications from the findings, noting infiltration that prevented further investigation.

Councilmember Bohn, with respect of the entire project cost of \$660,000, asked what the net hit to the general fund would be for the project if the City is awarded the grant. Director Gomolka noted that the exact amount will be brought back for Council as it would affect the 19/20 Budget therefore it will be worked into the budget.

Moved by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to approve budget amendments in the Major Streets fund for the increased state revenue totaling \$116,000 and engineering totaling \$56,500 and additionally, approve the Tetra Tech Proposal for design engineering for north and south Rickett Road utility and street rehabilitation in an amount not to exceed \$118,500.00. **The motion carried without objection.**

15. Consider Approval of MDOT Category B Grant Application, Resolution #19-10

Motion by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to approve of MDOT Category B Grant Application, Resolution #19-10. **The motion carried by roll call vote.**

16. First Reading and Setting of a Public Hearing for Ordinance #584: Amendments to Chapter 98 of the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, seconded by Councilmember Bohn to set the Public Hearing on April 18, 2019 to field public comments regarding the proposed amendments to the City 's Code of Ordinances. **The motion carried without objection.**

17. Presentation of City Manager's Recommended Budget

Manager Geinzer presented Council with a brief overview of the budget with a slideshow. Council and staff spoke briefly about certain aspects of the budget.

Councilmember Pettengill asked what the City pays to Ann Arbor SPARK. Manager Genizer stated \$9,000.00 is paid to SPARK annually.

Motion by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to set the Budget Public Hearing for fiscal year 19/20 for May 2, 2019. **The motion carried without objection.**

18. Consider Approval of the Annual City Council Budget Work Session Dates

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe to set budget workshop dates for April 4, 8, 9, and 10, 2019 starting at 6:30 p.m. **The motion carried without objection.**

Other Business

19. Call to the Public

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to Public at 8:52 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to Public at 8:52 p.m. **The motion carried without objection.**

20. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. **The motion carried without objection.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor